

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Ken Grandstaff

Serving: Eric Horne
Austin Horne

Preaching: Steve Carter

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: Brian Horner

Preaching: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TN Children's Home Food Drive:

- Pop Tarts
 - Toilet Paper
 - Sugar (granulated)
 - Cereal (sweetened)
- (see inside for full list)

Thanks to everyone who helped with our Homecoming event this year! It was a great success!

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)

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 Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Character Matters

Many people are willing to take a chance on others never discovering their wrongdoings. Many of these, however, are caught and punished for their misdeeds. Others get by with evil works because they are able to fool people all the days of their lives.

Others refrain from doing things which are wrong because they know society does not approve of those things. They are afraid to take the chance of being discovered in their evil schemes by the public. As the standards that are acceptable to the majority vary, though, so will the standards of such people. Just think of what is practiced now in the way of immorality that does not even cause an eyebrow to be raised that would have provoked the strongest kind of censure just a few years ago. One who allows society to establish his standards will never be anything but an advocate of the status quo.

Still others who would be willing to take the chance of doing many things which are evil even though they might be apprehended by society are deterred by a fear of God. Anyone who has any knowledge of the Bible knows that it reveals that all sin will be found out and judged (**Eccl. 12:14; 2 Cor. 5: 10**). **Numbers 32:23** states, "...and be sure your sin will find you out." **Hebrews 4:13** speaks of the same thought when it says, "And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account."

Those who refrain from doing that which is wrong because they know it would displease the Lord are to be commended. However, God desires more than fear. Surely the person who has trained himself to follow the Lord's will ought to realize that he should do those things that are right because they are right. The religion of Christ does not encourage people to do all they think they can "get by with." Rather it teaches that those who are the Lord's disciples are to become good in their hearts (**Matt. 15:18-20**). Jesus shows the heart to be the wellspring of actions: evil proceeds from the heart (**Mark 7:20-23**), so should goodness. God has commanded those who desire to be His children to change their hearts (**Rom. 12:1-2**) and to become godly in their manner of life. God said, "Be

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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holy, for I am holy." (1 Pet. 1:16).

As disciples, our goal ought not to be abstaining from evil only because we are afraid of punishment but rather to be holy even as God is. James 1:13 cites the supreme goodness of God: "Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am tempted by God;' for God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does He Himself tempt anyone." Verse 14 shows that temptation comes because of lust, inordinate desire, which entices one to sin. God is so completely good that evil is not an enticement to Him, He is not even tempted by it. Since temptation comes because one is drawn by his own desires toward that which entices, then the impossibility for God to be tempted must mean He has no desire for anything that is evil.

Can you think of something you once practiced which was sinful but that you have now discarded? If so, you are becoming more like God. How great to be able to reach a state where you have no desire to sin.

Just how far have you gone toward real goodness? What do you do when you think no one is looking? What would you do if you could hide your deeds from the Lord? Surely honest answers to these questions will help each of us evaluate ourselves properly. Our answers will enable us to see the progress we have made as a Christian and to realize more fully that our own goodness is very meager and that great challenges are before us and, with deep humility of our own unworthiness, that we must seek God's abundant love and grace to help us be the kind of people we ought to be, the kind He would have us be. The secret to good character is a converted heart.

by Gene Taylor

Tennessee Childrens Home Food Drive Items:

This list is all the items we have been bringing in. Please bring any items you may have forgotten!

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| 100% Bottled Apple, Orange, and Grape Juice | Cereal (sweetened) |
| Stuffing Mix | Hamburger Helper |
| Instant Potatoes | Gravy Mix |
| Ravioli | Laundry Detergent (liquid) |
| Sugar (granulated) | Paper Towels |
| Kool-Aid | Toilet Paper |
| Canned Potatoes | Aluminum Foil |
| Lemon Juice | Bar Soap |
| Egg Noodles | Shampoo and Conditioner |
| Pop Tarts | |

THE WISDOM OF CHILDREN

You can't fool the kids in Sunday school, they are way too smart...

"If I sold my house and my car, had a big garage sale, and gave all my money to the church, would I get into heaven?" I asked the children in my Sunday school class.

"NO!" all the children answered.

"If I cleaned the church every day, mowed the yard, and kept everything neat and tidy, would I get into heaven?"

Again the answer was, "NO!"

"Well," I continued, "then how can I get to heaven?"

A five-year-old boy shouted, "You gotta be dead!"

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 - Who said it was good and pleasant for brethren to dwell together in unity?
Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - How many times did Abraham lie about his wife?
A - Two. Gen 12:19; Gen 20:2

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 L.'s sister

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Matthew 5:8

Daily Bible Reading

| Day | Scripture |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Sunday (Epistles) | Galatians 1-3 |
| Monday (The Law) | Exodus 33-36 |
| Tuesday (History) | 1 Kings 1-4 |
| Wednesday (Psalms) | Psalms 63-65 |
| Thursday (Poetry) | Proverbs 1 |
| Friday (Prophecy) | Jeremiah 47-52 |
| Saturday (Gospels) | Luke 7-8 |