

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Kyle Richardson

Serving: Eric Horne
Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Austin Horne

Devotional: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Howell Todd

Preaching: Homecoming

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

**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:

- Hamburger Helper
- Instant Potatoes
- Stuffing Mix

Homecoming - May 20

Next Sunday! Sign up to bring
food for potluck. Evening services
will be at 1:30. Invite your friends
and family!

***"When I am afraid, I put
my trust in you. In God,
whose word I praise, in
God I trust; I shall not be
afraid. What can flesh do
to me?"***

Psalm 56:3-4

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

Servants vs. Volunteers

Volunteers usually serve with less commitment than servants. They often need to fit their volunteer hours around other priorities in their lives. Volunteers generally view their work as a "gift" to the organization. Rarely do they not feel that appreciation is due them, after all, they have given all their time instead of being compensated. Volunteers usually have lower expectations placed on them, because they are free to go at anytime. And if you listen to their reasoning on why they give their time, it is often because it makes them "feel good about themselves." Notice, God doesn't call us to volunteer, but to serve. Consider that servants are committed--totally committed.

"By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren." **1 John 3:16.** Servants don't just place God first on the list, then follow with number 2, 3, 4 and so on. Servants make sure God is first in all areas of their life! God is first. Then He is first in the 2nd area, He is first in the 3rd area and so on. *"And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ."* **Colossians 3:23-24.**

Servants do not see their work as a gift that deserves gratitude, but instead they understand it is their duty. Does he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I think not. So likewise you, when you have done all those things which you are commanded, say, *"We are unprofitable servants. We have done what was our duty to do."* **Luke 17:9-10.**

Instead of expecting appreciation, servants are thankful for the opportunity recognizing it as a part of God's grace. That is correct, the opportunity to serve God is a gracious opportunity we don't deserve. Paul understood it when he said, *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry."* **1 Timothy 1:12**

A servant's service isn't motivated by self promotion or glory. A servant's

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service is accomplished through obedience to the Master who knows our purpose and has work for us to do.

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.

Then you will call upon Me and go and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart." **Jeremiah 29:11-13**
Don't Volunteer, Serve! It is Your Duty!

David Shannon
Mt. Juliet church of Christ

community is. Let me tell you what you might find on one of these bulletin boards, for those of you who do not normally take notice. There are regularly ads for: Baby sitting, "church" functions, fund raising for various organizations and individuals with health issues, community events (plays, concerts, etc). Then there are the regular for sale items from birds to washing machines, and the never ending garage sales.

Some of the posters and notes are done with care and much thought. Others are just notes scribbled quickly almost as an after thought. Most of the posters are done using a computer now days. I remember when the posters were hand done and eye catching.

Have you ever considered that we as individual Christians are a bulletin board throughout our life? Sometimes we get things hung on us that we really don't want any part of. Let's call this type of notice, sin. These pushpins of life can leave us with unwanted marks. Then there are the advertisements that we are pleased to announce to all around us. Why, because they tell who we are and let our light shine.

Remember the Bible says we are a city set on a hill **Matthew 5:14**.

Some community bulletin boards have rules that govern what is placed upon them. The Christian should have those same rules. Our rules are that we live a life that reflects who we are. Our light must never be hidden under a basket **Matthew 5:15**.

Your life others are watching. Let our advertisements be the best that they can be. You never know, you may win someone because of the way you carry your life.

A Bulletin Board

I'm always looking at a bulletin board, I don't know about you, but I do. There may be something on there that I just can't live without. The one main public bulletin board that I look at is at the local grocery store.

There is one thing that I must confess to you is I can't think of the last time that I ever bought anything from an ad on one of those boards, but for some reason I'm compelled to take a look.

You can really tell a lot about a community from some of these advertising devices. From them you can see how active a

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)

A Sunday School teacher asked her class why Joseph and Mary took Jesus with them to Jerusalem. A small child replied: "They couldn't get a babysitter."

May Birthdays

16 - Sam Forbes

31 - Kyle Richardson

May Anniversaries

10 - Sam and Edna Forbes

15 - Ken and Diane Grandstaff

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - How many times did Abraham lie about his wife?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who is called "the friend of God"?
A - Abraham. James 2:23

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 Richardson
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
Carol Goins - Mary H.'s sister

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied."

Matthew 5:6

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	2 Corinthians 9-10
Monday (The Law)	Exodus 25-28
Tuesday (History)	2 Samuel 15-19
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 57-59
Thursday (Poetry)	Job 39-40
Friday (Prophecy)	Jeremiah 37-41
Saturday (Gospels)	Luke 3-4

David Shearer

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