

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Dan Smith
Lord's Supper
Presiding: Howell Todd
Serving: Eric Horne
Kyle Richardson
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Dan Smith

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson
Devotional: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Brian Horner

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Ken Grandstaff
Preaching: Brian Horner
Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Dan Smith

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

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday Night Singing:

Oct 26 - 7:00 PM. Mark your
calendars!

Pantry Restock:

Canned Vegetables
White & Brown Rice

***"We have such a high priest,
one who is seated at the
right hand of the throne of
the Majesty in heaven, a
minister in the holy places,
in the true tent that the Lord
set up, not man."***

Hebrews 8:1-2

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)

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Ready to Grow

In our recent gospel meeting with Brother Fred Rhodes, there was much emphasis on building up the church by winning new souls to the Lord. There was also the acknowledgment that there will be new challenges as our body becomes comprised of more and more new members. We are well underway with our ongoing effort to teach God's Word to the new contacts which we have. Most of our membership has played some crucial role in this effort. All will continue to be needed to be ready to meet needs which arise. Those new needs are arising and we are meeting those needs. At each turn, different ones have risen to the challenges to help. Yes, it began with preparing food, knocking on doors, and greeting visitors. Now it is demonstrating the love of God channeled through ourselves as we show ourselves to be a family embracing God, His will, one another, and any who desires to be a part of that family.

We may find the need to help in Bible studies, supply food and clothing, sit down and listen to problems, or simply shed a tear with those who are hurting. As we continue our Wednesday evening study of developing the mind of Christ, we will ever be finding ways to apply this to our quest to follow His example in being the Great Physician, the Master Teacher, and the Good Shepherd. As we grow toward having the mind of Christ, we will be demonstrating His compassion, seeing every soul as precious, and making the things of God our priority. We will remember Jesus' words and seek to apply them, *"But, first seek the Kingdom of God and all these things will be added unto you."* (**Matthew 6:33**)

Howell Todd

It Would Have Been Wiser

"In the lips of him that hath understanding wisdom is found: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding. Wise men lay up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is near destruction" (Prov. 10:13, 14).

Noah's generation heard the preaching of God probably for well over one hundred years while Noah was preparing the ark. They wouldn't be convinced to change their wickedness and evil imaginations until finally God sent the flood, and the world perished. Would it not have been wiser for them to have learned the lesson earlier?

Jeremiah preached to Jerusalem that they were going into Babylonian captivity for seventy years because of their continual violation of God's covenant. It was too late to do anything to change God's mind; however God said their lives would be spared if they did not resist the Babylonians. They ignored Jeremiah, and countless corpses littered the Judean landscape at the hands of the cruel and ruthless Babylonians. Would it not have been wiser if they had learned the lesson earlier?

Jesus warned the Jews in His day of God's impending judgment because they were rejecting their own Messiah, following in the same pattern of rebelliousness as their fathers. In A.D. 70 Titus brought his Roman soldiers to besiege and utterly destroy the city of Jerusalem and its people. Would it not have been wiser if they had listened to Jesus earlier?

For over 2,000 years the gospel has called people unto salvation and eternal life through Jesus Christ. The message has spread to the four corners of the world. The lessons of the past persuasively illustrate the blessings for obedience or the destruction for disobedience. One day Christ will return to judge the world in righteousness. Those who have heard and obeyed will receive eternal life; those who reject the earnest plea will receive eternal destruction (**Matt. 25:46**).

Isn't it wiser to listen to Jesus and learn the lesson today?

*Howell Ferguson
North Jackson church of Christ
Jackson, TN*

"Forever, O LORD, your word is firmly fixed in the heavens.

Your faithfulness endures to all generations; you have established the earth, and it stands fast.

By your appointment they stand this day, for all things are your servants."
Psalms 119:89-91

A Sunday school teacher was speaking to a group of four-year-olds about Jesus, Joseph and Mary. After the lesson the kids were to draw a picture depicting their favorite part of the story. The teacher shared the pictures the children drew with the entire class. She got pictures of the baby Jesus in the manger with animals, she got pictures of the wise men and the like. Then she got to a picture from little Jimmy, a picture of an airplane with four people on it. She called Jimmy up to explain his picture. She told Jimmy that she could see Mary, Joseph and the Baby Jesus, obviously in their 'flight' to Egypt. She didn't understand why there was another man on the plane. Jimmy quickly explained, "That's Pontius, the pilot."

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington
William Wells

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
Joe Allen
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery
Dylan Speck - kidney problems
Haily Speck - melanoma
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister
Lila Kirk

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests: Kyle Richardson (495-7106) Dorothy Jean Smith (444-5437)

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Hebrews 8-10
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Numbers 33-36
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	2 Chronicles 16-20
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 119
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Proverbs 29-30
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Micah
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Acts 5-6

October Birthdays:

3 - Bryana Morris
18 - Dan Smith