

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner

Song Leader: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Howell Todd

Serving: Eric Horne

Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Jeremy Stover

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner

Preaching: Michael Ricahrdson

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Devotional: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Preacher Tryout:

Please welcome Jeremy Stover.

He is with us this morning to try out for our preaching position.

TN Children's Home Food Drive:

- Laundry Detergent (liquid)

- Gravy Mix

- Egg Noodles

Homecoming - May 20

It's almost here! Start inviting your friends. Steve Carter will be the speaker. We will be having an organized pot-luck for lunch.

"He died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised."

2 Corinthians 5:15

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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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

An Important Question

The most important question that any person can ask himself or herself can actually be worded in a number of ways. Among those ways are:
Am I truly a Christian?

Am I saved?

Am I certain that I will spend eternity in heaven?

Absolutely nothing is more important than for each individual to be able to give a positive response to life's most important questions(s).

However, recent events in my life have caused me to wonder if there is another question that, while not the most important question, sure has become important to me. Maybe it will give some "food for thought" as well.

The question has nothing to do with popularity, achievements, wealth, or any number of other things that are considered to be important by so many people. When you reach a point in your life when none of those things matter and none of them can help you, you may ask yourself (as I have done). "Have I made a difference?"

Interestingly, our Lord never told His followers, "Spend a lot of effort and come up with some exciting way to make sure you add spice to life." Instead, He simply said, "*You are the salt of the earth.*" (**Matt. 5:13**). In our society, we take salt for granted, but we would miss it if it were not available. Would anybody miss you if you were not around?

Neither did our Lord say, "The only way you can make a difference is to light up the sky with fireworks and neon signs." Rather, He compared each of His followers to one single lamp or candle (**Matt. 5:15**) that quietly and steadily does what it is designed to do. Its sphere of influence may not be huge, but it illuminates its immediate environment. I may not be able to do much to affect things on a global scale, but I can, as the old saying goes, "brighten the corner where I am."

Many of us know, or know about, people who seemingly set out to make a

**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:

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LEAVING

According to various studies done by organizations such as the Barna Group and the National Network of Youth Ministries, between 69 and 94 percent of Christian youths will abandon their faith after they complete high school.

Why are our youth leaving home for college, and leaving the church at the same time? We will start the blame game, (and there is enough for everyone), with the youth ministers. Have you noticed the change in youth ministry over the past decade or two? It seems the trend today is to separate the youth from the congregation and keep them entertained. Let's play cool music and make lots of trips to fun places. Sure, it gets kids in the door where they can hear the gospel. However, are they really learning what it means to walk in the servant shoes of Jesus? Are they learning what it means to be part of a church family and not just a fun-filled small group? My friends, when it comes to entertainment we cannot compete with what the world has to offer! Our young people leave that close-knit small group and go looking for something else to entertain them, and Satan gladly provides it.

Ultimately, the responsibility falls on us as parents. Too many parents hand their children over to the youth minister and expect them to turn their children into Super-Christians. Parents, God gave us the responsibility to train our children! Take a look at Deuteronomy 6:6-9. Notice in verse 7 it says, "You shall teach them diligently to your children." We need to realize they are learning from us whether we like it or not. I don't care if your youth minister is Mickey Mouse or the Apostle Paul, your children are going to learn by watching your example. Our children will learn a thousand times more about what it means to be a Christian by watching our example than they will from watching "The Passion of the Christ". We need to teach it, but parents we need to live it!

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huge difference and/or make a name for themselves. It is often the case that they make more of a mess than a difference.

The bottom line is that each true follower of God can do two things. He or she can give a positive answer to life's most important question(s). He or she can also rest in this wonderful promise: "*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord..that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them*" (Rev. 14:13).

Jim Faughn, Paducah, KY
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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe in Jesus
(John 8:24)

Repent of your sins
(Luke 13:3)

Confess faith in Christ
(Rom 10:10)

Be Baptized for forgiveness of sins
(Acts 2:38)

Live Faithfully
(1 Cor. 15:58)

God's Name

A teacher was teaching about God in Sunday school class.

Little Johnny speaks up and says, "I know what God's name is. It's Andy!"

"What make you think his name is Andy?" the teacher asked incredulously.

"Well, you see we sing this song 'Andy walks with me, Andy talks with me.'"

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - Name three persons whom Jesus raised from the dead. Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - The walls of what city fell "by faith"?
A - Jerecho. (Heb 11:30)

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

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted."

Matthew 5:4

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	2 Corinthians 4-5
Monday (The Law)	Exodus 17-20
Tuesday (History)	2 Samuel 5-9
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 51-53
Thursday (Poetry)	Job 35-36
Friday (Prophecy)	Jeremiah 27-31
Saturday (Gospels)	Mark 15-16