

Those To Serve

Sunday, January 19, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Jim Case

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Gary Bridgman

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, January 12, 2025

AM 43 PM 29

[Average for the Year]

AM [43] PM [26]

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

33 *[Average for the Year]* [31]

Contribution:

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Actual \$ 1,863.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 4,424.00

[Average] \$ 2,212.00

[+/- Budget] \$ (637.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (576.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Divine Proof of Being in the Divine Family

1 John 5:1-13

In 1 John, John aims to highlight aspects that serve as evidence of their identity as children of God. Chapter four focuses on loving one another and loving God as proof of our salvation. According to 1 John 5:1, believing that Christ was sent by God serves as further proof. This lesson will explore this divine evidence of belonging to the divine family.

John discusses personal pardon as evidence of being part of the divine family (verses 1-4). He asserts that belief in Christ as the Son of God signifies our status as children of God. In 1 John 1:12, he writes: "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name." Acceptance of pardon

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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 January 19, 2025

**A.M.—Divine Proof of Being in the
Divine Family**

P.M.—Hoping in God

Scripture: 1 John 5:1-13

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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through faith in Christ's divine sonship is viewed as an indication of one's inclusion in God's family (verse 1). Demonstrating pure love and adhering to God's commandments further proves personal pardon (verse 2). Additionally, the commandments of God are described as neither burdensome nor difficult to follow, with believers finding the strength to observe them (verse 3). The divine power bestowed upon believers also serves as proof of personal pardon (verse 4), which aligns with Paul's declaration in Philippians 4:13. Lastly, overcoming the world through faith in Christ as the Son of God is considered as certain proof of personal pardon (verse 5).

John discusses the concept of *personal proof of the Godhead* as evidence that one is part of God's family (verses 6-9). He first mentions the proof of Christ's coming in the flesh (verse 5). According to John, Christ was born of a woman and symbolically born through baptism. He was also born of blood when He became flesh (John 1:13) and shed His blood so that believers could be reborn (Revelation 1:5). John states that the Holy Spirit testifies to this fact, evident in the miracles empowered by the Spirit during Jesus' time on earth. The Spirit, along with the Word inspired by the Spirit, can convince individuals of this truth. Verses seven and eight indicate that God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit all bear witness to the divinity of Christ, and that the Spirit, water, and blood agree that Christ was born, lived, died, and rose again as the exalted Son of God (Philippians 2:8-10). Verse nine suggests that if we believe human testimony (1 John 1:1-3), we should also believe in the divine testimony of the Godhead, as they cannot lie (Titus 1:2).

Personal power is divine proof of being in God's family (v. 10-12). Verse ten teaches that rejecting God's testimony about His Son makes God a liar. Verse eleven confirms God's love and gift of eternal life through belief in His Son. Without belief, there is no life.

Why is divine proof important? Verse thirteen answers: "I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life." (NET).

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Eunice Mize** received a good report from her eye doctor and will go back in March. **Donna Doyle**, a friend of Marie Phillips, has several health concerns and asks for our prayers. **Steve Smith**, the minister at Harrison Street, has colon cancer. He will be undergoing tests to find the extent of it. We have been asked to pray for **Chyler Frazier**. Chyler is in the ICU at Arkansas Children's Hospital with e. coli and a virus. He is not doing well. His grandmother attends at the Oil Trough congregation.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Bill Coles, Nancy Duncan, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Gary Goodman, Ed Hager, Melvin Hudson, Jean Hurte (brain tumors), Bryan Keller (Parkinson's disease), Pat McGough, Nadine McNulty (hospice care), Glenda Mitchell, Noah Rogers, Jay Slayden (cancer), and Pat Smith

Sympathy Extended: Nathan Fike passed away this past week. Nathan was the grandson of Joann Foushee and the nephew of Chris Ball. Let us remember this family in our prayers.

Nursing Home Service: There will be no service at Mountain Meadows this afternoon due to sickness at the nursing home.

Food Truck: The Children's Home food truck will come Monday, January 27. If you have any items for the Children's Home, please have them here by next Sunday.

Children's Home Shopping List: Taco Seasoning

1 John 5:1—Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God, and everyone who loves Him who begot also loves him who is begotten of Him.