

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Howell Todd

Serving: Eric Horne

Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Devotional: Brian Honer

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Howell Todd

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

**To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back
and worship with us soon!**

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests that need to be in the Bulletin:

Kyle Richardson - 495-7106

Dorothy Jean Smith - 444-5437

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TN Children's Home Food Drive:

- 100% Bottled Grape Juice
- Kool-Aid
- Aluminum Foil

Men's Business Meeting

will be held after evening worship.

Sign Up!

Spots are still open for cleaning the building and yard work. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

***"But now, O Lord, you are
our Father; we are the clay,
and you are our potter; we
are all the work of your
hand."***

Isaiah 64:8

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member needs contact Kyle Richardson.

Flower Request - Please call Lynda Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

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March 18, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Form and Function

OK, here is the picture. It is in the winter months and it was getting too dry in my house so I set out and bought a humidifier.

The one I bought, I thought it was neat looking and I had a lift out bucket that I thought would be handy. Anyway, long story short, it was out of the box and up and running. The first thing that I noticed was that you filled the bucket thingy on the bottom and because it was a stylish unit, the bucket didn't set flat, you had to hold it while you filled the two gallons or so. OK, so I really didn't like that aspect but you live and learn right? It was kind of hard getting it in the slot as well but I could live with that too.

Things went along for a few days without any real problems. Then...

I had filled the unit and was carrying the bucket thing by the handle. Well, I guess I didn't get my hands dry enough, and it slipped out of my hand. BANG on the floor, and because it was built out of substantial plastic (not), the bottom smashed out when it hit the floor.

For a second or two I stood there with two gallons of water on the floor, my stocking feet soaking it up and a taste of disdain in my mouth. I thought to myself, who designed this thing anyway?

Now the unit functioned ok but the form got in the way of its function and caused problems. I was telling a friend about what happened and we got in a discussion of "form and function" that has led me to this article. I thought about what Paul wrote in **2 Timothy 3**, specifically **verse 5**. "...*having a form of godliness.*..." In this section of passage Paul has given us a list of some of the sinful ways of man. He talks of being self-centered, greedy for money, unthankful, etc.. There is a whole list we need to read and study but in **verse 5** is where he says, "...*having a form of godliness...*...". There are so many in this world that want to give the impression they are God loving Bible follow'in folks. Listen now to the rest of **verse 5** "...*having denied the power thereof...*..." The kicker here is they are not following what God wants, they have denied him! That's what the verse says.

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Sometimes I get frustrated with this attitude. I'm not always sure why people put this drama in their lives of thinking, for whatever reason, that God will overlook their sin of denying Him.

How do they deny him? Look at the passage and it tells you. The Christian, the real follower of God, will adhere to His precepts. Look at how **verse 5** ends "...from these also turn away."

It's like the form and function problem that I had with my humidifier. The Christian will function as God wants not as self (form) wants, it just gets in the way.
David Shearer - Marshalltown, IA

Let Each One Say

As life goes onward day by day,
Let each one to his conscience say
That flesh is weak but God is strong,
That right is right and wrong is wrong
That I have found my workday flies,
But therein all my life's hope lies.
That on life's upward path I'll run,
My face forever to the sun.
That I shall do my best today.
Not let one moment waste away;
And as I travel on life's road
I'll try to share a brother's load.
That force has power, but love has more;
That peace is mightier than war;
That real success is only won
By deeds of kindness one has done.
via Bulletin Digest

I Did Not go to Bible Class

I did not go to Bible Class today, but I did go to worship. By so doing: I told the congregation I did not heed it: I received all the spiritual strength I needed during worship. I told the children that it is not necessary for them to go to Bible class either: I think you can skip it and still be a "faithful" Christian. I told the strangers passing by the church building that I'm not dedicated or disciplined enough to get up that early; I don't learn that much from the teacher anyway. I told my lost friends that I am not interested in helping them to learn more about the Lord and the way of salvation. I realize that they cannot be saved without obeying the Gospel and a series of good Bible classes could help them, but that is no real concern of mine. I told God that I had studied enough of His Word already. I do not care to hear it read anymore. I do not care to have a part in discussing it. I do not care to be closer to Him.

via Bulletin Digest

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*"Let all the earth fear the Lord;
let all the inhabitants of the
world stand in awe of him!"
Psalm 33:8*

It's Good to Laugh

A missionary from Sweden was once urged by his friends to give up his idea of returning to India because it was so hot there. "Man," the fellow Swede urged, as if telling his friend something he didn't already know, "it's 120 degrees in the shade in that country!" The Swedish missionary replied, "Veil, ye don't always have to stay in the shade, do ve?"

Humor is not a sin. It is a God-given escape hatch. Being able to see the lighter side of life is a virtue. And indeed, every vocation and behavior of life has a lighter side, if we are only willing to see it. Wholesome humor can do a great deal to help defuse a tense, heated situation.

In developing a good sense of humor, we must be able to laugh at our own mistakes; accept justified criticism; and recover from it, and learn to avoid using statements that are unsuitable, even though they may be funny.

Sometimes I pray to God and ask Him to keep me cheerful and not let me become a cranky old man. I honestly believe that keeping a sense of humor is a great way to avoid becoming a bitter, impatient, and critical person. That is why it can be said that laughter is the sun that drives winter from the human face.

Proverbs 15:13, "A merry heart maketh a cheerful countenance; but by sorrow of the heart the spirit is broken."

*via Bulletin Digest
Jon Fears, Focahontas, Ark.*

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Vickie Wade - *cancer*
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - *cancer*
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Thompson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
William Wells - *inoperable condition*
Joe Allen
Bonnie Richardson - *cancer*
Linda Kay Edwards - *surgery recovery*
Dylan Speck - *kidney problems*
Haily Speck - *melanoma*
Edna Forbes
Jackie Wright
Mary L'Heureux
Janice Garrett

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	1 Corinthians 7-8
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 44-47
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	1 Samuel 6-10
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 33-35
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 23-24
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 62-66
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Mark 3-4

March Birthdays:

10th - Ken Grandstaff

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What is "the perfect law of liberty"?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who were Timothy's mother and grandmother?
A - Eunice and Lois. 2 Tim 1:5