

Those To Serve

Sunday, September 8, 2024

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Jim Case

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Bangs

Closing: Bobby Smithee

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, September 1, 2024

AM 54 PM 38

[Average for the Year]

AM [56] PM [36]

Wednesday, September 4, 2024

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

Contribution:

Sunday, September 1, 2024

Actual \$ 2,704.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 85,004.00

[Average] \$ 2,428.69

[+/- Budget] \$ 204.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (3,294.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

“O To Be Like Thee”

The Quest for Christlikeness

1 Corinthians 11:1; Phil. 2:5-11

The Dictionary of Bible Themes defines *Christlikeness* as the process by which believers are conformed to the likeness of Jesus Christ, especially in relationship to obedience and trust in God. Christians are to become like Christ with the help of God and the Spirit helping them through their obedience to be transformed into Christ. Christlikeness will only occur if one imitates Christ and has the same mind He did (1 Cor. 11:1; Phil. 2:5-11).

Consider the Godhead's work in the process of one becoming like Christ. First, Jesus left the example and taught us to follow it (Jn. 13:15; 1 Pet. 1:21). As seen in Romans

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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 September 8, 2024

A.M.—“O To Be Like Thee”—

The Quest for Christlikeness

P.M.—Patience and Persevering

Even When Things Are Bad—

James 5:1-11

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 11:1;

Philippians 2:5-11

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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8:29, God predestined Christians to be conformed or changed into the likeness of His Son. Paul in 2 Corinthians 3:18 writes of the Spirit's role in this when he says: "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord." God and the Spirit are willing to help Christians be Christlike and transformed into His image.

Christians also have a role in being Christlike. Jesus taught in Matthew 10:25 that it was enough for a disciple to be like his teacher and a servant like his master. This should be the goal as Christians seek to imitate Christ. Luke 6:40 teaches us that a disciple is not above his teacher and if they are "perfectly trained" they will be like the teacher. John writes in 1 John 2:6: "He who says he abides in Him ought himself also to walk just as He walked." The Christian also must be wholly committed to Christ to achieve Christlikeness. This commitment is seen in their willingness to leave everything behind if necessary and follow Jesus (Lk. 9:57-62; Matt. 19:21).

We now want to focus on how Christlikeness is demonstrated. As illustrated earlier, one must have the commitment to demonstrate their Christlikeness by **being willing to make costly sacrifices** (Matt. 10:38; Phil. 3:7-10). Christlikeness is demonstrated by **humility and service** (Mk. 9:35; Phil. 2:3-8). Christlikeness is also seen in one's **love for others** (Jn. 15:12; 1 Jn. 3:16). A Christian's **willingness to forgive** is another way in which Christlikeness is demonstrated (Col. 3:13). Christlikeness is also demonstrated in **sharing the gospel to a lost world** (Lk. 19:10).

Finally, we want to consider the process of Christlikeness. **Being like Christ** is the reason Christians are saved (Eph. 2:10; 1 Pet. 1:4). Lastly, Christlikeness will become **complete when Jesus comes again, and Christians share His glory** (Psa. 17:15; 1 Jn. 3:1-3; Phil. 3:20-21).

Are you truly Christlike today?

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Gary Goodman** is having a lot of pain in his back. He will receive shots in his back on Thursday. **Bill Coles** continues to need our prayers. **Glenda Mitchell** is still recovering from covid and is not feeling well. **Nancy Duncan** will see a specialist in Boston tomorrow. **Millicent Wren** is in the hospital in Searcy with pancreatitis and a herniated disc. **Jay Slayden**, brother of Carol Duncan and friend of Steve Millikin, has cancer.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Chris Ball (hip replacement October 14), Bonita Bangs, Michelle Cupp, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Thea Longstreet (cancer), Pat McGough, Eunice Mize, and Pat Smith

Visitation Meeting: There will be a visitation meeting today after the evening service.

Ladies Day: Our Ladies Day will be this coming Saturday with registration beginning 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 to take 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.

Ladies Day Food List: The food sign-up sheet for Ladies Day is on the table in the foyer. Please sign up for what you would like to bring. We have already had the Cave City congregation respond that 12-15 of their ladies will be coming, so we may have more coming than we normally do.

Children's Home Shopping List: Ranch Style Beans

Ladies Day Work Day: The Ladies Day work day will be on Thursday starting at 9:30 a.m.

Area Gospel Meeting: There will be a Gospel Meeting at Lynn Church of Christ on September 8-11 with Ted Knight speaking.