

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

Kyle Richardson

Preaching: Brian Horner

Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Devotional: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Howell Todd

Preaching: Jeremy Stover

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

Mile Long Yard Sale

Thanks to all who helped! We made a good impression with the community. Pray that those who we talked with will study God's Word!

Preacher Tryout Next Week:

Speaker will be Jeremy Stover from Pegram, TN. He will be teaching Bible class as well as preaching Sunday Morning.

TN Children's Home Food Drive:

- Laundry Detergent (liquid)

- Gravy Mix

- Egg Noodles

Homecoming - May 20

It's almost here! Start inviting your friends. Steve Carter will be the speaker.

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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April 22, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM

Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

What's In It For Me?

Have you ever had the thought slip into your head. "What's in it for me?" concerning your Christian walk? If you have, I can tell you that it's the Devil who put it there. But do you know what? You are not the first person ever to have that thought! Way back when Jesus was still walking on this earth His followers asked Him the same question. In Matthew 9:27 we read: "Then Peter said to Him, We've given up everything to follow You. What will we get out of it?" In other words, "What's in it for me?"

Now our goal is not to do that! What we are striving for is to have greater faith everyday, but we for the most part are kind of like the man, who just before Jesus healed his son, said, "I do believe, but help me not to doubt!" (Matthew 9:24)

I don't believe that it is unreasonable to wonder what the reward will be for those who remain faithful, I think it is human nature to do so. If it weren't the records of others, asking the question wouldn't have been included in the scriptures. Also, there wouldn't have been so many mentions of just what some of those rewards will be.

Paul writing in Ephesians 1:3-14 says that, "We have been adopted, forgiven, we have a heritage; we have received the seal of the Spirit as a guarantee of our inheritance of God's possession."

The Apostle Paul quoting Isaiah in 1 Corinthians 2:9 also says, "it is written: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love Him."

The bottom line is that good things await those who are faithful to Christ! That doesn't mean that we never have a doubt in our minds. What it means is that we know where the solid foundation is and if we begin to slip, we try our best to get back on the solid footing of faith in our God an Savior.

What's in it for me? Lots Spending time praising God, being with the

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Saints who have gone on before and basking in the Glory of the Creator and Sustainer of the universe, living forever, what else could you want?

Michael Bryan
Merkel church of Christ
Bulletin Digest

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

Matthew 5:3

Just Because

I like the account of the Shunammite woman in **2 Kings** Chapter **4**. Maybe it is because it shows how a preacher man was treated with kindness.

In this chapter we find a woman, this woman who lived in a place called Shunem **v.8**. We don't know her name but we find out a lot about this Shunammite lady. We read and see her character, fortitude, and belief in the man of God.

In essence she sees this traveling preacher and feeds him on different occasions **v.8**. This shows a woman of compassion and hospitality. Something else we find out is that when she saw a need, she tried to help as we read this woman convinced her husband to put on an addition just so the preacher man/prophet could have a place to stay in his journeying. Who was this man of God? Elisha.

She saw to his needs completely furnishing the room for his comforts **vs. 9-10**.

Elisha was appreciative of what she had done for him and contemplated on it and he said to his servant to find out what she wants in return for the lodging. This is what is cool, she was not doing this to get any kind of reward but from the kindness of her heart. In **v. 13** she is content to live where she is with what she has.

She did all of this "Just Because." Now if you continue reading in God's Word here you find out a lot more about this Shunammite woman of her faith and fortitude and I would encourage you to do so.

As for this moment I want to ask you some questions. Would you do what she did for a virtual stranger give of what you have? I know of a lot of people who are just selfish and stingy. Some will not do anything unless they can get something in return. These folks are usually miserable and do not think very highly of themselves.

I know of a family who have gone on to their reward now, had nothing to speak of but what they had they were willing to share with others. Why? "Just Because." These folks were some of the happiest people I knew. Just because they were willing to make others lives a bit better.

David Shearer - Marshalltown church of Christ

Remember Grandma?

Grandma used to get up on Sunday mornings before daylight, cook a big breakfast for her large family, milk three or four cows, churn, clean house, kill and dress a couple of chickens so the visiting preacher could have his favorite "Gospel bird" for dinner, bathe and dress the kids, then go with the family in a wagon five miles to the meeting house and get there early for Bible study and worship. And all this was done without much complaint or criticism. And Grandma rarely ever complained if the preacher went overtime with his lesson. You see, even with her busy schedule, she wanted to take time to be holy.

Today, breakfast comes in a cereal box, the store provides the milk and butter, "Colonel Sanders" prepares the chicken, and the distance to the church building is often measured in blocks instead of miles and can be driven in modern, air-conditioned cars.

Yet, some folks just can't make it to Bible study. Now, I wonder why? (Hint: See **Matthew 6:33**)

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This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - The walls of what city fell "by faith"?

Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who were Moses' parents?

A - Amram & Jochebed (Ex 6:20)

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 Thompson
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

"Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ"

1 Corinthians 15:38

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	2 Corinthians 1-3
Monday (The Law)	Exodus 13-16
Tuesday (History)	2 Samuel 1-4
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 48-50
Thursday (Poetry)	Job 33-34
Friday (Prophecy)	Jeremiah 22-26
Saturday (Gospels)	Mark 13-14