

Those To Serve

Sunday, May 25, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Bangs

Closing: Johnny Knabe

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Dwayne Millikin

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, May 28, 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, May 18, 2025

AM 46 PM 30

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [32]

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

39 *[Average for the Year]* [32]

Contribution:

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Actual \$ 2,567.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 47,501.00

[Average] \$ 2,375.05

[+/- Budget] \$ 67.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,499.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

"I Couldn't Help Myself"

A Deeper Study of Self-Control

1 Cor. 9:24-27; 1 Peter 2:18-24

In our last lesson, we briefly discussed the subject of self-control. We talked about the fact that everyone lacks self-control in at least some areas of their lives. Because of this we want to undertake a deeper study of self-control which, according to the *Dictionary of Bible Themes*, is defined as physical and emotional self-mastery, particularly in situations of intense provocation or temptation.

Self-control is an *attribute of a wise person*. Solomon, who certainly lacked self-control, ironically taught the importance of having self-control. The first five verses of Proverbs speak of being able to learn, listen, and make wise choices. All of these things require self-control. Proverbs 29:11 says: "A fool vents all his feelings, But a wise man holds them back."

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Sermons for May 25, 2025

A.M.—"I Couldn't Help Myself"—

A Deeper Study of Self-Control

P.M.—A Study of Galatians (6)

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 9:24-27;

1 Peter 2:18-24

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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Self-control is **required and commanded of a Christian** and will be a part of their character. Paul in Titus 2:11-12 taught that since the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men, Christians should deny ungodliness and worldly desires and live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in this present world. A Christian cannot achieve what Paul says without self-control both to deny and to do the things commanded.

Self-control **affects the whole person**. Self-control affects the physical side of man as seen in our text for this lesson. Paul indicates he had to bring his body into subjection (1 Cor. 9:27). To do so requires self-control to strive for the crown of righteousness and work to achieve it. A person needs to have self-control to keep from engaging in improper sexual relationships (1 Cor. 7:37; 1 Thess. 4:3-7). Self-control also affects the mental discipline of a person. Peter commanded: "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest your hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ . . ." (1 Peter 1:13, NKJV). Christians must exercise mental self-control to resist Satan (James 4:7), to be alert and watch as "people of the day." Self-control affects one's speech, which needs to be controlled (Psa. 141:8; Pro. 16:23; 21:23; Eccl. 5:2; James 1:19-20). Jesus exercised self-control in His speech (Isa. 53:7; Mk. 14:60-61). For a more detailed discussion on one's speech, read James 3:1-12.

Self-control **equips**. It equips one to face temptations that come because you prepare your response (Psa. 119:11). Self-control equips one to respond properly when they are mistreated (Matt. 5:39-40; Lk. 6:27). Self-control equips one to finish the Christian race by looking to Jesus the author and finisher of our faith (Heb. 12:1-2).

Finally, a **loss** of self-control can **lead to bad decisions and even condemn one's soul to hell** (Pro. 18:7; Jer. 14:10). A loss of self-control sometimes may lead one down a path that takes them further away from God.

Do you have all the self-control you need? May we be self-controlled enough to pray to God and ask Him for the strength we need to live disciplined lives.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Jerry Bowen** is not feeling well. **Michael England** has a doctor's appointment on June 2 to find out his test results. **Eunice Mize** has a cardiologist appointment on June 2 and an eye doctor appointment on June 17. **Ray England** had an MRI done on his back and has some degenerative discs. **David White** is now home. **Nancy Duncan** is struggling with her health. **Darrel Fulbright**, the father-in-law of Robert and Frances' daughter Vanessa, is waiting for pathology results to come back.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Joy Hutson, Pat and Manda McGough, Dwayne Millikin, Glenda Mitchell, and David Yates

Sympathy Extended: Wayne Davis, Barbara Mead's brother, passed away this past Monday. Visitation was on Thursday at Jackson Funeral Home in Newport. The funeral service was on Friday at the Remmel Church. Please remember Barbara and her family in your prayers.

Invitation Response: Jim Bangs responded to the invitation last Sunday asking for prayers. May we be an encouragement to Jim and remember him in prayer.

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.

Vacation Bible School: VBS is next week, June 2-5. Please be praying and working for a successful VBS. We will need pre-packaged Little Debbie snack cakes for refreshments. If you would like to bring snack cakes, please write your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer.

Air Conditioner Payment: We have one more installment payment on the air conditioner coming up for \$1,750. If you would like to contribute toward this payment, please give your contribution to one of the elders.

Children's Home Shopping List: Grated Parmesan Cheese

Food Truck: The Children's Home food truck will come on June 2. If you have any items for the Children's Home, please have them here by next Sunday.