

Those To Serve

Sunday, March 23, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Robert Foster

Closing: Jim Case

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Dwayne Millikin

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

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

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, March 16, 2025

AM 51 PM 31

[Average for the Year]

AM [48] PM [31]

Wednesday, March 19, 2025

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

Contribution:

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Actual \$ 2,023.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 25,625.00

[Average] \$ 2,329.55

[+/- Budget] \$ (477.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (1,875.00)

Sermons for March 23, 2025

A.M.—A Christian's Responsibility (2)

P.M.—Learning from the Life of

Joseph How to Die

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

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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Thoughts from Bill:

In Memoriam: William "Bill" Laverne Coles

Yet again, death has visited our church family at Southside in the passing of Brother Bill Coles. While his passing was an answer to many prayers that he be spared from any more suffering, we still mourn the passing of our friend and brother in Christ.

It was an extreme joy to get to know Bill and Betty. They were a perfect example of what marriage should look like in their devotion to one another and their parental love of Marie, who stood by their side during their darkest days.

Bill was my friend. Betty and he treated Inez and me kindly during the time we were associated with them. I remember one Christmas Bill rang the door bell and woke me up. With my "bedhead" hair I opened the door, and Bill had a ham for us to enjoy. I wonder what he told Betty when he got

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back home about how the "preacher" looked. Bill for the most part referred to me as the "preacher."

Bill was a devoted husband and father. As already stated, Bill and Betty were a special couple whose love for one another was easily seen. Bill was by Betty's side through the good times and bad, and he grieved for her when she passed away after 65 years of being together. Bill loved Marie and depended on her so much, and she in return stayed by his side until the very end. Bill loved his grandson Brian and was proud of him. He was a loving grandfather as well.

As his obituary said, Bill had a strong work ethic throughout his life. He worked at Arkansas Poultry, Ideal Bakery, and Roller Crouch Funeral Home. Bill and I talked about each job, and he had good stories to tell about each. In his role as a funeral director, Bill was a kind and compassionate man to those struggling with loss of life.

It was evident that Bill loved to watch sports either in person at the Southside Southerner games or on TV as he watched the Arkansas Razorbacks. He knew when the Razorbacks were going to play and would watch them play basketball, football, and baseball especially. Even when he was struggling this past season with his health, he sent Marie to get his season pass for the Southerner games.

The one thing that makes a difference at times like this is Bill's relationship to the Lord. He told me a few months ago that he had his bags packed and was ready to go. I know he was. Bill loved his church family and was grateful for anyone who had prayed for him. He told me one night at the hospital about how many people in many different places were praying for him. Bill's life as a Christian prepared him for his departure from this life, where he is now safe in the "bosom of Abraham." We will miss him, but he by God's grace as gained his reward (Rev. 14:13).

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Sherry Rounds** and **Carol Duncan** are having back issues. **Dwayne Millikin** has been having issues with his mobility. **Gary Goodman** has been sick and is still dealing with pain. **Nancy Duncan** has been struggling with her health.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Donna Doyle (Marie Phillips' friend), Joe Foster, Joann Foushee (Chris Ball's mother), Melvin Hudson, Jean Hurte (brain tumors), Bryan Keller (Parkinson's disease), Pat McGough, Nadine McNulty (hospice care), Glenda Mitchell, Jeanne Peel, Jay Slayden (cancer), and Patsy Thomas

Sympathy Extended: Bill Coles passed away on Tuesday. The graveside service was yesterday at Oaklawn Cemetery in Batesville. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Spring Gospel Meeting: Our spring Gospel Meeting will be on April 4-6. Brother Tony Pulliam will be speaking to us that weekend. There are flyers on the table in the back. Please take some to share with others. We will have potluck on Sunday, April 6.

Children's Home Shopping List: Cookies

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

Area Ladies Day: There will be a ladies day at the Harrison Street Church of Christ on Saturday, April 5 at 10:00 a.m. The theme will be "Changing for Christ."

Area Ladies Day: There will also be a ladies day on Saturday, April 5 at the Brookland Church of Christ. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Area Gospel Meeting: There will be a Gospel Meeting at the Nettleton Church of Christ on April 6-9. Rodney Langley will speak about the theme "Back to Basics."