

Those To Serve

Sunday, April 27, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Johnny Knabe

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Jim Case

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Randy Harris

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 20, 2025

AM 60 PM 35

[Average for the Year]

AM [50] PM [32]

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

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

Contribution:

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Actual \$ 2,921.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 37,687.00

[Average] \$ 2,355.44

[+/- Budget] \$ 421.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,313.00)

Sermons for April 27, 2025

A.M.—The Christian's Responsibility (7)

P.M.—A Study of Galatians (3)

**Scripture: Psalms 33:13-19;
Proverbs 22:2**

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:

The Christian's Responsibility (7)

Psalms 33:13-19; Pro. 22:2

It has been well established in this series of lessons that we as Christians have a responsibility to all, both in and out of the body of Christ. Remember that part of the criteria used on Judgment Day will be how we fulfill these responsibilities.

A Christian has a responsibility to *recognize the equality of others*. As seen in the text of this lesson, God looks upon all people: He looks upon the mighty and the weak; He looks upon rich and poor; He looks upon people of all races, and in all of these various groups He sees one thing: that He is the creator of all (Prov. 22:3; Acts 17:26-29). How do we as Christians view people who are different from ourselves? How do we view someone who is poorer or richer than ourselves? How do we view the homeless? How do we view the one who has a

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different skin shade than we do? Even our Declaration of Independence declares that "All men are created equal." And in the sight of God, they are.

Christians have a responsibility to *respect others*. The word *respect*, as used the New Testament, conveys the meaning of placing a value on someone, such as in the case of Gamaliel in Acts 5:34. It also means to have regard as seen in Hebrews 12:9. Paul taught: "Pay to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; respect to whom respect; honor to whom honor." (Romans 13:7, NASB 2020). We are to consider others and be respectful to them.

Christians have a responsibility to *serve others*. Controversy arose between the apostles when James and John, perhaps stirred on by their mother (Matt. 20:20), vied for places of honor and leadership in Christ's coming kingdom (Mark 10:35-45). The main thing Jesus wanted them to learn about greatness was that it was not achieved by status but by service (Mark 10:45; Matt. 20:26-28). Christians should serve other people as Christ taught and demonstrated when He washed His disciples' feet (Jn. 13:12-17). May the Lord make us to be a servant just as Christ was.

Christians have a responsibility to *show mercy to others*. The word *mercy* in the Bible conveys the idea of faithfulness, kindness, compassion, and pity. Micah 6:8 reads: "He has shown you, O man, what is good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?" Zechariah wrote: Thus says the Lord of hosts: "Execute true justice, Show mercy and compassion Everyone to his brother" (Zechariah 7:9, NKJV). Mercy or compassion will keep us from unfairly judging one another (James 2:12-13). If God shows us mercy, shouldn't we as His children have mercy on others?

Finally, Christians have a responsibility to be *sympathetic or compassionate to others*. Peter gave the key to harmony in 1 Peter 3:8, and it includes compassion or sympathy. When others struggle, do we feel compassion for them? When others suffer, do we like Job's friends mourn (Job. 2:11-13)? Do we weep with those who weep (Rom. 12:15)?

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Robert Foster** will go to the doctor tomorrow to see what needs to be done for his neck. **Michelle Cupp** passed out and fell last Sunday. She was hospitalized overnight and is following up with her doctors. **Dwayne Millikin**'s hip surgery has been postponed due to his blood sugar level being too high. **Julia Philips** has been sick. **Michael England** will have a procedure done on May 5 to see what needs to be done about the growth inside his artery. **Lavon Rogers** will have another stent placed on May 12. **Bobby Smithee** is waiting for appointments to be made for an MRI and a heart cath. **David White** fell off a trailer on Wednesday. He broke his hip and some ribs. He had hip surgery and is in WRH room 2130. **Manda McGough** went to the ER on Wednesday. Tests did not show a problem with her heart. She will see a pain specialist. **Inez Cline** will have a CAT scan done on Wednesday as a check up. **Bill Cline** will have a CAT scan done on Wednesday.

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

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

Children's Home Shopping List: Cereal

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 by April 30.

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an elders and deacons meeting next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. If you need to discuss anything with them, please let them know.

VBS Teachers Meeting: There will be a meeting next Sunday after the evening service for those who would like to teach classes during Vacation Bible School.