

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing.....Leonard Clemons
First Prayer.....Stanley Graves
Reading.....Travis Adams
Scripture.....I Kings 22:7-8
Lord's Table (N).....*Ray Weddington
(S).....*TBA
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Sermon.....Tony Lawrence
Dismiss.....Tommy Turner

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements.....Brandon Fuston
Lead Singing.....Talan Mullican
First Prayer.....Lincoln Sain
Reading.....Nathan Turner
Scripture.....Romans 12:1, 2
Lord's Table.....*Tim Gann
.....*Tucker Gann & Jacob Graves
Sermon.....Jason Adams
Dismiss.....Caleb King

Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements.....Kelly Thaxton
Lead Singing.....Herb Rowland
First Prayer.....Chris Snow
Reading.....Lincoln Sain
Invitation.....Joe Collins
Dismiss.....Rickey Hurst

Welcome Committee

A.M.....temporarily suspended
P.M.....temporarily suspended
*If you can not serve, please contact
Jared Mullican at (931) 224-1201*

Ushers:.....Jason Vandagriff, Tommy Crouch, Clent Kesey
Un/Lock Building:.....Rodney Maynard/Caleb Graves
Assist Baptisms:.....Susan Pryor & Almeta Jones
Pantry Item:.....Mac & Cheese
Check Pantry:.....Rachel Graves
Check Kitchen:.....Rebecca Mullican
Check Workroom:.....Kara Hurst
Video.....Micah Lawrence
Elder Closing Remarks.....Allen Hughes

Record for the Week...

A.M. Worship.....180
Bible Study.....148
P.M. Worship.....124
Wednesday Bible Study.....96
Contribution.....\$5,417

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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 10:00 AM on WBMC 960 AM and 97.7 FM.

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Sick

At Home:

Steve Caldwell
Larry Cook
June Crouch
Glenda Faye Ferrell (recovering from surgery)
Morris Griffith (Don's brother)
Susie Griffith (surgery scheduled for Friday)
Ronnie Hamilton (broken ankle)
Bobbie Hurst (Rickey's mother)
Noel Pepper
Jimmy Ramsey (Maggie Hurst's brother-in-law)
Linda Rowland Smith covid/pneumonia
Titus Ward (Judy Sullivan's father) bed bound
Brown Woodlee (Sandra & Nancy's father)
John Sain (Norman's cousin) five by-pass surgery
(201 Moss Dr. McMinnville) cards appreciated

Hospital

Cathy Hennessee - Select Specialty Hospital
Zollie Settles - NHC Sparta

Updates/Good News!

Jonathan Goodman was able to return home

Local Meeting/Classes

The Arlington congregation will be having a gospel meeting from March 13th - March 15th, Steve Cummings will be their guest speaker. Services on Sunday evening will be at 7:30 PM. Monday and Tuesday meeting time will be 7:00 PM.

The West Riverside congregation is hosting a Middle TN School of Preaching and Biblical Studies. This is held each Thursday beginning at 6:00 PM and ending at 8:00 PM

Save the Date

The East End congregation will be hosting a Student Lectureship. The students will be coming from the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies in Knoxville. This will take place on Saturday, March 27th. More information is posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

Youth News and Updates

Spring Youth Retreat Meeting

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, February 16th (after services) to collect Release forms and money for SYR. The cost this year is \$20 per family. If you or your child are attending, please try and attend this meeting. If you are unable to attend please see Jason.

H.E.Y. at Bybee

The next H.E.Y. meeting will be here at Bybee on Sunday, February 20th. We will begin at 5:00 PM with our activity, followed by worship and a meal.

Challenge Youth Conference

Just a reminder— we will be leaving at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 25th for CYC. We will stop in Crossville for lunch then travel on to Pigeon Forge. If you have any questions, please see Jason.

Sign Up Sheet

There are still a few spots left if anyone would like to host a Home Devotional this year. Anyone can host a home devo (you do not need to have kids in the youth groups to host). Please look at the list and sign up to help us out.

Spring Youth Retreat

The theme this year is “LOL” or “Live Out Loud!” There is a sign up sheet on the youth board. Please sign up if you are interested in attending. Also, please indicate what your t-shirt size is.

February Youth Activities

20th - H.E.Y. at Bybee 5pm - 7pm
23rd - Birthday Wednesday 8pm
25th -27th: Challenge Youth Conference

Then there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David enquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he slew the Gibeonites. 2 Samuel 21:1

Media Culture vs. Christian Distinctiveness

One of the struggles Christians in all times face is the balancing act of trying to live *in* a culture without just accepting anything and everything the culture throws our way. In our modern and hyper-connected world, one of those balancing acts is dealing with the media and how much it can overtake our morals sensibilities.

From TV to internet to radio and beyond, we are inundated with entertainment. We can be amazed by athletic feats at all times, or we can listen to any song we want at any time. We can stream thousands of movies and TV shows for as long as we want. We can entertain ourselves nearly endlessly. Now, it needs to be said, entertainment is not wrong in itself. It can provide an escape. It can cause us to want to build our own skills in athletics or music or some other endeavor. If wholesome, it can give us something to share and laugh (or cry) together over or cheer for. These are neat things, and that is great.

However, at some point, if we are not using Biblical guidance, we begin to accept whatever is put out there as entertainment, and we lose our distinctiveness as Christians. We can begin to celebrate the same people the world celebrates, with no thought as to the morality (or lack thereof) of what they have produced or how they live. And that is dangerous.

When we consider the latter portions of Romans 1, we read a litany of sins that, hopefully, we would all agree are awful. But the chapter ends with a warning that needs to set off alarm bells in our minds: “Though they know God’s decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them” (Romans 1:32).

Could my buy-in to the world of entertainment not be seen as clear approval of those who are not only (often) living in awful sin, but are often putting immoral things out there as entertainment?

I continue to be amazed when I hear (or read) preachers reference movies or TV shows in sermons or articles with a glib comment like, “Now, I’m sure everyone has seen...”. For one thing, no they haven’t. But also, those words often then tie into a movie or show that is filled with bad language, sexual innuendo, or other sins. And here is a Gospel preacher using it to illustrate a sermon; assuming every Christian has put that stuff into their minds? Does anyone else see a problem with this?

Beyond that, though, how many Christians can hardly have a conversation without tying the subject to a TV show, movie, or other form of entertainment that has all sorts of immorality in it? Does that not say a great deal about what is filling our minds and how we are often just looking past sinful behavior in the name of entertainment?

We simply must be discerning. Just because it is produced for entertainment does not mean it has to be mindlessly consumed for our entertainment! We are always to guard our thoughts with Scripture. We are to keep our hearts pure. We are not to approve of those who do evil (much less, those who portray it as a form of entertainment).

Am I anti-movie or anti-TV or anti-music? Not at all. I like being entertained also. And I am also not perfect at this, to say the least!

But I dare not let my morals slide downward with the world just because the world things something is funny or interesting or anything else. Will that make me weird sometimes? I suppose so, but Christians are a “peculiar people!” Simply put, at times we will be different from the world, but that should be okay with us. After all, this world is not our home anyway.

By Adam Faughn