

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd

Song Leader: Kyle Richardson

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd

Lord's Supper

Presiding: Kyle Richardson

Serving: Eric Horne
Ken Grandstaff

Preaching: Howell Todd

Closing Prayer: Austin Horne

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Austin Horne

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: Brian Horner

Preaching: Brian Horner

Opening Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Closing Prayer: Howell Todd

**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

Game Night!

Friday, August 24 at 7:00 PM.

Food, Fun, and Fellowship!

Our Gospel Meeting!

Sep 16-18 with Fred Rhodes. Be
inviting your friends and family!

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 Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM

Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Easy Installation

A few years ago, after putting up with a leaking kitchen faucet for several months, I decided it was time to do some repair work. I found a new set of faucets at the local hardware store. The package promised "Easy installation -- no tools needed to install." While that statement was true, they failed to mention you need a basin wrench, vise grips and an air hammer to remove the old faucets. It took three hours to remove the old set, and only ten minutes to install the new one.

The manufacturer who promised "easy installation" assumed you had a kitchen sink, but lacked faucets. The instructions did not even mention that you had to remove the old set first (I figured that out all by myself).

The whole mess under the kitchen sink reminded me of some of the "positive preachers" among us. Their message is just fine if the audience is composed of people who were raised on a desert island.

Every audience I ever addressed had some folks who were brought up in denominationalism. While I would rather preach about heaven, I always felt compelled to "put all the cards on the table" first. It would be much easier to put on a Dale Carnegie "smiley face" and pretend everything is okay. Such would be a neglect of duty.

When Peter preached the first gospel sermon he undoubtedly offended many religious individuals. He accused them of killing the Son of God (**Acts 2:23**). He could have tried to gain their confidence by "fair words" and later preached what they needed to hear. But, what would have happened if some of these people had died before Peter got around to proclaiming the "*whole counsel of God*" (**Acts 20:27**)?

When I know people in the audience have never heard the gospel plan of salvation, I make sure they hear it before I'm done. I have never apologized for this. Those who want the truth will not be offended by plain preaching. In Acts seven, Stephen preached nearly the same sermon Peter did in Acts two. The men in Stephen's audience were "*cut to the heart*" (**Acts 7:54**). But, because their hearts were hardened by

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sin, they decided to kill this faithful preacher of the word of God.

If I were to preach to a group of Catholics, they might enjoy a good lesson about the errors of Islam. But, a sermon on the one true church would be more in order. If someone could give me a guarantee that death would not come to any of us for several years, I might "build up" to a lesson on the church. In leu of such guarantees, I will continue to preach what I believe the audience needs.

Several years ago I put a small sign on the pulpit to remind me of the apostle Paul. I do not recall where I borrowed the quote, but it simply said, "The apostle Paul -- He preached as though he'd never preach again, a dying man to dying men."

Paul reminded the church at Corinth that his speech and preaching was not with "persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God" (1 Cor. 2:4, 5).

Timothy was warned the time would come when men would not endure sound doctrine, but would "turn their ears away from the truth, and be turned aside to fables" (2 Tim. 4:4). Such men are alive today. Despite the desires of some, we need preachers who will "be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, (and) do the work of an evangelist" (2 Tim. 4:5).

by David Padfield

"The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!"

Matthew 6:22-23

Bible Riddle

Described as God's Lion by my name,
By prowess and battle I came to fame.
Because of my victory in a strife,
I won a great man's daughter for my wife.

Although I never sat on a throne,
That I ruled Israel is quite well known.
I was the very first of my kind,
But fourteen others you are able to find.

My father-in-law looked over a land,
And reported his findings to Israel's band.
Read the Bible and my name you will know,
If sufficient interest to search you will show.

(last week's answer: "Michael")

An Elder decided to visit his church members one Saturday. At one particular house it was clear to the Elder that someone was home, but nobody came to the door. The Elder knocked several times and finally took out his card and wrote on the back:

Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and dine with him and he with me."

The next day the same card showed up in the collection plate. Below the Elder's message was another scripture passage.

It read: *Genesis 3:10 - "I heard your voice in the garden, and I was afraid because I was naked and I hid myself."*

To this end we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and may fulfill every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ."

2 Thess 1:11-12

This Week's Bible Trivia:

Q - What is the longest chapter in the Bible?

Check back next week for the answer!

Last Week's Trivia:

Q - Who buried Moses?

A - God. Deut. 34:6

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

August Birthdays:

26 - Edward L'Heureux

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	2 Thessalonians
Monday (The Law)	Leviticus 25-27
Tuesday (History)	1 Chronicles 1-4
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 93-95
Thursday (Poetry)	Proverbs 16
Friday (Prophecy)	Daniel 1-6
Saturday (Gospels)	John 3-4