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ASSEMBLIES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
9:30 a.m.

Sunday Morning
Worship:
10:30 a.m.

Sunday Evening
Worship:
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 p.m.

Bible Study at other
times by appointment

"I am a debtor both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish þ hence my eagerness to proclaim the gospel to you also who are in Rome" (Rom. 1:14-15). What would you think of a person who was deeply in debt to someone else and all the time this person had the ability to pay off the debt but did not? What if the person to whom the money was owed was naive, poor, and ignorant, so that the debtor could avoid paying off the debt? What if the poor, naive person ended up going bankrupt as a result? What would your opinion be of the debtor? You would be outraged at the lack of moral integrity, would you not?

During the Civil Wars in England a man on the Isle of Man was accused of treason and sentenced to death. The king eventually granted a pardon. The pardon fell into the hands of a bitter enemy of the condemned man, and it was never delivered. The man from the Isle of Man was executed. What do you think of someone who possesses a pardon which could save another person's life, but he fails to deliver it, whether intentionally or by neglect? Again, would you not be outraged at the insensitivity and inhumanity of this person?

Paul said that he was a debtor to the people of the world. Of course, Paul was in debt to God for his marvelous grace. Paul was in debt to Jesus Christ for his substitutionary sacrifice of atonement at Calvary. Why should Paul feel a debt to the sinners of the world, most of whom he had never met, many of whom were his enemies? Paul felt the obligation, because God had called him to be an apostle. Paul was *"set apart for the gospel of God"* (Rom. 1:1). Paul possessed the payment to save others from spiritual bankruptcy. He possessed the pardon from the king to save them from being executed. He had the gospel, the good news of Jesus, which was *"the power of God for salvation to everyone who has faith"* (Rom. 1:16).

We possess this very same gospel which has the identical saving power today as it did in the first century. The needs of people today for salvation are just as pressing as were those of Paul's world. Should we not feel the same debt of obligation to others to share the good news of Jesus Christ?



Welcome

We are proud to welcome all who have come to worship. We pray that your presence here today will be uplifting.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time.

Please remember to silence all pagers and cell phones during worship.

There is an attended nursery for ages 2 and under available each Sunday morning. Carla Wable will be available to care for your children this morning. We also offer Bible classes for ages 3 thru 4th grade during the lesson.

To our members: Please take the time to fill out an Event Card and place it in the offering tray. We would like a record of how often we, as a congregation, have reached out to our brethren each week. Thank you.

-The Elders

There's no high like the Most High.



The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
When the Heat Is On

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Joe Wolf
Song Service led by: Kevin Wash

2-We Praise Thee, O God

3-Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

490– *It Is Well with My Soul?*

Prayer: Ryan Cox

4– *To God Be the Glory*

Contribution

324– *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?*

The Lord's Supper

1st Prayer– Ed Boles

2nd Prayer– Ray Smith

555–*Seek Ye First*

(Children 3 years-4th grade dismissed to classes)

96– *I Stand in Awe*

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 21:1-5
Ryan Cox

Congregation: Psalms 118:24
*“This is the day that the Lord has made;
I will rejoice and be glad in it!”*

Lesson: Gary Meeker

930–*Jesus, the Loving Shepherd*

Announcements: Ryan Cox

559– *The Joy of the Lord*

Sunday Morning Sermon: Benefits Of Diligently Seeking Wisdom

Text: Proverbs 2:1-5

1 My son, if you accept my words and store up my commands within you, 2 turning your ear to wisdom and applying your heart to understanding, 3 and if you call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding, 4 and if you look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure, 5 then you will understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God.

I. Qualities Of A Diligent Search For Wisdom

A. As explained by Solomon then

B. As experienced by Christians today

II. Benefits Of A Diligent Search For Wisdom

A. Knowledge of God and His protection

B. Moral discernment for living

C. Deliverance from evil men

D. Deliverance from immoral women

E. Enablement for righteous living

All those going on the fishing trip need to meet with Mike Wade in the classroom across the hall from the fellowship room immediately after this morning's assembly for a very brief meeting!

Tonight: Our evening worship service will be led by our young people.
Let's all be here to show them our support and encouragement.

