

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Larry Flatt
 Reading.....Kane Maynard
 Scripture.....Galatians 4:28
 Lord's Table (N).....*David Keele
 (S).....*John David Keele
 (N).....Stephen Felty
 (N).....Caleb Graves
 (N).....Jeff Templeton
 (S).....Justin Griffin
 (S).....Clent Kesey
 (S).....Joe Maynard
 Sermon *Two Women, Two Sons, Two Laws* Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....(668-7916) Joe Collins
 Lead Singing.....Stanley Graves
 First Prayer.....Jeff Flatt
 Reading.....David McColloch
 Scripture.....Ecclesiastes 1:1-3
 Lord's Table.....*Cory Prince
*Ronnie Prince
 Sermon *...Ponderings Of The Preacher* Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Roger Cook

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....W.C. Chilton
 Lead Singing.....Justin Griffin
 First Prayer.....Rickey Hurst
 Reading.....Justin Randolph
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....Michael Andrews

Welcome Committee

A.M.....Leonard & Avie Clemons
 P.M.....Brandon Fuston Family

Bus Driver:.....Kelly Thaxton (607-9169)

Ushers:Tim Fisher, Mitchell Ferrell, Bruce Pryor
 Attend Nursery:Vickie Griffith
 Un/Lock Building:.....Dale Bennett/Willie Newby
 Prepare Communion:Mayfields & Hillis'
 Assist Baptisms: Nona Martin & Brenda Young
 Pantry Item:Vegetable Soup
 Elder Closing Remarks:Don Sullivan

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....302
 Bible Study.....251
 P.M. Worship.....197
 Wednesday Bible Study.....204
 Contribution.....\$22,978

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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Sick

At Home:

Rita Prince
Nell Kiefer (Jean Ware's sister)
Ronnie Hamilton

In The Hospital:

Winfrey Hennessee - Returned to NHC
Bill Brown - Raintree #310
Frankie Hobbs - River Park
Barbara Pryor (Bruce's mother) - St. Thomas Rutherford

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Joe T. Cantrell. He was a long time active member at Bybee Branch. His funeral was this past Sunday.

We also extend our sympathy to the family of Tony Simons. He was the nephew of Eva Simons and cousin of Heather Gann. His funeral was this past Monday.

Welcome

The elders announced last week two new members at Bybee Branch. We welcome:

Renee Nearing
113 Cherokee Dr
McMinnville, TN 37110-1403

Layne Mullins
634 Harvest Farm Lake Rd
McMinnville, TN 37110-7409

Hurricane Harvey Relief

The elders announced Sunday that \$15,510 was sent to the Katy church of Christ in Houston to assist with Hurricane Harvey relief. Thanks to everyone for your generous gift!

Autumn Street Fair

The annual Autumn Street Fair will be Saturday, October 7. We need several workers to man the booth and hand out calendars. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board.

Upcoming Youth Events:

Thank you to everyone that stayed after services for the Labor Day madness youth extravaganza. We all enjoyed a great fellowship while eating pizza, cookies, candy and soda. This got everyone hyped up for the games and Escape Room. The escape room was basically a room that the kids were "locked in" with hints and clues that they had to solve in order to get out of the room. I made 11 clues/hints and the goal was to get out in under 30 minutes. Well, unfortunately no one escaped in the 30 minutes, but I did let them go eventually.

The highlight of the night was watching some of the youth and adults perform the given tasks. One task was to eat six saltine crackers and whistle in under a minute, no one was able to complete this one. Another task was to raise your right leg spinning your foot clockwise while at the same time drawing a number six in the air, with their right hand. This is hard but can be done. At the end of the night I think everyone had fun. I know I did! I spent most of the night in the escape room laughing at and with the kids.

I really appreciated Micah's prayer before we all got started Sunday night. He mentioned that he was thankful for tonight because we can all have fun, fellowship and play games in a good and safe environment, without sinful things being involved. I have never thought of that. Thank you brother, and thanks to everyone for coming out to be involved in the Labor Day madness. A special thanks to those that brought board games for us to play and for the cookies that I never got to try, but they did look good. We had a great time and we hope you did too.

