

Sunday Morning Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead SingingLeonard Clemons
 First PrayerTim Fisher
 Reading.....Jason Vandagriff
 Scripture.....Genesis 26:15
 Lord's Table (N)*Kelly Thaxton
 (S).....*Jamie Brock
 (N)TBA
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 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissDale Bennett

Sunday Evening Worship

AnnouncementsJason Adams
 Lead SingingLeonard Clemons
 First PrayerTim Gann
 Reading.....Noel Pepper
 Scripture.....Acts 10:42-43
 Lord's Table*Randy Griffith
*Doug Hendrixson
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissMatthew Woodside

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsPaul Hurst
 Lead SingingEthan Duncan
 First PrayerRickey Hurst
 Reading.....Herb Rowland
 Invitation.....Brandon Fuston
 Dismiss.....Bruce Pryor

Welcome Committee

A.M.....temporarily suspended
 P.M.temporarily suspended
 If you can not serve, please contact
 Brandon Fuston at (931) 235-3248

Ushers:David McColloch, Eddie Palmer, Shannon Griffin
 Un/Lock Building:.....Dale Bennett/Willie Newby
 Prepare Communion:TBD
 Assist Baptisms:Nona Martin & Brenda Young
 Pantry Item:Chili
 VideoRyan McColloch
 Elder Closing RemarksStanley Graves
Record for the Week...
 A.M. Worship 139
 Bible Study 117
 P.M. Worship 108
 Wednesday Bible Study 88
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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		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

Radio Program

Each Wednesday at 12:45 on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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Sick

At Home:

Gordon Mayfield

Phyllis Brasher (Mary Flatt's mother)

Judy Nussbaum (fell at home and recovering)

Jimmy & Iva Cunningham

T.D. Owens (Glenda Hughes' father)

Larry Cook (recovering from knee surgery)

In The Hospital:

Wanda Carter (Sherry Graves' mother) - Willow Branch

Dorris Hughes - Webb House (Smithville)

Our Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the following families:

The family of *James Earl Jones*, father of Jimmy Jones and grandfather of Jesse, Levi and Leah. His service was on August 27.

The family of *Juanita Oliver* (former member at Bybee Branch). Her service was on August 31.

The family of *Joan Hillis*, member at Bybee Branch who has been shut-in. Her service was also on August 31.

The family of *Robert Allen Woods*, father of Star Farless who often attends with us, His service was on August 30.

There will be a celebration of life for *Don Glenn* who regularly attended our Monday Morning Bible class on October 4, at 4 PM at Hwy 56 church of Christ.

Monday Morning Bible Class

The Monday Morning Bible Class returns this coming Monday, September 14, at 9 AM. Class will cover Revelation 20 with an excursus on Premillennialism.

Stewardship Workshop

The New Union congregation in Manchester is hosting a stewardship workshop on September 12th. The speaker for this will be Brother Gary Hampton of the Sidwell Road congregation in Jackson, MS. There will also be a Ladies Class, taught by Teresa Hampton, Gary's wife. This workshop will begin at 9:30 AM.

Youth News and Updates

Please continue to be looking for updates and virtual activities via the Bybee Branch Youth Group Facebook page. We are making every effort to keep everyone engaged during these uncertain times.

Upcoming Activities

Pew Packers

Our next Pew Packers will be on Sunday, September 20th at 5:00 PM. All youth are encouraged to attend to assist with singing and any of the younger young men who want to lead a song, prayer, etc, you are encouraged to attend as well.

Birthday Wednesday

Our next Birthday Wednesday will be Wednesday September 23rd following our services. We will be celebrating ALL birthdays from March - September!

Erupt 2020

This years Erupt event will be done virtually. This will take place on Saturday, October 24th. We will be here at the church building to participate in this event. Jason is planning to have other activities to accompany that virtual event we will watch. Please block this date out on your calendar and plan to be here!

Challenge Youth Conference 2021

CYC will be happening in person this coming February, with Social Distancing protocols in place. Further details will be posted as they become available.

"For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly." (Psalm 84:11)

Two New Sisters In Christ

Lauren Hurst was baptized on 8-31-20, following our morning services.

Harper Fuston was baptized on 8-31-20 following our evening services.

How Close Are You

How often have you heard a statement that "stopped you in your tracks" and really caused you to think? Please allow me to share with you one such statement that had that impact on me.

The statement was only one sentence in a sermon delivered by a preacher, but the impact was so strong that I still remember it years after I heard it. It was also strong enough to make me forget everything else that was said during that sermon.

Here, in its entirety is that statement:

"You, at this very moment, are as close to God as you have chosen to be."

Could that possibly be true? Is it not the case that most of us think that we would be a lot closer to God if one or more of the following would be the case?

- I was a part of a better church
- My spouse treated me differently
- My job was more rewarding and my boss treated me differently
- I wasn't so busy
- My family didn't demand so much of my time
- I had a better education
- I could manage my time more efficiently
- I was younger (or older)
- I could correct some of my own personality issues
- All of the other Christians around me truly acted like Christians
- The society in which I live would be more accepting of God's standards

The list could go on and on, but you get the point. Often, we sense a distance between ourselves and God, but we look everywhere except within ourselves for the solution. We might even blame God for the distance.

Maybe all of us need to consider just the following two verses from the Bible:

But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that **he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.**

(Hebrews 11:6, KJV, emphasis added)

Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you...

(James 4:8)

It looks to me like we *are*, in fact, as close to God right now as we want to be. I cannot blame any distance on anybody else, on circumstances, or even on God.

I will leave it up to those who may read what I'm writing to make whatever application they believe is necessary. I think that my time might be spent profitably by going to the nearest mirror and asking the guy I see,

"How close are you"?

Author: Jim Faughn