Ten Commandments for Young People

1. Don't let your parents down, they brought you up (Ephesians 6:1-4). *Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. "Honor your father and mother"-which is the first commandment with a promise- "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord.*
2. Be humble enough to obey, you may give orders some day (Matthew 23:11-12). *The greatest among you will be your servant. For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*
3. Choose companions with care; you may become what they are (I Corinthians 15:33). *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."*
4. Choose only a date who would make a good mate (Colossians 3:1). *Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.*
5. Guard your thoughts; what you think, you are (Proverbs 23:7). *For he is the kind of man who is always thinking about the cost. "Eat and drink," he says to you, but his heart is not with you.*
6. Be master of your habits, or they will master you (Romans 6:16). *Don't you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey—whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?*
7. Don't be a show-off when you drive, drive with safety so you arrive (Proverbs 16:18) *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.*
8. Don't let the crowd pressure you. Stand for something, or you'll fall for anything (Exodus 23:2). *"Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd"*
9. Go to church services faithfully; make the week's first steps the church building steps (Hebrews 10:25) *Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*
10. To Christ always be true; He gave His all for you (Titus 2:11-14). *For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.*

A CHILD NEEDS AN EXAMPLE, NOT A CRITIC.



Before Our Father's Throne:

Phyllis Watters, Jim Watters' cousin, had cancer surgery recently and is need of our prayers.

Please keep the **Bates'** family (former members) in your prayers. **Randy** and **Valerie** were married 2 weeks ago. **Melissa's** (Bobby's wife) grandfather passed away last week and **David** lost his job.

Tiena Smith is again experiencing severe swelling in her feet.

Congratulations: **Tami Long & Chuck Etychison** were married on May 9th! Please keep them in your prayers as they begin their life together.

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS WITH ON-GOING HEALTH CONCERNS:

Bill Beck, Ron Johnson, Jerry Johnston, Dennis Keener, Don & Debbie Archer, Debbie Bair, Wayne & Wilda Bryan, Della Stalcup, Harriet Hobbs, Jean & Jerry Weir, Jean Kendall, Luther Hodges, Lois Montgomery, Mary Anne Watters, Mattye Gum

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mattye Gum, Laura Oliver, Laverne Toombs, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Robbie Dickerson, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

OUR NURSING HOME RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins

Primrose: Charlie Callendar

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Miller's Merry Manor, Middletown: Gladys Boles, Bob & Betty Hathcoat

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: Anna Norris, LaTheda Hathcoat

Miller's Merry Manor, Chesterfield: Mary Janes, Gladys Sanders, Wendell Parson, Bessie Coppock

Bethany Point Health Campus: Jean Kendall

OUR MISSION WORKERS:

Jody Apple (PA), Vito & Antonietta Ligorio (Italy), Ned Isonguyo (Nigeria)



*To all those who assisted with the clothing give-away, thank you!
Your help was greatly appreciated.*

-Flo Smith



Edith Hodges is in need of old horseshoes to be used in a craft for VBS. Please bring 'em in if you have 'em!



Got a job that needs done? Wilmer Aquilera is available and willing to do any "handyman" jobs around the house. Call him at 643-1665



Dates to Remember...

Today 5th Sunday P.M.
Worship Service led by
our young men.



June 1 Visitation
Meeting, 7:00 pm



June 6 Graduation
Open Houses

June 7 Nursing Home Devotional,
3:00 pm

June 11 Ladies Devotional, 7:00 pm

June 13 Grades 7-12 at the Batin's

June 14 Open House Birthday Celebration
for Gladys Hunt, 1-4 pm

June 16 Ladies Lunch, 11:30 am

June 20 Grades 3-6 at the Boles'

June 21 *Father's Day*

June 21 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in &
Graduate Recognition



Happy Birthday to:

Jim Hodges.....June 2
Juanita Young.....June 3
Sheba Batin.....June 4
Marjorie Hollingsworth.....June 4
Jon Plough.....40th!.....June 4
Becky Wade.....June 4
Evan Zachary.....June 6

Guess Who's Turning 90?

The families of Gladys Hunt invite you
to join them in celebrating Gladys' 90th
birthday with an Open House on Sunday,
June 14th from 1 to 4 pm here at the
church building.



Fisherman

If you are going on the annual fishing
trip in July, please turn your money in
TODAY to Mike Wade, Gary Meeker
or Barry King.

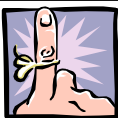


Visitation Meeting

We will meet tomorrow evening at
7:00 p.m. here at the church building.