- September 16 - Door Knocking for Youth Gospel Meeting
- September 17-21 - Youth Gospel Meeting at Mt. Leo. Justin Griffin is speaking.
- September 22-24 - Erupt Youth Rally \$35.00. Give Aaron money by Sept 6th.
- September 28 - NHC Devotional at 6:30 pm

What God Calls an Abomination

It is clear from the Scriptures that all sins are an offense against God and punishable by death (Gen. 39:9; Rom. 6:23). However, some sins are so detestable and repulsive that God specifically names them as an "abomination." It is wise for us all to realize these sins as they are found all around us daily.

Sexual Perversion: The sexual relationship was created by God as honorable and pure, but only within the confines of marriage (Heb. 13:4). Therefore, God specifically mentions the sins of adultery (Lev. 18:20), homosexuality, (Lev. 18:22), bestiality (Lev. 18:23), and prostitution (Deu. 23:18). Our world needs to know that those who continue in such sins are practicing the condemning works of the flesh and will not inherit Heaven (Gal. 5:21).

Unauthorized Worship: God has a plan for all to worship Him according to His Truth alone (John 4:24) without adding any man-made traditions (Mat. 15:8,9). Idolatrous practices (Deu. 7:25) and hypocritical worship (Isa. 1:13) are considered especially repulsive to the God of Heaven.

Wrongful Attitudes: Something like "pride" may sound harmless, but it is a great offense against God. It is something God hates (Pro. 6:17) and will not go unpunished (Pro. 16:5). Pride (conceit/arrogance) is the sin which caused Satan to rebel and those who follow after will fall into the same condemnation (1 Tim. 3:6). God also demands honesty rather than cheating in business dealings and all areas of life (Deu. 25:13-16; cf. Rom. 12:17). Anything less causes calamity (Pro. 17:20) and spiritual death (Rev. 21:8).

Murder: God hates hands that shed innocent blood (Pro. 6:19). This includes murdering innocent children as some did in sacrifice to false gods (Lev. 18:21) and aborting babies today. Murder is an assault against our Creator who made us in His image (Gen. 9:6). No unrepentant and unforgiven murder will go to Heaven (Rev. 21:8). Remember, all sins must be washed away by the blood of Christ for anyone to have the hope of Heaven (Acts 22:16; Rev. 1:5). No one who continually "worketh abomination" will be in the Lamb's book of life (Rev. 21:27).

~ Derrick Coble ~

The Better Things Contrasted in James

The book of James is regarded as a very practical book to help Christians in daily living. We may find a solution to some of the things that hinder us in daily living for Christ if we will look at four things that are **contrasted** for us in **James 4: 13 -17:**

1. **There is a contrast in what we know with what we ought to know.** We ought to know to do good (v.17) but we neglect that and pursue unprofitable things in our ignorance of what will happen tomorrow (v.14).

2. **There is a contrast in what we say with what we ought to say.** We actually say presumptuous things. "Come now, you who say, 'Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit'" (v.13). "Instead, you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that'" (v.15). The problem focuses on our tendency to speak with arrogant assumption rather than respectful submission to God.

3. **There is a contrast in what we do with what we ought to do.** We "boast in arrogance" and wind up doing evil (v.16) while neglecting to do the things we know to be good (v.17).

Paul's struggle with this same problem comforts us, in knowing that we are not alone, but it also shows how serious the problem can be if he, an apostle, was not free of it: **"For what I am doing, I do not understand. For what I will to do, that I do not practice; but what I hate, that I do."** (Romans 7:15)

4. **There is a contrast in what we appear to be with what we really are.** We try to appear invincible, as if we will live forever (v.13-14), but we are really vulnerable and unaware of the fact that life really is "a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away" (v.14).

May this study in **contrasts** help us to appear more genuine as we keep trying to know, say and do the better things!

~ Jack Wilhelm ~