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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

Office Hours:
M-F, 9a-2p

Changing the Subject

Imagine the scene in Luke 14:1-24. Jesus was invited to dinner at a Pharisee's home in the rich suburbs of Jerusalem. He noticed the wealthy people grabbing the best seats around the table. At that point, Jesus launched into a story about the sorts of dinner parties people ought to give- feasts for the forgotten, the homeless, the poor and the disabled.

The Lord added that although these poor people would not be able to repay them, the hosts would, nevertheless, be repaid at the resurrection (Luke 14:14).

You can imagine what happened next. Jesus probably sat down, put his napkin on his lap, and quietly picked up an hors d'oeuvre. Dead silence hung over the table as the wealthy people shot nervous glances at each other. Jesus had put a damper on the party spirit.

Finally, one of the dinner guests cleared his throat and spoke up. "Blessed is the man who will eat at the feast in the kingdom of God" (Luke 14:15). What an odd thing to say! It's as if he was thinking:

Jesus, I can't say I follow your strange ideas about dining with cripples, but I do agree with what you said about heaven- it's so comforting to know that everything will turn out perfectly in the end.

The man, in other words, was trying his best to change the spiritual subject.

Sound familiar? I can't tell you how many times I have either consciously or unconsciously tried to change the spiritual subject with God when I sensed he was laying heavy, convicting things on my heart. But just as the Lord did not allow those dinner guests to change the subject (read Luke 14:15-24), we will find it just as difficult to divert God's attention from those issues that need to be addressed in our lives.

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Welcome

With true joy we welcome all who have come to worship. You are here. God is here. Who knows what marvelous gifts the Holy Spirit may give us in this hour? Let us eagerly lift up our hearts in prayer and praise. Let us sing with sincerity and a gratefulness to God, our blessed Creator and Redeemer.

Please take the time to fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering tray at the appropriate time and 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. Judy Lippman will be available to care for your children this morning.

Bible Hour, a worship service designed for children ages 3-4th grade and taught on their level, is also available. Children will be dismissed after the Lord’s Supper Observance.

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



The Watering Hole

Gospel Minutes
“Better Never Born”

Sunday Morning Worship Schedule

Greeting the Assembly: Bob Moorman

Song Service led by: Jim Morris

290– *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

307-*Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee*

Prayer: Joe Wolf

527– *He Touched Me*

Contribution

383-*Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross*

The Lord’s Supper

1st Prayer– Robert Allison

2nd Prayer—Dave Parson

605-*I Will Serve You*

(Children dismissed to classes)

610-*I Love My Savior, Too*

Scripture Reading: James 1:21-25

Kevin Wash

Congregation: Psalms 118:24

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

Lesson: Gary Meeker

944-*What Shall It Be?*

Announcements: Robert Allison

854-*When He Comes in Glory By and By*

Prayer: Jim Watters

Sunday Morning Sermon: Daily Bible Reading – How To Make It A Habit

Text: James 1:21-25

21) Therefore, get rid of all moral filth and the evil that is so prevalent and humbly accept the word planted in you, which can save you. 22) Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says. 23) Anyone who listens to the word but does not do what it says is like a man who looks at his face in a mirror 24) and, after looking at himself, goes away and immediately forgets what he looks like. 25) But the man who looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues to do this, not forgetting what he has heard, but doing it—he will be blessed in what he does.

I. Create A “Positive Addiction”

A. What is a “positive addiction”?

B. Why is it necessary?

II. How To Create A “Positive Addiction”

A. The principles for creating any “positive addiction”

B. Some suggestions

Sunday Evening Sermon: THE PARABLES OF JESUS:

TEXT: Matthew 13

INTRODUCTION:

1. Teaching with parables is not a new thing.
2. Jesus was not innovative when He spoke in parables; the people of His time were very familiar with parables.

DISCUSSION:

I. WHAT IS A PARABLE?

- A. Definition:
- B. Famous parables NOT in the Bible:
- C. Parable of the Sower.

II. WHY DID JESUS TEACH USING PARABLE?

- A. What gain was it to Jesus to teach in Parables?
- B. What gain was it to the listeners/ disciples?

III. WHY ARE PARABLES GREAT FOR TEACHING?

- A. The learning process:
- B. Great lessons in life:

CONCLUSION:

1. The greatest lessons in life are learned thru experience.
2. Parables open up a whole new realm to the learning experience.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers:

Charlotte Meeker's father, Alvin Foster, had an abdominal aneurysm repaired last Tuesday. Surgery went well and he is recovering well.

Imogene Dulworth is having a lot of back problems. She was to see a doctor last Thursday and get fitted for a back brace.

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, Mattye Gum

OUR HOMEBOUND:

Mattye Gum, Thelma Smith, Phyllis Fraser, Nina McIntyre, Garnet McKinney, Becky Adkins, Edna Bookout

OUR NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS:

Community Northview: Margie Tompkins, Robbie Dickerson

Rawlins House, Pendleton: Betty Wunder

Manor Care: Selbert & Jewell Braden, Charlie Callendar

Community Parkview, Elwood: Albert Burton

Meadowbrook Rehab Center: LaTheda Hathcoat, Laura Oliver

Summitville Convalescent Center: Lola Conner

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

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

OUR MISSION WORKERS:

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

CHUCKLE:

One Sunday, a child was "acting up" during the morning worship hour. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the foyer, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"



Mail: We have received a card from the Meadowbrook congregation and several cards from the families of Bud Taylor. These are posted on the Mail Board.