Nursing Home Devotional

Next Sunday, 3:00 pm
at the
Community Northview
Care Center



Don't forget to bring in clean, empty medicine & vitamin bottles
(labels removed) **AND** 2 liter bottles of Pop/Soda!

Youth News



The Shelton's will host the 3-6th graders **TODAY** immediately after the morning assembly. Bring a sack lunch (beverages will be provided), your family and come prepared to do some fishing!

Anyone interested in attending Camp Indogan this summer, please see Ryan **TODAY!**

The congregation has been invited to Graduation Open Houses for:
James Mercer: Saturday, June 6, 2-4 pm. (5187 W. St. Rd. 32, Anderson)
Philip Johnson: Saturday, June 6, 4-8 pm. (5031 Timberwood Circle, Anderson)
We will be honoring our graduates during the June pitch-in.
Monetary donations for gifts can be given to Lorna.

Grades 7-12 will meet at the Batin's (6409 Raldon Rd., Anderson) on Saturday, June 13th.

Grades 3-6 will meet at the Boles' (7877 S. 250 E., Markleville) on Saturday, June 20 from 5-8 pm for the 1st annual *SUMMER OLYMPICS!* Teams will be selected and awards given in 5 events: basketball, volleyball, horseshoes, corn hole and sack race. We will have a cook-out; boys bring a 2-liter bottle of pop, girls bring cookies or a bag of chips. Everything else will be provided. Please sign up on the Youth Bulletin Board to attend. A rain date is set for June 27.

Ladies!

We will meet at Mattye Gum's on Thursday, June 11 at 7:00 pm.
Rosemary Littrell will lead our devotional. Please sign up to provide refreshments.



Join us for lunch at the Ponderosa on Tuesday, June 16 at 11:30 am.

"Riders of the Great Round-Up"

That's our western theme for this summer's VBS! Mark your calendars for July 20-23! We need teachers and other volunteers to make our VBS a success, please sign up in the Family Room!



TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Austin Hawkins

MIDDLE: Ed Kinser

NORTH: Annie Lippman

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Ryan Cox

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Jerri Dee Betts

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Ryan Cox

OPENING PRAYER: Kevin Wash

LESSON: Nick Allison

CLOSING PRAYER: Ray Smith

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- JUNE 7, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: David Archer

MIDDLE: Ryan Cox

NORTH: Ben Wade

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Gary Johnson

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Morris **P.M.** Jay Allison

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Robert Allison, Sr.

2ND PRAYER: Richard Shelton

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Nick Allison

ALTERNATE: Joe Wolf

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Bob Moorman

A.M. CLOSING: Mark Gooding

P.M. OPENING: Kevin Wash

P.M. CLOSING: Ray Smith

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Susan Zachary

WEDNESDAY EVENING- JUNE 3, 2009

SONG LEADER: Dave Parson

DEVOTIONAL: Ryan Cox

CLOSING PRAYER: Miles Gooding

Goals & Achievements

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday A.M. Worship

Sunday P.M. Worship

Wednesday Night Bible Study

Last Week

81

153

96

108

Gifts & Offerings

Budget

\$3,716.78

Actual

\$2,510.46

Difference

(-\$1,206.32)

MAY ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Mark Gooding

Miles Gooding

Larry Brown

Mike Wade

Ben Wade

Gary Zachary

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

COMMUNION: Chris & Antonia Hollingsworth

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Ryan Cox

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHER

Ages 3-5: Justin & April Mattox

Grades K-4: Richard Shelton

SHEPHERDS OF THE FLOCK

Norman Alexander

378-6420

Robert Allison, Sr.

534-3569

Barry King

778-4624

Gary Meeker

778-2868

PREACHING MINISTER

Gary Meeker

778-2868

YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTER

Ryan Cox

643-5152

SERVANTS OF THE CHURCH

BENEVOLENCE, Dale Wiles

644-5387

EDUCATION/YOUTH, Richard Shelton

378-3945

FACILITIES, Ray Smith

649-7279

FELLOWSHIP, Gary Johnson

378-7179

FINANCES/BUDGET, Dan Smith

642-4819

HEAT/AIR SYSTEMS, Jim Hodges

649-5143

INVOLVEMENT, Jim Harrison

642-8668

MISSIONS, Jay Allison

649-5607

SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner

642-6991

SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding

724-9428

WORSHIP, Jim Morris

534-4448