

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, June 2, 2024**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Jim Bangs

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Chris Ball

Singing: Randy Harris

**Wednesday, June 5, 2024**

Singing: VBS

Devotional: VBS

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

AM 53 PM 37

*[Average for the Year]*

AM [56] PM [35]

**Wednesday, May 29, 2024**

38 *[Average for the Year]* [38]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, May 26, 2024**

Actual \$ 2,581.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

*[Year-to-Date]* \$ 50,688.00

*[Average]* \$ 2,413.71

*[+/- Budget]* \$ 81.00

*[YTD +/- Budget]* \$ (1,812.00)

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## Thoughts from Bill:

### The Tools of the Devil

**2 Cor. 2:10-11; James 4:7-8; 1 John 3:8-9**

We know from Peter's words in 1 Peter 5:8 that the devil is alive and well and on the prowl. Since this is case, we need to familiarize ourselves with the tools that are in his arsenal that he will cunningly use to get us to fall like Adam and Eve did (Gen. 3:1). Jesus through His life destroyed the works of the devil (1 John 3:8), but we still need to beware that he is still out to get us and will use every one of his tools or devices to ensnare us (2 Cor. 2:11). In this lesson, we want to consider some of the devil's tools.

The first tool Satan uses is the tool of **distraction**. This is just one of his devices, but it is a highly effective one. He distracted Eve into noticing the fruit that was on the tree of knowledge of good and evil and then lied to her about

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## Plan of Salvation

### Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

### Believe

Hebrews 11:6

### Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

### Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

### Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

## Sermons for June 2, 2024

**A.M.—The Tools of the Devil**

**P.M.—Lesson from Gary Bridgman**

**Scripture: 2 Cor. 2:10-11;**

**James 4:7-8; 1 John 3:8-9**

## Schedule of Services

**Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship: 10:00**

**Sunday PM Worship: 5:00**

**Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 PM**

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becoming like God. That was all it took. Paul in 2 Corinthians 11:14 said that Satan could transform himself into an angel of light, and this often distracts people from his true nature. We must resist the devil and not be distracted from doing the will of God (James 4:7-8).

The devil also has the tool of **deceitfulness** at his disposal. He deceived Eve into thinking she wouldn't die. John calls Satan the "deceiver of all the world" (Rev. 12:9). Later in Revelation 20:8, John spoke of Satan going forth and deceiving the nations. Satan is a liar and the father of all liars (Jn. 8:44). The devil wants people to think that God will not really punish them, that man's word is as good as God's, and that even hell is not a real place. We can defeat Satan with the shield of faith and sword of the Spirit, the word of God (Eph. 6:16-17).

**Depression** is another tool that Satan uses in his attempt to lead us astray. We see this in the life of Job when Satan took Job's wealth, family, and finally his health. How do you think this made Job feel? Read the book that bears his name and see. Satan discourages people through testing, trials, and trouble. He wants them to blame God, leave God and turn to him. God however promises not to let man be tempted or tried above what they are able to bear, and He provides a way of escape (1 Cor. 10:13). Also, we must remember that God is greater than Satan and his forces and that God will help us overcome (1 John 4:4).

Finally, Satan uses the tool of **destruction**. He wrecks homes, businesses, lives, and even churches. His goal is destruction of all that is good and holy. His goal is to claim as many souls as possible to a hell prepared for him and his angels (Matt. 25:41). Don't let Satan destroy you with this tool and all of the others at his disposal.

### *News and Notes*

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Shelia Smithee** saw a doctor on Tuesday. She will have another PET scan as soon as it

is scheduled. **Nancy Duncan**, Carol Duncan's daughter, is not progressing. She has an appointment with another doctor soon. **Gary Goodman** received another shot in his back on Thursday and will receive one more shot. **Inez Cline's** cataract surgery on her right eye was postponed because of a sinus infection. **Lavon Rogers** has an appointment on June 12 with a vascular surgeon in Jonesboro. **Deb Wilson** is not feeling well. She will have lab work done soon. Please pray for good results.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Terri Altom, Bill Coles, Carol Duncan, Craig Dunn (friend of the Knabes), Robert Foster, JoAnn Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Ronnie Logan (friend of Jim and Bonita Bangs), Pat and Manda McGough, Paula Millikin, and Eunice Mize

**Invitation Response:** Michael England responded to the invitation last Sunday thanking the congregation for our support and asking for our prayers. Let us be an encouragement to Michael.

**Elders and Deacons Meeting:** There will be an elders and deacons meeting today at 3:30 p.m. If you need to discuss anything with them, please let them know.

**Vacation Bible School:** Our Vacation Bible School will be on Monday-Thursday at 7:00 p.m. If you would like to bring pre-packaged snack cakes, the sign-up sheet is still in the foyer.

**County Fair Booth:** We will have a booth at the county fair this year on June 10-15. We will need volunteers to greet and visit with people, hand out tracts, and sign up those wanting a correspondence course. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to help with this effort.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Sugar

**Visitation Meeting:** This month's visitation meeting will be next Sunday after the evening service.

**CRC Day:** Crowley's Ridge College Day will be next Sunday, when we will take up a special collection at the end of the morning service. Donations will be used to help fund Bible department expenses.