

Those To Serve

Sunday, June 30, 2024

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Dwayne Millikin

Closing: Robert Foster

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Chris Ball

Singing Night

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

Singing: Randy Harris

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, June 23, 2024

AM 52 PM 37

[Average for the Year]

AM [56] PM [36]

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

38 *[Average for the Year]* [39]

Contribution:

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Actual \$ 2,424.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 60,199.00

[Average] \$ 2,407.96

[+/- Budget] \$ (76.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,301.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Watching and Waiting

Matthew 25:1-13

After the Lord answered the questions that the apostles asked in Matthew 24:3 about the destruction of the temple, the sign of His coming, and the end of the age, Jesus delivered three parables in Matthew 25 about His second coming and the judgment of all mankind. In this lesson we want to center our thoughts on the parable of the ten virgins found in Matthew 25:1-13.

First, we look at the setting of the parable. Jesus says that the "kingdom of heaven" shall be likened to ten virgins who took their lamps to meet a bridegroom. Since this parable follows Christ's teaching about a master who delayed his coming and comes unexpectedly to judge the servant who had mistreated his fellow servants (Matt. 24:12-48), "the kingdom of heaven" must be likened to when Christ comes

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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 30, 2024

A.M.—Watching and Waiting

P.M.—Devotional from

Dwayne Millikin

Scripture: Matthew 25:1-13

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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back to sit in judgment of His people. Second, this event was a wedding where the ten virgins, or bridesmaids, were waiting for the arrival of the bridegroom, maybe to light his way, and they should have been prepared for this occasion and any delays that might come.

We now consider the difference between the ten virgins. Five are said to be foolish and five to be wise. Verse 3 of our text indicates that the foolish did not take any extra oil with them in case the bridegroom's coming was delayed, which may have often happened because of the type of travel they had in those days. Why did the foolish virgins not take extra oil? Why, indeed. The wise virgins took extra oil in the likely event that the bridegroom was delayed. This will be a deciding factor in this parable.

Even though some of the virgins were prepared and some were not, they still experienced the same thing, they slept, waiting for the bridegroom to come (v. 5). This they were not condemned for; however, five slept prepared and five slept unprepared.

Finally, at midnight, someone cried out that the bridegroom was arriving and that the ten needed to go out and meet him with their lamps trimmed (vs. 6-7). The five wise virgins were able to trim their lamps or light them again and fulfill their task, while the five foolish virgins were not able to because their lamps were going out. Can you imagine the fright of the five foolish virgins sensing failure and fright on their part as they begged the five wise virgins for oil? Their request would be denied by the five wise virgins because this would have caused a complete failure of the assigned task for the night. The five foolish virgins would have to go buy oil, and when they returned, it would be too late.

The ten virgins all came to the wedding feast with the same task. Five were ready and five were not. Five went into the wedding; five did not. What made the difference? Five were wise and prepared; five were foolish and unprepared.

What did Jesus want to teach concerning being ready for His

second coming? The answer is found in verse thirteen where Jesus says, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming." Are you ready for the day when the Lord will come unexpectedly to call everyone before His judgment seat (2 Cor. 5:10)?

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Shelia Smithee** is being referred to a metabolic endocrinologist. **Joann Foushee** is now home. **Pat Smith** has a doctor's appointment on July 1 to find out when she will have surgery on her left eye. She will have surgery on her right eye two weeks after the surgery on her left eye. **Robert Foster** will have surgery on his back on July 8. **Sherry Rounds** is having trouble with her neck. She will undergo therapy for several weeks. **David White** will see a rheumatologist in Batesville on July 3. **Inez Cline** will have cataract surgery on her right eye on July 8. **Bill Coles** has not been feeling well. He will have another treatment this week. **Lavon Rogers** will have a procedure done in Batesville to check for blockages on July 11. **Harold Mitchell** started physical therapy this past Monday. **Glenda Mitchell** did not have a good week last week with her back and her stomach.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Carol Duncan, Nancy Duncan, Craig Dunn (friend of the Knabes), Bobby Finley (Sue Goodman's nephew who has cancer), Gary Goodman, Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Ronnie Logan, Pat and Manda McGough, Paula Millikin, and Eunice Mize

Fifth Sunday Potluck: We will have a potluck today after the morning service.

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

Children's Home Shopping List: Microwave Popcorn

Ladies Day Meeting: There will be a Ladies Day meeting next Sunday after the evening service.