Please Bring In

2 liter bottles of Pop, Medicine Bottles for Africa, Bottle Caps for Dialysis (from gallon milk jugs) *Please wash them before placing them in the box!



Happy Birthday to:

Chris Hollingsworth.....Nov. 3
Kari Alexander.....Nov. 4
Edna Bookout.....Nov. 4
John Hollingsworth.....Nov. 7

Happy Anniversary to:

Kevin & Wendy Wash.....Nov. 7

DATES TO REMEMBER...

Today Nursing Home Devotional

Nov. 2 Visitation Meeting

Nov. 15 Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

Nov. 17 Ladies Lunch

Nov. 26 Thanksgiving

Nov. 26-27 Church Offices Closed



Nursing Home Devotional

We will meet next TODAY at 3:00 p.m. at the Community Northview Care Center to worship and fellowship with the residents there. Join us!

Visitation Totals for October:

Nursing Home/Homebound: 7/21

Widows: 6/16

Extended Absences: 0/2

New Members: 0/3

Total: 13/42= 31%

Event Card Totals for October:

Visits: 69

Transportation: 31

Encouragement: 46

Benevolence: 16

Special Needs: 11

Calls: 47

Other: 3

Total: 223



Visitation Meeting

Those participating in the Visitation Program will meet here at the building on tomorrow evening at 7:00 p.m.



Prayer Class Being Offered

Starting Wednesday, November 4, Gary Meeker will be teaching a 4-week class on 'Leading Public Prayer'. This class is for men wishing to gain and/or build further confidence in leading prayer in our assemblies.



Birthday/Anniversary Pitch-in

We will celebrate with those who have birthdays &/or anniversaries this month on Sunday, November 15th immediately after our evening worship assembly. The theme is: Grandma's Favorite (Prepare your Grandma's favorite or if you are a Grandma, prepare your favorite!)

Ladies Lunch

The ladies of the congregation are invited to join each other for lunch at Ponderosa on Tuesday, November 17th at 11:30 a.m. Please sign up on the Things To Do bulletin board if you plan on attending. This helps the restaurant staff know how many to prepare for.



Youth News

Those hosting our youth groups in the month of November need to see Ryan a.s.a.p. so we can get these events scheduled on the calendar. Thanks!



Attention Seniors

The Anderson Police Department is hosting a health screening on Saturday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. More information is posted on the Community bulletin board.

A Home Without a Bible?

What would your home be like without a Bible? Would it be just as it is now, or would it be very different?

*What is a home without a Bible? 'Tis a home where day is night,
Starless night, for o'er life's path, heaven can shine no kindly light.*

*What is a home without a Bible? 'Tis a home where daily bread
For the body is provided, but the soul is never fed.*

*What is a home without a Bible? 'Tis a family out at sea,
Compass lost and rudder broken, drifting, drifting, thoughtlessly.*

“I seek you with all my heart; do not let me stray from your commands. I have hidden your word in my heart that I might not sin against you. Praise be to you, O LORD; teach me your decrees. With my lips I recount all the laws that come from your mouth. I rejoice in following your statutes as one rejoices in great riches.”

-Psalm 119:10-14

TODAY'S SERVANTS

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Jasmine Arvin

MIDDLE: Ryan Cox

NORTH: DeAnna Flowers

ALTERNATE SCRIPTURE READER: Bill Beals

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Judy Lippman

EVENING WORSHIP LEADERS

SONG LEADER: Gary Meeker

OPENING PRAYER: Ed Boles

LESSON: Ryan Cox

CLOSING PRAYER: Miles Gooding

SERVING NEXT LORD'S DAY- NOVEMBER 8, 2009

DOOR GREETERS:

SOUTH: Shirley Etchison

MIDDLE: Jim Watters

NORTH: Bill Etchison

GREETING THE ASSEMBLY: Dave Parson

SONG LEADERS:

A.M. Jim Morris

P.M. Jay Allison

THE LORD'S TABLE:

1ST PRAYER: Bob Moorman

2ND PRAYER: Jim Watters

SCRIPTURE READING:

PRIMARY: Donovan Archer

ALTERNATE: Jay Allison

LEADING IN PRAYER:

A.M. OPENING: Ryan Cox

A.M. CLOSING: Barry King

P.M. OPENING: Gary Johnson

P.M. CLOSING: Dan Smith

NURSERY ATTENDANT: Becky King

WEDNESDAY EVENING- NOVEMBER 4, 2009

SONG LEADER: Jay Allison

DEVOTIONAL: Bob Moorman

CLOSING PRAYER: Gary Meeker

Goals & Achievements

Attendance

Sunday Bible Class

Sunday A.M. Worship

Sunday P.M. Worship

Wednesday Bible Class

Last Week

77

159

84

86

Gifts & Offerings

Budget

\$3,716.78

Actual

\$2,496.42

Difference

- \$1,220.36

NOVEMBER ASSIGNMENTS

ASSISTING ON THE LORD'S TABLE:

Charles Buckner

Larry Brown

Ben Wade

Justin Mattox

Sean Alexander

Ron Garrett

BAPTISMAL CLOTHING: Nancy Rush

COMMUNION: Verla Wright & Mary Lou Brock

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Robert Allison

CHILDREN'S BIBLE HOUR TEACHERS:

Ages 3-5: Summer Cox & Susan Zachary

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

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

MISSIONS, Jay Allison

649-5607

SAFETY SYSTEMS, Charles Buckner

642-6991

SUPPORT/SPECIAL SERVICES, Mark Gooding

724-9428

WORSHIP, Jim Morris

534-4448