

Those To Serve

Sunday, August 30, 2026

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Bill Cline

Closing: Bobby Smithee

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Jim Bangs

Singing Night

Wednesday, September 2, 2026

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Randy Harris

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, August 23, 2026

AM 56 PM 34

[Average for the Year]

AM [51] PM [34]

Wednesday, August 26, 2026

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

Contribution:

Sunday, August 23, 2026

Actual \$ 2,528.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 83,174.39

[Average] \$ 2,520.44

[+/- Budget] \$ 28.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ 674.39

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Thoughts from Bill:

The Call for Self-Examination

2nd Corinthians 13:5-10

Have you ever figuratively put yourself under a microscope? Or has someone else examined you that closely? Did you really like for this to happen, no matter who carried it out? The answer is usually no because a close examination of ourselves either by us or by others sometimes shows things we would rather not see. However unpleasant it is to perform this test, Paul commanded spiritual examination. In this lesson we want to consider the why and how of self-examination.

The why of self-examination may be obvious, but it is still important. The first why is Paul commanded it, but of greater importance is the reason he commanded it. Paul wanted Christians to see if they were in the "faith." The

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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 August 30, 2026

A.M.—The Call for Self-Examination

P.M.—Devotional from

Dwayne Millikin

Scripture—2 Corinthians 13:5-10

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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faith referred to in this passage could mean several things, but in the context, Paul seems to be alluding to Christ dwelling in Christians and Christians dwelling in Christ. Sometimes it is difficult for us to examine our own relationship with Christ. Our hearts or minds can deceive us into thinking our relationship is right with God when in the depths of our soul, or our “secret” place, we know it is not. Jeremiah reminded us that the heart is deceitful above all things, and God searches the heart and tests the mind (Jer. 17:9-10). Paul calls for an honest examination and testing of ourselves and our relationship with God and Christ. Is your heart right with God? Is Christ the hope of glory in you and you in Him?

Next we focus on the how of this self-examination. Examining ourselves should *be carried out with godly fear* in light of the judgment (Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5:10). It is better for us to examine ourselves now than to be unprepared in eternity to meet God. Self-examination involves a *diligent search of our lives and minds with a determination to return to the Lord* if we realize we have left Him (Psa. 4:4, 77:6; Lam. 3:40-42). True self-examination should involve *both prayer and a searching of God’s word*. It should be our prayer that God examines us and knows us (Psa. 26:2; 139:23-24). God’s word helps us to know whether or not we are living for Him (2 Tim. 3:16). Self-examination that makes a difference in eternity involves *making our relationship right with God*. Consider the words of Psalms 119:59-60: “I thought about my ways, And turned my feet to Your testimonies. I made haste, and did not delay To keep Your commandments.” Again, consider Lamentations 3:40: “Let us search out and examine our ways, And turn back to the Lord.”

One day we will stand before God in the judgment, and if we fail the final exam, we will be lost forever. Therefore, it is imperative that we ask now, “Is my heart right with God?”

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Melissa Wood** has an appointment on Wednesday with a neurologist in Jonesboro.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Nancy Duncan, Brantley Elms, Bobby Joe England, Manda McGough, Pat McGough, Glenda Mitchell, Eunice Mize, Glen Mize, Dalton Philips, and Lonnie Pyle

Ladies’ Day: This year’s Ladies’ Day will be on Saturday, September 12 with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. Our theme will be “Holiness,” and our speaker will be Ida Mae Couch, sister of Inez Cline. The food sign-up sheets are in the foyer. There are invitations and flyers on the table in the back.

Ladies’ Day Gift Basket: The Ladies’ Day gift basket for our speaker is in the classroom next to the kitchen. Ladies, please bring something to put in the basket to show our appreciation for her.

Potluck: We will have a fifth Sunday potluck today 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.

Children's Home Shopping List: Laundry Detergent

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.

Ladies’ Day Work Day: There will be a Ladies’ Day work day on September 10 at 9:00 a.m.

2 Corinthians 13:5-6 (ESV)—Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test.