

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Brian Horner
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff
Lord's Supper
Presiding: Brian Horner
Serving: Eric Horne
Ken Grandstaff
Preaching: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Preaching: Singing Night
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

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

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Kyle Richardson
Preaching: Howell Todd
Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

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

Singing Night!

Fellowship meal afterwards.
Invite your friends!

Sign Up!

Plenty of spots open for cleaning the building and yard work.

Pantry:

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

Building Fund:

Collected: \$6,228

Goal: \$20,000

All money donated will go towards roof repair.

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>)	1 Corinthians 1-2
Monday (<i>The Law</i>)	Genesis 32-35
Tuesday (<i>History</i>)	Judges 17-21
Wednesday (<i>Psalms</i>)	Psalms 24-26
Thursday (<i>Poetry</i>)	Job 17-18
Friday (<i>Prophecy</i>)	Isaiah 45-50
Saturday (<i>Gospels</i>)	Matthew 23-25

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Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM
Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

The Right Kind of Attitude

"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 2:5).

Boy do we ever think a lot of ourselves! For most of us the universe revolves around our own little puny existence. That's right...we are selfish, self-centered, egotistical, snobbish, arrogant, and hypocritical. And that fact that most Christians, young and old, think and act like this certainly brings reproach upon the church of Jesus and the name of Christ. But the truth is we are not any different today than man has been for most of his earthly existence.

God knew that we would be and act like this but not because He made us this way but because of sin. Yes, this kind of attitude is sinful! Did you here that? I don't get my way and I get mad, pout, and seek revenge (I'll show them) and I am sinning! I don't like what someone else has done, or not done, and so I run to others and gossip or talk badly about them and I am sinning! When confronted with my actions I get defensive and angry and either lie about it or try to put the blame upon others and I am sinning.

In **Romans 12** Paul writes to tell us how we are suppose to live a acceptable Christian life and how to treat each other:

- 1. Live Our Lives As a Sacrifice to God and Others (v. 1-2).** This means I need to die to myself. That's right... it's not about me! This isn't how the world lives but it is what is expected of me as a child of God. I am expected to be different (**1 Peter 2:9**). I am to live a life that exemplifies Christ and brings glory to God (**Matthew 5:14-16**).
- 2. We Ain't All That (v. 3-8).** We are not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought to think. We have a real hard time with this in our society today! In **Philippians 2:13** we are instructed, *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself."* Caring more about the other person and less about ourselves is the way the Christian is suppose to act.

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- 3. Don't Be a Hypocrite (v. 9-13).** The love that we have for God and others should be real. Hypocrisy has done more to keep folks from Christ than almost any other sin. We need to be real! Consider also that Paul ties this all in here with the idea of good versus evil and I begin to realize how much God hates it when we are hypocritical in our love toward each other. That means we should truly love each other and not just pretend to while being selfish. We are to give preference to each other, devoted to true brotherly love, fervent in spirit, serving, rejoicing, persevering, devoted, contributing, and hospitable.
- 4. React Properly (v. 14-21).** I tell folks all the time (and myself even more often) "Don't let the actions of others dictate how you act. Act like a Christian no matter what." We are to bless those who persecute us, not curse them. We are to rejoice and weep with those who are happy and sad. We are not to be stuck-up or arrogant, but humble. We are not to be self-righteous and we are to strive to live peaceably with everyone. We are never to seek revenge or be nasty to others, especially not our own spiritual family. But we are always to be kind, loving, and gracious. Never allowing ourselves to be overcome by the evil of others but overcoming the evil with good.

Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34). We all need to follow this godly instruction if we hope to go to heaven. Our children are often guilty of these kinds of behaviors and maybe they have learned them from us. Instead of seeking to justify their behavior maybe we should use these as teachable moments and set an example ourselves of how to properly respond to bad things (real or imagined) that others do to us.

For the faithful Christian none of what may happen to us (good or bad) should cause us to act in an un-Christ-like manner. This past week a dear friend reminded me that "This too shall pass or I will." And he is right. We make a bigger deal out of small things than need be that in the great scheme of things will not matter. What matters most is living a faithful, obedient, and acceptable life in the sight of God and being with Him in heaven when this life is over. I love you!

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A Fathers Advice

On the birth of his first daughter, Lt. Commander J.P. Carr received a letter of advice from his father:

"Teach her as many of the seven thousand words of the English language as you have time to, but be sure she knows that:

- The greatest word is **God**;
- The longest word is **Eternity**;
- The swiftest word is **Time**;
- The nearest word is **Now**;
- The darkest word is **Sin**;
- The meanest word is **Hypocrisy**;
- And the Deepest word is **Soul**."

Bulletin Digest

Thanks

Thanks to God for my redeemer,
Thanks for all Thou does provide,
Thanks for Jesus by my side,
Thanks for pleasant, balmy
springtime.
Thanks for dark and dreary fall,
Thanks for tear by now forgotten,
Thanks for peace within my soul,
Thanks for prayers that Thou has
answered.
Thanks for storms that I have
weathered,
Thanks for all that Thou doest
supply.
Thanks for pains, and thanks for
pleasure.
Thanks for comfort in despair.
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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
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister
Lila Kirk
Wanda Gates - cancer
Kathy Greer
Jeff Greenblatt - auto accident
Forbes Family

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

March Birthdays:

10 - Ken Grandstaff

***"For the foolishness of
God is wiser than men,
and the weakness of God
is stronger than men."***

1 Corinthians 1:25