

Those To Serve

Sunday, April 13, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Jim Bangs

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Dwayne Millikin

Closing: Robert Foster

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Dwayne Millikin

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, April 6, 2025

AM 53 PM 33

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [31]

Wednesday, April 9, 2025

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

Contribution:

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Actual \$ 2,050.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 32,399.00

[Average] \$ 2,314.21

[+/- Budget] \$ (450.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,601.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Christian's Responsibility to Others (5)

Romans 14: 14-21

Through the course of our study, we have established that Christians have a responsibility to others both within the body of Christ and without. As discussed in our last lesson, part of God's criteria of judgment will be how we treated one another.

One of the responsibilities we have is to *give and seek good counsel*. The New Testament is clear in our obligation to be wise counselors by giving advice that leads people closer to God. Moses' father-in-law Jethro gave wise counsel to him in Exodus 18:19 when he said: "Listen now to my voice; I will give you counsel, and God will be with you: Stand before God for the people, so that you may bring the difficulties to God" (Exodus 18:19, NKJV). Jethro was wise to

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tell Moses to basically give counsel from God. Further, he told Moses to teach the people how they should walk and what work they should be involved in. Giving good counsel is our duty, and if we give unwise counsel to others, they will suffer as seen in Numbers 31:16.

We now want to turn our attention to the type of counsel we should give as Christians. First, we should give counsel that *edifies one another*. Paul urges people to do so in our text for this lesson (Romans 14:19). Romans 14 deals with matters of opinion such as esteeming one day higher than the other or what to eat or not eat. As Christians we need to not bind our opinions on others and use love and caution not to cause someone to stumble. Our counsel to others should build up and edify while looking to please others (Rom. 15:2-3). We may not agree with someone on matters of opinion, but we should deal with love because it edifies (1 Cor. 8:1). Second, we should give counsel that *encourages or exhorts others*. This was Paul's goal for the Romans (Rom. 1:11-12). He taught that we are to encourage others (1 Thess. 4:18, 5:11; Heb. 3:13). We are also to give counsel that *instructs or admonishes one another*. Listen to Paul's admonition to the Romans: "Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another" (Romans 15:14, NKJV). Paul instructed the Colossian brethren to admonish each other through singing (Col. 3:16). We should be able to teach those who have erred in the right way with the goal of restoring them (2 Tim. 2:24-26). Fourthly, we are to give counsel that *rebukes and warns* (1 Tim. 5:20; 2 Tim. 4:2; Titus 2:13; 1 Thess. 5:14; Gal. 6:1).

As we close, consider some examples of those who gave good counsel like Jethro gave. *Barnabas* gave good counsel (Acts 11:22-25). *Apollos* gave good counsel even before he knew the baptism of the Lord (Acts 18:27-28). *Paul* gave good counsel (Acts 16:40; Col. 1:28-29; 1 Thess. 2:11-12). *Timothy* was sent to those

in Thessalonica to give good counsel (1 Thess. 3:2). *Tychicus* gave good counsel (Eph. 6:21-22; Col. 4:7-8).

May God help us to give counsel that leads people to heaven.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: *Lavon Rogers* had a stent placed on Wednesday. She will have another placed in 4-6 weeks. *Dwayne Millikin* will have hip replacement surgery on May 5. *Leota Allen* has been having problems with congestion and with her knee. She is currently using a walker. *Bobby Smithee* had tests run on Wednesday and is waiting for the results. *Nancy Duncan* is struggling with her health.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Donna Doyle (Marie Phillips' friend), Michael England, 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

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

Nursing Home Service: The service at Mountain Meadows will be next Sunday at 4:00 p.m.

Children's Home Shopping List: Grated Parmesan Cheese

Graduate Information: If you know someone who is graduating this year, please write down their information and give it to Hannah Cupp or Bill Cline. Include their name, from what they are graduating (kindergarten, high school, college, etc.), from where they are graduating, and any future plans.

Graduation Reception: There will be a graduation reception for Mollee Harris on April 27 after the evening service.

Romans 14:19—Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.