

Those To Serve

Sunday, July 28, 2024

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Chris Ball

Closing: Randy Harris

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Chris Ball

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, July 21, 2024

AM 59 PM 29

[Average for the Year]

AM [56] PM [35]

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

38 [Average for the Year] [38]

Contribution:

Sunday, July 21, 2024

Actual \$ 2,324.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 70,181.00

[Average] \$ 2,420.03

[+/- Budget] \$ (176.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,319.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Importance of Pleasing God

Romans 5:1-6

Mankind was created to please and serve God. Paul in 1 Thessalonians 4:1 wrote that God has instructed Christians "how you ought to walk and please God." In this article we want to consider the importance of pleasing God.

It is important to please God because of *the teaching and example of Christ* in the New Testament of *one who sought to please God*. Christ said in John 8:29 ". . . for I always do the those things that please Him." This was seen throughout the life of Christ, especially in His death on the cross as Paul alluded to in Romans 15:3 where he wrote: "For even Christ did not please *Himself*; but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached You fell on Me."

We now want to turn our consideration to people who

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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 28, 2024

**A.M.—The Importance of
Pleasing God**

P.M.—O Be Careful Little Tongue—

A Study of James (5)—

James 3:1-12

Scripture: Romans 5:1-6

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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are not pleasing God. According to our text in Romans 5, *those who live for themselves* are not pleasing God. Paul in this chapter continues his thoughts on matters of liberty and points out that the “strong” seeks to bear the “scruples” or failings (ESV) of the weak while not pleasing themselves (v1). Paul then says that the strong should seek to please his neighbor for the neighbor’s good and that this will lead to edification (v2). Paul then urges in verse five that Christians are to be *“like-minded toward one another, according to Christ.”* Those who *seek to please men* are not pleasing God (Gal. 1:10). Paul points out that he is a slave of Christ because he seeks to please God rather than man. A person who *lives according to the desires of the flesh* is not seeking to please God (Rom. 8:8-9), but their own will. Finally, those who have not faith in God or in the fact that He will reward those who believe Him are not pleasing to God (Heb. 11:6).

We now want to focus on what attributes a person will have that are pleasing to God. They first will *ask right things of God* as seen in the life of Solomon when he asked for wisdom after he became king (1 Kings 3:9,10). People who want to please themselves often ask for selfish things. A person who is pleasing to God is *separated for God* (2 Tim. 2:4; 2 Cor. 6:16-18). People who please God are *wholly yielded to God* (Rom. 12:1; Heb. 13:20,21). Those who please God *walk with Him* like Enoch (Gen. 5:24; Heb. 11:5). Finally, those who please God will *praise Him* (Psa. 69:30,31).

We now want to consider *the promises made to those who please God*. If one seeks to please God, they *will find peace with God* (Isa.26:3,ESV; Rom.1:7; 5:1,2; Rom.15:13; Phil.4:7,9; Heb.13:20-21); *and their fellowman* (Pro. 16:7; Rom. 12:18; 1 Pet. 3:11). Secondly, there is the promise of *answered prayer* (Matt. 7:7-8; 1 John 3:22-23). Lastly, one who seeks to truly please God *will find eternal rest and peace with God in heaven* (John 14:1-4; 1 Thess. 5:23).

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Bonita Bangs** was in the hospital early last week. She is now home. **Bill Coles** is not able to get his treatments because of issues with his blood. He received two more units of blood on Thursday. **Eunice Mize** will see a doctor in Little Rock about her eyes tomorrow. **Pat Smith** will have cataract surgery on her left eye on July 31. **Chris Ball** will see an orthopedic doctor tomorrow. He will have knee surgery on August 6.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Carol Duncan, Nancy Duncan, Robert Foster, Toby Foster (Robert Foster’s brother), Joann Foushee (Chris Ball’s mother), Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Paula Millikin, Shelia Smithee (doctor’s appointment on August 16), and David White

Sympathy Extended: Lula Massey passed away on July 16. There were no services.

Gerald Blevins, brother of Sherry Rounds, passed away on July 19. Visitation was Thursday at Qualls Funeral Service, and the funeral was Friday.

We extend our deepest sympathy to both of these families.

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

Children’s Home School Supplies: We are collecting school supplies for the Children’s Home in Paragould. Lists of needed items are on the table in the back. Please bring any items by Sunday, August 18. You can also give cash. If you give a check, please make it payable to the Children’s Home.

Children's Home Shopping List: Ranch Style Beans

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

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