

Those To Serve

Sunday, July 21, 2024

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Gary Bridgman

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Ray England

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, July 14, 2024

AM 55 PM 36

[Average for the Year]

AM [55] PM [36]

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

38 [Average for the Year] [38]

Contribution:

Sunday, July 14, 2024

Actual \$ 2,530.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 67,857.00

[Average] \$ 2,423.46

[+/- Budget] \$ 30.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,143.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Resignation

Matt. 26:39-44

The *Merriam Webster Dictionary* defines *resignation* as a "surrendering or submission of or to something." Resignation is a necessary ingredient in the lives of Christians if they hope to reach heaven.

The greatest example of resignation or submission is seen in the life of Christ. His resignation began before the creation of the world when it was foreordained that He was going to give up His divinity to die on the cross (1 Peter 1:20). Christ's submission to the will of the Godhead and His mission was on display during His entire life and especially in the Garden of Gethsemane the night He was betrayed (Jn. 5:30; Mk. 14:36). Christians today need to strive to have this degree of resignation in their lives, even though sometimes it might be

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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 July 21, 2024

A.M.—Resignation

P.M.—Faith: With or Without—

A Study of James (4)—

James 2:14-26

Scripture: Matthew 26:39-44

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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difficult. Christ faced difficult times in His life, but He never lost sight of the cross. Christians must submit to God and wait on the Lord to strengthen them in due time (Psa. 27:14, 46:10; Isa. 40:31, ESV).

I now want us to consider some areas where Christians must demonstrate resignation or submission. A Christian first must be resigned to *God's will* (Matt. 6:10; 1 Pet. 5:6). This resignation to God's will begins even before one becomes a Christian, and it continues throughout the Christian life. A Christian must be resigned to the absolute *sovereignty of God* (Rom. 9:19-21, ESV; 8:28, NASV2020). We may not understand all that happens in our lives, but we need to be resigned to the fact that God is in control. God requires a submission or resignation to *His Holy Word* (Jos. 1:7-8; Deut. 29:9; Jn. 12:48). God requires members of the Lord's body to be in submission to *the elders or overseers of the church* (1 Thess. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:17). *Submission to those in civil government* is required by the Lord (Matt. 22:21; Rom. 13:1; Titus 3:1; 1 Pet. 2:13-14). Several other areas could be noted such as *submission of wives to husbands* (Eph. 5:22-24), *children to parents* (Eph. 6:1-3), and *young to old* (1 Pet. 5:5).

Finally, I want us to consider some motivation for a Christian's resignation and submission in these and other areas. First, we consider motives that have to do with God. Resignation or submission to God should be present because of His *greatness* (Psa. 46:10); *love* (Rom. 5:8; Heb. 12:6); *wisdom* (Rom. 11:32-33); *mercies toward us* (Rom. 12:1); and *faithfulness* (Lam. 3:19-26). But perhaps the greatest motivation for one's resignation or submission to God is one's own sinfulness before a just, merciful, and loving God (Psa. 51:2-4,7,10). One day everyone will give an account to God (2 Cor. 5:10) and receive a sentence of eternal life or death (Matt. 25:46).

Have you submitted your complete resignation to God?

1 Peter 5:6—Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time...

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Ed Hager** went home on Friday. He will have people stay with him during the day and at night on weekdays. He is doing much better and is not confused like he was before. The new medicine seems to be helping. His daughter was wondering if anyone from the congregation would be willing to sit with Ed for a few hours if she needed to go to town or work some on the weekend. If you would be willing to do so, please let Randy know. **Lea Barber** was bitten by a spider this past week and has not been feeling well. **Manda McGough** had x-rays done on her shoulder and ribs on Wednesday. She is doing better. **Pat McGough** is not doing well. He has gastroparesis. His stomach and intestines are almost completely paralyzed. He is also having a lot of problems with his feet. **David White** is going to physical therapy. He is also waiting on test results. He has an appointment with his rheumatologist on July 23. **Pat Smith** will have cataract surgery on her left eye on July 31. **Eunice Mize** will see a doctor about her eyes on July 29. She is also wearing a heart monitor until July 23. She will then go back to her doctor to see if she needs a stent. **Shelia Smithee** has an appointment with a metabolic endocrinologist on August 16.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bill Coles, Carol Duncan, Nancy Duncan, Robert Foster, Toby Foster (Robert Foster's brother), Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, and Paula Millikin

New Phone Number: Jim and Bonita Bangs have a new phone number. Their new number is (870) 569-4434.

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

Children's Home Shopping List: Chili Mix

Let's Eat: This month's Let's Eat will be on Tuesday at Bailey's in Cave City. The van will leave the church building at 5:00 p.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.