

Those To Serve

Sunday, August 25, 2024

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Dwayne Millikin

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Chris Ball

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, August 28, 2024

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, August 18, 2024

AM 56 PM 37

[Average for the Year]

AM [56] PM [36]

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

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

Contribution:

Sunday, August 18, 2024

Actual \$ 1,961.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 79,401.00

[Average] \$ 2,406.09

[+/- Budget] \$ (539.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (3,099.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Purpose of Holiness

1 Peter 1:13-19

God is holy and expects His people to be holy like Him. God is "set apart," which is the definition of holiness, and He expects His people to be "set apart" from the world and live for Him. In this article we want to consider the purpose of our holiness to God.

First, the primary purpose of our holiness is to *be like God*. Our text reminds us of this as do various other verses in the Bible (Lev. 19:2; Heb. 12:10). Peter reminds us that Christians have been purified, cleansed, bought, and redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:18-19). Christ's blood continually cleanses those who walk in the light and keeps them in a state of holiness

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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 August 25, 2024

A.M.—The Purpose of Holiness

P.M.—A Study of James (7)—

Humility Makes a Difference—

James 4:7-17

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:13-19

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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(1 Jn. 1:7) and set apart for God's purpose.

Another purpose of holiness is to *have God dwell in His people*. The children of Israel knew God was in their midst when they wandered in the wilderness (Deut. 23:14), and after the temple was built, they knew God dwelled in it (1 Kings 9:3). During the Christian age, God dwells in His people (Eph. 2:19-22; 1 Cor. 3:16-17).

A third purpose of holiness is to *allow people to worship and serve God acceptably*. Christ paved the way for us to enter "behind the veil" so that we might come in the presence of God in worship (Heb. 10:19-25). Christians must worship God in spirit and truth (Jn. 4:24) and with an honest heart (Isa. 29:13). Holiness is needed in our daily lives as Christians as seen in the prophecy of John the Baptist's father Zacharias in Luke 1:74-75. Christians have been redeemed to serve the Lord (Tit. 2:14).

Finally, the purpose of holiness is to give *hope for the future*. Holy people will *see God* (Heb. 12:14; 1 Thess. 3:13). Holy people will *receive eternal life* (Rom. 6:22; 2 Pet. 3:11-12). Thirdly, holy people will *inherit the kingdom of God* (Col. 1:12-13; 1 Pet. 1:3-5). Finally, holy people will get to share their *holiness with God forever* (Eph. 5:25-27; Rev. 21:2-3).

Are you set apart to serve the Lord through obedience to His word and the gospel of Christ? Are you walking in holiness in your daily walk of life? If not, why not separate yourself and follow in the steps of Christ to live a holy life well-pleasing to God?

1 Peter 1:13—Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ...

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Bill Coles'** hemoglobin count was low, and he was unable to have his treatment. He will have another blood test on Tuesday. **Bonita Bangs** had skin cancer removed from her nose on Thursday. **Steve Millikin** will have cataract surgery on Tuesday. He will have surgery on his other eye two weeks later. **Chris Ball** will have a hip replacement on October 14 at UAMS. **Roger Skaggs**, Melissa Ball's father, suffered a heart attack and is in Unity Health in Searcy. **Hannah Cupp's** medicine for her ulcerative colitis is no longer working. She will start a different medicine as soon as insurance approves it. Please pray that this medicine helps.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Michelle Cupp, Carol Duncan, Nancy Duncan, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Thea Longstreet (cancer), Pat McGough, Eunice Mize, Pat Smith, and David White

Ladies Day: Our Ladies Day will be on September 14. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Karan Summitt will be speaking to the ladies about "A Light-Filled Life." There are invitations on the table in the back. Please take some to invite others.

Ladies Day Gift Basket: There is a gift basket for the Ladies Day speaker in the classroom next to the kitchen. Ladies, please bring something to put in the basket to show our appreciation for her.

Children's Home Shopping List: Spaghetti Noodles

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.