

Those To Serve

Sunday, May 4, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Dwayne Millikin

Closing: Jim Bangs

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Bill Cline

Singing: Randy Harris

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Devotional: Bill Cline

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 27, 2025

AM 46 PM 35

[Average for the Year]

AM [49] PM [32]

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

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

Contribution:

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Actual \$ 2,094.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 39,781.00

[Average] \$ 2,340.06

[+/- Budget] \$ (406.00)

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,719.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

A Christian's Responsibility to Others (8)

Matthew 22:35-40; Ephesians 4: 31-32

Christians have a responsibility to those both within and without the church. For believers, this is a mutual responsibility, and Christians should strive to fulfill these responsibilities towards each other. Each child of God will give an account of how they fulfilled their responsibilities to God and one another.

Christians have a responsibility to *forgive others*. According to the Baker Encyclopedia of the Bible, the word translated *forgive* in the New Testament conveys the idea of ceasing to feel resentment of wrongs and offenses; pardon involving restoration of broken relationships. Man's greatest need of forgiveness is seen in his fractured relationship with God, since God is the only that can forgive sin (Mk. 2:7). Do we really forgive someone when we harbor resentments towards

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Sermons for May 4, 2025

A.M.—A Christian's Responsibility to Others (8)

P.M.—The Soul—

Lesson from Johnny Knabe

Scripture: Matthew 22:35-40;

Ephesians 4:31-32

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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them for years without seeking a restoration of broken relationships? The New Testament is clear in its teachings about forgiveness. It teaches that in order to be forgiven we must forgive (Matt. 6:14-15; Mk. 11:26). Jesus taught that the number of times we forgive someone is "endless" (Lk. 17:3-4). The motivation of forgiveness is found in the example of Christ (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13). The word **forgave** in this passage conveys the idea of giving freely when it comes to forgiveness. Can you forgive in this manner?

The New Testament teaches us that we have a responsibility to **pray for one another**. Luke 18:1 says: "Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart . . ." Paul taught that we should "continue steadfastly in prayer" (Rom. 12:12). Colossians 4:2 says: "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving . . ." Paul in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 taught that we are to "pray without ceasing." The word **ceasing** in this verse conveys the idea of continually and without lacking or falling short of. Christians are to pray for one another in this manner (1 Thess. 5:25; 1 Tim. 2:1-4; James 5:16).

The final responsibility we want to study in this series is that Christians have a responsibility to **love one another**. The Bible teaches the importance of love as seen in Matthew 22:35-40. Fulfilling any of the responsibilities discussed in this series is impossible without love, but they are made possible with love. Loving one another is a "message that we heard in the beginning" (1 John 3:11). Christians are to love their enemies (Matt. 5:43-46). Christians are to let everything they do, be done in love (1 Cor. 16:14). Our love is to be sincere and without hypocrisy from a pure heart (Rom. 12:9; 2 Cor. 6:6; 1 Tim 1:5; 1 Pet. 1:22). We need to pray that we can abound in love (1 Thess. 3:12-13). Christians are to love because love is of God and Christians are of God (1 John 4:7-11). Jesus gave the measure of our love for one another (Jn. 15:12-13; Eph. 5:1-2). Do we love others in this manner?

I hope that this series on our responsibilities to one another will help us to have a greater walk with God and with one another.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **David Yates** will wear a heart monitor for 30 days and then will have an echocardiogram done. He may have a heart cath done in the future as well. **Robert Barber**, Lea Barber's husband, remains in the ICU. He may be moved to a step down soon. **Michael England** will have a procedure done tomorrow to see what needs to be done about the growth inside his artery. **Bobby Smithee** will have a heart cath done on Tuesday in Little Rock. **David White** was moved to the rehab unit in the hospital on Friday. **Robert Foster** will have more tests done in the future. **Lavon Rogers** will have another stent placed on May 12.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Bonita Bangs, Jerry Bowen, Nancy Duncan, 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), Dwayne Millikin, Glenda Mitchell, Jeanne Peel, Jay Slayden (cancer), and Patsy Thomas

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an elders and deacons meeting today 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 today after the evening service for those who would like to teach classes during Vacation Bible School.

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

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

Children's Home Shopping List: Cookies

Ladies Craft: We will have a craft for the ladies to do here at the church building on Saturday, May 17 at 1:00 p.m. Please come and enjoy the fellowship and the fun.