

Those To Serve

Sunday, October 20, 2024

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Gary Bridgman

Closing: Ray England

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Johnny Knabe

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, October 23, 2024

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, October 13, 2024

AM 67 PM 37

[Average for the Year]

AM [57] PM [36]

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

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

Contribution:

Sunday, October 13, 2024

Actual \$ 2,540.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 99,527.00

[Average] \$ 2,427.49

[+/- Budget] \$ 40.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (3,771.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Joy of Fighting Lions

1 Peter 5:6-11

Several years ago, in the late eighties, a hunter in Arkansas was interviewed about the animal he wanted to kill the most on an African safari. His reply was an M.G.M. lion. Needless to say, back then this even caused an uproar. However, it bears pointing out that some of God's greatest men were also lion hunters or fighters. David slew a lion and claimed he could also kill that "uncircumcised Philistine" named Goliath (1 Sam. 17:34-37). Later, another one of God's faithful servants named Daniel encountered lions in a lion's den and by God's help was in a sense victorious over them (Dan. 6:18-23). We have seen lion tamers in the circus as well, but the lion I am asking you to fight is one that is different from any other lion. You must win against it to be saved. This lion is the devil that we read about in the text for this lesson.

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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 October 20, 2024

A.M.—The Joy of Fighting Lions

P.M.—Self Control

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:6-11

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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Before we engage in battle with our lion, also known as the devil, we must ***learn all we can about his nature***. He is a roaring lion because he is a hungry lion (1 Pet. 5:8). Second, the devil, our lion, persistently with restless energy walks or prowls around looking for his next prey to devour or “swallow up” (v. 8). Again, the devil wants to destroy us, and we should never forget that. The third thing we must learn about our lion, the devil, is how he works. According to our text, the devil was using ***suffering*** to trap those in Peter’s day (1 Pet. 1:7). They had already fled the persecution of evil Nero (1 Pet. 1:1), and the devil wanted to use this suffering to his advantage. Peter spoke of manifold trials that would be proof of our patience at the coming of Jesus (1 Pet. 1:6). We may wonder why we face the trials we face in life. Perhaps the answer is twofold: to try or test our faith (1 Pet. 1:7) and to strengthen us.

I would now like to share two keys to victory in our attempt to overcome Satan, the roaring lion. First, we must ***lean on God’s almighty hand to save us***. God reminded Israel of His deliverance from Egypt by His mighty hand and outstretched arm (Deut. 5:15). Moses spoke of the mighty or strong hand of God at least nine times in the book of Deuteronomy (Deut. 3:24, 4:34, 5:15, 6:21, 7:8, 19, 9:26, 11:2, 26:8). Peter speaks of God’s mighty hand in 1 Peter 1:6 and urges Christians to cast all their cares or anxieties on God because He cares for them. The word ***casting*** conveys the idea of throwing down. Do we have faith enough to throw our cares and anxieties before God’s throne? Lastly, to overcome the lion, we must ***look to faith for victory***. When Daniel was cast into the lion’s den, it was King Darius who expressed faith in God’s ability to save Daniel (Dan. 6:16, 20). Peter speaks of the importance of faith in times of trial. He speaks of an inheritance kept by the power of God through faith (1 Pet. 1:5). In 1 Peter 1:7, he speaks of tested faith that is more precious than gold. He spoke of a faith and hope in God (1 Pet. 1:19). In 1 Peter 4:19, Peter writes to those who are suffering for the will of God to commit their

souls to Him in doing good as to a faithful Creator. Finally, in our text in verse nine he writes telling us to resist the devil and be steadfast in faith because we have the knowledge that all Christians go through the same sufferings as we do.

How’s your battle going with that roaring lion known as Satan? Are you faring as well as Daniel and David? The hunter we spoke of in the beginning may have gotten his lion, but Christians will get a robe and a crown.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Chris Ball** is recovering at home from hip surgery. **Carol Duncan** will have cataract surgery on October 29. Continue to remember **Bill Coles** and **Gary Goodman** in your prayers. **Michael Branscum**, Tammy Harris’ cousin, was injured while cutting down a tree. He is in UAMS with multiple injuries. **Joann Foushee**, Chris Ball’s mother, is home from the hospital. They were unable to put stents in because of too much blockage. She has one kidney fully functioning. They are going to try to get her in to see a specialist. Hannah Cupp’s grandmother **Jeanne Peel** is home from the hospital. She has a UTI and is taking medicine for it.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Michelle Cupp, Nancy Duncan, Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin Hudson, Jean Hurte (brain tumors), Pat McGough, Eunice Mize, Jerry Morgan, Jay Slayden (cancer), and Pat Smith

Sympathy Extended: Becky James passed away on Tuesday. Services were on Friday at Roller-Crouch Funeral Home.

Chris Ball’s uncle George Ball passed away on October 7, and Chris’ aunt Mattie Ball passed away on October 13. We extend our sympathy to these families. Please remember them in prayer.

Mountain Meadows Service: There will be a service at Mountain Meadows today at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cream of Chicken Soup

Reason to Rejoice: Last week Rosa Goglia asked for prayers to be restored, and she would like to place membership here at Southside. Let us be an encouragement to her.