

## Those To Serve

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Randy Harris

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Bobby Smithee

Closing: Dwayne Millikin

Singing: Johnny Knabe

**Wednesday, March 25, 2026**

Singing: Bill Cline

Devotional: Randy Harris

## The Record:

### Attendance:

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

AM 50 PM 28

[Average for the Year]

AM [48] PM [32]

**Wednesday, March 18, 2026**

30 [Average for the Year] [31]

### Contribution:

**Sunday, March 15, 2026**

Actual \$ 2,654.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 25,865.00

[Average] \$ 2,586.50

[+/- Budget] 154.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ 865.00

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## Thoughts from Bill:

### *A Study of the Heart*

### *Matthew 12:33-37; Mark 7:17-23*

Today we begin studying the heart. Not the physical muscle in our chest, but the spiritual heart of man. Most times in the Bible when the writers mention the heart, it is the spiritual heart under consideration. Keeping this in mind in our study, we begin this series of lessons on the spiritual heart of man.

*Easton's Bible Dictionary* states that according to the Bible, the heart is the center not only of spiritual activity but also of all the operations of human life. One source defines the heart as the inner self that thinks, feels, and decides. Keeping this in mind, we can easily see that the spiritual heart of man is the control center for man. Solomon writes in Proverbs 4:23: "Keep your heart with all diligence, for out of it

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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 March 22, 2026

**A.M.—A Study of the Heart**

**P.M.—Qualities to Be Sought by  
Each Christian (11)**

**Scripture: Matthew 12:33-37;**

**Mark 7:17-23**

## 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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spring the issues of life.” Christ’s teachings also illustrate that the spiritual heart or mind is what dictates a man’s actions and not what we feed our physical bodies. The mind or heart brings forth what we feed it (Matthew 12:33-37; Mark 7:17-23). The spiritual heart of man is also where the emotions come from that we feel. *Nelson’s New Illustrated Bible Dictionary* says: In the Bible, all emotions are experienced by the heart: love and hate (Ps. 105:25; 1 Pet. 1:22); joy and sorrow (Eccl. 2:10; John 16:6); peace and bitterness (Ezek. 27:31; Col. 3:15); courage and fear (Gen. 42:28; Amos 2:16).

We now focus on what our hearts should be like to produce the kind of things God wants. The heart should be ***prepared to serve God*** (1 Sam. 7:3). Genesis 6:5 records the first time the word *heart* appears in the Bible, and it says that the thoughts of man’s heart was only evil continually. This was true during Samuel’s day, and he knew the importance of Israel preparing their hearts to serve God. Our hearts should be ***given to God*** (Pro. 23:24). Even though Solomon seems to be imparting wisdom to his son, it is applicable of what our heavenly Father wants for us. 1 Kings 8:61 points out that our hearts should ***be totally loyal and devoted to God***. The heart of man must ***be purified*** before positive things can happen (Jer. 4:14; Isa. 1:16; James 3:17, 10; 1 Jn. 3:3). Man’s spiritual heart needs to be ***guided the right way seeking God’s will*** (Pro. 23:19; Psa. 119:10-11). The heart of man must be ***tender and softened*** for the sake of man’s relationship to God and his fellow man (Eze. 36:26; Psa. 51:10; Jer. 24:7).

Throughout this series, I urge each of us to continually examine our hearts and ask: “Is my heart right with God?”

## **A Clean Heart**

How does a worm get inside an apple? Perhaps you think the worm burrows in from the outside. No, the worm comes from the

inside. But how does he get in there? Simple! An insect lays an egg in the apple blossom. Sometime later, the worm hatches in the heart of the apple, then eats his way out. Sin, like the worm, begins in the heart and works through the person’s thoughts, words, and actions. For this reason, David once wrote, “Create in me a clean heart, O God” (Psalm 51:10b).

via Bulletin Digest

## ***News and Notes***

**Those We Need to Remember in Prayer:** **Kim England** was in the hospital this past week with a stomach bug. She is now home. **Glenda Mitchell** has a small mass on her liver. She has a PET scan scheduled on March 27 and will have a biopsy done in the future. **Ray England** is waiting to get an appointment scheduled to see a specialist. **Michael Bangs** has been having high blood pressure. **Pat McGough** fell last Sunday afternoon and suffered a slight concussion. **Zayden Fulbright**, the great-grandson of Robert and Frances Foster, is home from the hospital.

**Others We Need to Remember in Prayer:** Betty Booth (cancer), Brantley Elms, Bobby Joe England, Kenny Fitzhugh, Eunice Mize, Lavon Rogers, Janice Rose (Bobby Joe England’s daughter), and H. Wilson

**VBS Meeting:** There will be a VBS meeting today after the evening service.

**Children's Home Shopping List:** Bottled Orange Juice

**Potluck:** We will have our fifth Sunday potluck next Sunday after the morning service.

**Romanian Children:** If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

**Area Gospel Meeting:** The Nettleton congregation will host a gospel meeting on April 6-8 with guest speaker Glenn Colley. Service times are at 7:00 each evening. See the bulletin board for more details.