

Those To Serve

Sunday, July 27, 2025

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Jim Case

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Wednesday, July 30, 2025

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Johnny Knabe

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, July 20, 2025

AM 44 PM 30

[Average for the Year]

AM [48] PM [31]

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

27 *[Average for the Year]* [33]

Contribution:

Sunday, July 20, 2025

Actual \$ 3,007.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 69,143.00

[Average] \$ 2,384.24

[+/- Budget] \$ 507.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (3,357.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Characteristics of Christians (3)

Matthew 9:35-38; Luke 15:11-20

This week we continue our study of the characteristics that God desires all Christians to have. Remember that these traits or characteristics should be found in all Christians that truly have been with Jesus (Acts 4:13).

Christians that truly have been with Jesus will be *compassionate*. The word compassion as used in the Bible conveys the idea of suffering or feeling the like with another and being sympathetic. The Psalmist refers to the compassion of God and speaks of the compassion of God (Psa. 78:38; 111:4; 145:8). The story of the prodigal son speaks of the compassion of his father, which represents our Heavenly Father (Lk. 15:20). The Gospels speak of Christ having compassion on the multitudes (Matt. 9:35-38) who came to be healed and on another occasion on those who came to hear

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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

Sermons for July 27, 2025

A.M.—Characteristics of Christians (3)

P.M.—A Study of Galatians (12)

**Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38;
Luke 15:11-20**

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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Him teach and stayed many days without eating (Matt. 15:32). If God and Christ had compassion, shouldn't those who follow them also have compassion? This is what Peter wrote in 1 Peter 3:8: "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous . . ." Do we weep with those who weep (Rom. 12:15)?

Christians should also have the characteristic of *contentment*. The word *contentment* in the New Testament can mean to be self-sufficient or to be able to manage with whatever one has. This is seen in Paul's life in Philippians 4:11 where Paul said: "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content . . ." Paul was content whether he was needy or had plenty because he learned to survive on what he had. Consider also 1 Timothy 6:8 and Hebrews 13:5 that speak of contentment.

Christians should also possess the characteristic of *uprightness*. Solomon said that God had shown great mercy to David because he had walked before God in truth and in righteousness and uprightness of heart (1 Kings 3:6). Walking upright in heart implies walking honestly before God. Perhaps this is why David was said to be upright of heart because he was willing to confess his sin to God (Psa. 51:3-4). The Psalmist writes that the one who walks uprightly and works righteousness does not backbite with his tongue or do evil to his neighbor (Psa. 15:2-3).

Finally, another characteristic of Christians is being *zealous for God*. The word *zealous* describes one who has enthusiasm about a particular thing or matter and one that believes strongly about and professes loyalty to a particular belief or organization. One of the apostles was known as Simon the Zealot (Matt. 10:4) because he belonged to a sect that sought to drive out the Romans. Sometimes one can be zealous for the wrong thing, as Paul was for the Jewish law and the traditions of his fathers (Gal. 1:14). Christians, however, should be zealous for good works as God's own special people (Titus 2:14).

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Shirley Harris** is out of the hospital. She is staying with family and will be doing in-home rehab. **Lavon Rogers** is in Mountain Meadows for rehab. **Donald Duncan** is home from the hospital. He is now on oral antibiotics for his bone infection. **Nancy Duncan** is struggling with her health. **Dwayne Millikin** will have hip surgery tomorrow. **Shelia Smithee** will have an MRI done on her back tomorrow.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Robert Barber, Clayton Cavaness (cancer), Kenny Fitzhugh (Frances Foster's brother), Joy Hutson, Pat and Manda McGough, Glenda Mitchell, Eunice Mize, Jennifer Sexton (cancer), and David White

Ladies Day Meeting: There will be a ladies day meeting today after the evening service.

Children's Home School Supplies: We are collecting school supplies for the Children's Home in Paragould. Lists of needed items are on the table in the back. If you would like to help with this effort, please have the supplies here by Wednesday, July 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.

Gift Bags: If you have large and small all occasion gift bags, it would be appreciated if you would save them. We will be needing these gift bags for door prizes for ladies day. Thank you!

Children's Home Shopping List: Cookies

Ladies Day Gift Basket: We are putting together a gift basket for the ladies day speaker. Ladies, please bring something to put in the basket to show our appreciation for her. You can put your items in the classroom next to the kitchen. We will have a container for the gift basket in there soon.

Matthew 9:37-38—Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.