

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: Howell Todd
Preaching: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Devotional: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

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!

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

Men's Business Meeting

After services this evening.

Sign Up!

The signup sheet for cleaning the
building, yard work, and 5th
Sunday preaching for 2013 is on
the bulletin board. Thanks in
advance for your help!

Pantry:

Please let Howell know of anyone
in our community who needs help!

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)

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (<i>Epistles</i>)	Romans 5-6
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 8-11
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	Joshua 11-15
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 6-8
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 5-6
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 12-17
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Matthew 5-7

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

The Remodeling Project

Its amazing how one simple step can lead to another and before you know it a simple project turns into a radical remodeling effort. Some time ago we received a generous donation of a large-screen projection television. We decided to put it in our basement. The only problem was there was a post at the bottom of the stairs that had to be removed. So for some time the post has been missing and the walls unfinished.

We finally decided to put the post back in; which led to finishing and painting the walls; which lead to a removal of everything from the basement and ripping up the old Berber carpet that had been glued to the cement floor. The installers are in the basement right now installing the new carper over new padding. There are a few more things that will need to be done and we think it will look great when it is. All this for a free TV!

Salvation too is like a remodeling project. It has to start somewhere and for each and every one of us it begins with an acceptance of the free gift of God in Jesus Christ who died for our sins. The problem is we can't fit Him into our lives the way we are; there must be a remodeling project!

In **Matthew 12** Jesus speaks of a man in who an unclean spirit had departed. When the spirit found no rest he returned home to find it empty, swept, and garnished. The Spirit then goes and finds seven other spirits even more wicked than himself and they all enter the man and live there so that the last state of the man was worse than the first (**vv 43-45**).

When we obey Jesus through faith, confession and baptism we "*put off the old man*" (**Ephesians 4:22; Colossians 3:9**). James says that we should draw "*nigh to God*" so that he would "*draw nigh*" to us and commands, "*Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded*" (**James 4:8**).

When we finish the remodeling process we see a similarity of the old form but everything looks different: new paint, carpet, woodwork, lighting. And sure it looks beautiful and clean but it isn't enough to just remodel and leave it that way. The new house or room will simply not be functional without filling it with needed and useful furnishings.

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So what do we need to work on filling our lives with?

- 1. Christ-likeness:** In **Colossians 3** Paul says to the Christians there to put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, and longsuffering; to bear with one another, and forgiving one another... even as Christ forgave you. *"But above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfection. And let the peace of God rule in your hearts... and be thankful. And let the word of Christ dwell in you richly..." (vv 12-16).* Of course Christ left us an example that we should follow His steps (**1 Peter 2:21**).
- 2. The Christian Graces:** Peter wrote that we should give all diligence, add to our *"faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love."* And promises that if we add these things to the new man we will be neither barren nor unfruitful (**2 Peter 1:5-8**).
- 3. The Fruit of the Spirit:** In **Galatians 5:22-23** the apostle Paul tells us that the *"fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law."*
- 4. The Whole Armor of God:** *"This is how we will be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand and against the wiles of the devil. We must have our waist girded with truth, have on the breastplate of righteousness, our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; and above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God;" (Ephesians 6:13-17).*

When we begin this process of transforming our lives it may seem rather daunting. But it is a daily process. The final product will be amazing: *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:2).*

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"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly."

Romans 5:6

January Birthdays:

- 2 - Virginia Laudeman
- 12 - Mary L'Heureux
- 16 - Leslie Hembree
- 23 - Eric Horne
- 26 - Dorothy Bryan

Anniversaries:

- 12 - Deloris & Jackie Wright

The Preacher or Teacher Who Never Feels or Seems Hypocritical

The preacher or teacher who never feels like a hypocrite when preaching to others is one of the following:

- 1. Perfect in every way.** One who is perfect may preach or teach on any spiritual or moral topic and feel no personal inadequacy in the area of which he teaches because he has mastered it all. We all know that but one individual ever walked the earth in this category. That is our Lord and Savior – the Son of God.
- 2. Without conscience.** One who is without conscience could easily demand whatever he wished of others and have no concern about whether or not he was himself following the same prescription. Perhaps such individuals have filled some pulpits only for personal gain at various times and in various places. Certain tele-evangelists come to mind – don't they? I hope none of us knows of any such preacher in the brotherhood.
- 3. Neglecting to preach and teach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27).** One who only preaches or teaches on matters which he has himself mastered will be limiting what he teaches about. Certainly such preaching or teaching may have benefit for the hearers and bolster the sense of personal accomplishment for the speaker, but it does not "feed the sheep" all that is needed.

The apostle Paul boldly asked his readers on several occasions to follow his example -- even as he patterned his life after the example of Christ (**1 Cor. 11:1**). On the other hand he called himself the chief of sinners for the persecution he had rendered to the church before his conversion (**1 Tim. 1:12-16**). It would probably not be regarded as praiseworthy that Paul and Barnabas could not agree regarding the taking of John Paul on a second missionary journey. And the apostle Peter went awry in ostracizing the Gentile brethren when influential Jewish brethren came down from Jerusalem (**Gal. 2:1-14**).

Preachers and Bible teachers are imperfect -- as are the other members of the Lord's body. When they teach us to do what God's Word says to do, they may seem to be hypocritical. They may even feel hypocritical. Let's remember that they will be neglecting our needs if they only preach and teach on matters which they have themselves mastered.

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington
William Wells

Others:

Hollis Cluck
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
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister
Lila Kirk
Wanda Gates - cancer
Kathy Greer
Jeff Greenblatt - auto accident
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