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# Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
	Ricky Prince
	Jeff Templeton
Scripture	Proverbs 30:24-28
	*Noel Pepper
(S)	*Willie Newby
(N)	Josh King
(N)	Dickie Kesey
(N)	Kelly Hillis
	Marty Boles
	John David Keele
• •	Kevin Judkins
` '	Tony Lawrence
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## Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements	(668-9537) Larry Flatt
Lead Singing	Leonard Clemons
First Prayer	Doug Hendrixson
Reading	Jeff Rhea
Scripture	I John 2:18-19
Lord's Table	*Phillip Brock
	*Jamie Brock
Sermon	Tony Lawrence
Closing Prayer	Rickey Hurst

## Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	(224-8791) Jeff Templeton
Lead Singing	Tim Fisher
First Prayer	Harold Cook
Reading	Conner Dixon
	W.C. Chilton
Dismiss	Tyler ludkins

#### **Welcome Committee**

A.M	Tim & Cindy Fisher
	John & Judy Nussbaum

Bus Driver:...... Ronnie Prince (934-4088)

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Ushers:David McColloch	& Calvin Rogers
Attend Nursery:	Vickie Griffith
Lock Building:	Steven Felty
Prepare Communion: Shann	on Griffin Family
Assist with Baptisms: Marsha Collins	.Maggie Hurst &
Pantry Item:	Chili
Elder Closing Remarks:	Stanley Graves
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Harold Cook	635-2811	David Keele	Ken Martin
Stanley Graves	473-6418	Kurt Maynard	Willie Newby
Don Griffith	668-9006	Ricky Prince	Jim Slatton
Douglas Hendrixson	668-3115	Jeff Templeton	•
Rodney Reynolds	473-3570		
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#### Sick

#### At Home:

J.B. Gribble Linda Fults Charlene Palmer Shirley Nunley Willus Roberts

#### In The Hospital:

Brenda Ferrell (Myra Bell's daughter) - St.Thomas Sewell Bouldin (Faye Bouldin's husband & brotherin-law to Helen Morgan) - River Park Georgia Brown - River Park Nonie Grizzell - River Park

# **Sympathy**

We extend our deepest sympathy to two families:

Sympathy to the family of Louise Hildreth, sister to our Ruby Huntley. Her funeral was Monday in Oak Ridge, TN.

Sympathy to the family of Joleta Reynolds, sister-inlaw to our Rodney Reynolds. Her funeral was Sunday afternoon at Highs.

## Response

This past Sunday evening brother Stephen Felty came forward requesting the prayers of the congregation.

### **Gospel Meetings & More**

The Morrison church of Christ will host a Gospel Singing April 23, with services from 7-11 pm.

The Earleyville church of Christ will host a Gospel Meeting April 25-28, with services at 7 pm. Alan Watkins will be the guest preacher.

The *Trousdale church of Christ* will host a Gospel Meeting May 2-5, with services at 7 pm. Johnny Fox will be the guest preacher.

### **General Business Meeting**

The quarterly men's General Business Meeting will be this coming Sunday evening following services. All the men of the congregation are encouraged to attend.

## **Phone Number Update**

Please make the following change in your church directory: Jane Crouch (931) 212-2533

#### **Graduate Photos**

All graduates (high school and college) are asked to give a photo to Rita for the bulletin board. Those graduating from college are asked to also include their degree and field.

## **Sunday's Sermons**

A.M	Just A Little
P.M	The Antichrist

# **Upcoming Youth Events:**

#### Friday April 23rd - Sunday April 25th

• Prom Alternative Trip to Atlanta

#### Wednesday April 28th

· Birthday Wednesday

#### Sunday May 2nd

· Parent Meeting

## From Tyler's Desk:

#### **Jesus Teaches About Righteousness**

"You shall not kill (but its ok to hate!)"

"You shall not commit adultery (but its ok to lust!)"

"You shall not swear falsely (but if you're not swearing, its ok to lie!)"

"You shall love your neighbor (but hate your enemies!)"

These were some of the teachings of the Pharisees. Sometimes the teachings were vocalized; other times they went unsaid. But they were always clearly taught through their hypocrisy.

Sometimes we forget that the Pharisees were LOOKING for the kingdom of God. In fact, the Pharisees prided themselves on being the most holy of all the Jews. They followed God's commandments strictly. They gave to the poor. They prayed and fasted often. Its no wonder so many of them flocked to the man called "Jesus" when he came preaching about the kingdom of heaven. They had hoped to find a warrior, a revolutionary, and a great king who would restore Israel to its former greatness!

But the sermon they heard was not what they expected. Yes, they found a warrior, but his weapon was not a sword. Yes, they found a revolutionary, but the Romans were not his enemies. Yes, they found a king, but his kingdom was not of this world.

As he taught, his sword of truth destroyed their teachings. He led a revolution against the idea that following God was simply an outward act. The Pharisees quickly found their own sinful ways to be his enemies.

"Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of theses commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." – Matthew 5:19-20

The "righteousness" of the Pharisees was in fact not "righteousness" at all. Its easy to attend church. Its easy to be listed in the directory. Its easy to memorize the steps of salvation. Its easy to label ourselves as "Christians." But we cannot be a part of His kingdom unless we are changed in our hearts. We must be fully devoted to following him. When our hearts hunger and thirst for righteousness, an obedience to all the commandments will naturally follow. Only then can we truly claim citizenship in His kingdom.

### Garbage

Many years ago while a student at Freed-Hardeman University in the class "Preacher And His Work" brother Tom Holland stressed the necessity of the preacher being a faithful and godly man. This was such a practical class but one rich with memorable moments. I recall one of those classes vividly.

While enumerating several things which preachers must avoid he specifically stated that no Christian and especially no preacher should ever go see a "dirty movie." One student quickly responded to brother Holland with this question: "But, brother Holland, have you ever been to a dirty movie? If not, how do you know what is in them?" To which brother Holland offered a classic answer: "No, I haven't, but I don't have to stick my head in a trash can to know what garbage is..." That response became an oft repeated phrase by many of us who were in that class.

Many times I have reflected upon the profundity of that answer. Does one have to experience sin to know how bad it really is? Obviously not. In Revelation 2:18-29, lesus addresses the church at Thyatira. Among the problems that existed at that church was a seductive woman in the mold of the Old Testament woman lezebel. She was seducing people to commit fornication and eat things sacrificed to idols. When prescribing what the church should do he said, ""Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden." (Revelation 2:24 NKJV). Key on the phrase, "have not known the depths of Satan, as they say." Evidently those following this modern day Jezebel were saying, "don't knock it until you have tried it." Peter described them by saying, "they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption;" (2 Peter 2:19 NKJV).

You don't have to try sin out for yourself. Read the Bible and you will know what is the garbage. "Through Your precepts I get understanding; Therefore I hate every false way." (Psalms I 19:104 NKJV).

~Tony Lawrence~

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