

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Dustin Pool
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Evening Worship

Song Leader: N/A

Opening Prayer: N/A

Sermon: N/A

Lord's Supper: N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: N/A

Scripture: N/A

Reading: N/A

Invitation: N/A

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes *These Memorials*

I. Our _____

II. Old _____ Memorials

III. The _____ Supper

May 23, 2021

Welcome!

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Service Times

Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Evening 5:00pm

Wednesday Night:
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders
Scot Parchman
Wade Hedgepeth
Byran Hatcher

Deacons
Steve Pool
John Williams

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"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

Misconceptions of the Church (part 2)

It is a misconception that the church of Christ does not believe the Old Testament. On the contrary, Romans 15:4 clearly teaches the Old Testament was written for our learning. We profit from it by learning that when men obeyed God, they were blessed and when they disobeyed God, they were punished. *"Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse; A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the LORD your God, which I command you this day: And a curse, if ye will not obey the commandments of the LORD your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known"* (Deut. 11:26-28).

All the great stories and events of the Old Testament illustrate the great Truth of the New Testament. New Testament preachers constantly referred to it! *"All Scripture is inspired of God"* (2 Tim. 3:16-17). With a thorough knowledge of the Old Testament, the New Testament is easier to understand. The Old compliments the New.

The Truth is, we (the church of the New Testament) do not follow the Old Testament in respect to learning and knowing how to *worship* God today. It was for another people (Israel) at another time (before Christ). When Jesus died He took away the first (Old Testament) that he might establish the second (New Testament) (Heb. 10:9-10). Even when given it was temporary and would last only until Christ came (Gal. 3:19,16). People are no longer under it, i.e. obligated to observe its commandments (Gal. 3:24). Men today will be judged by the words of Jesus and his apostles and inspired writers (John 12:48; cf. James 1:21; Rev. 20:12), not the Old Testament.

It is a misconception that the church is made up of all the various denominations. Most people believe that one church is as good as another -- all are heading the same direction. John 15:1-8 is used in support of this belief where Jesus tells about the vine and the branches. They consider all the denominations to be branches on the

vine (Christ). Therefore to them, it matters not what a religious group believes or teaches, because "we're all branches on the vine" and, consequently, members of every group will be in heaven (according to them).

Men's beliefs have always been contrary to inspired Truth. It is not what men believe, but what the Bible says that matters. Notice the use of personal pronouns in John 15:1-8. "He," "him," "ye," "a man" are all words that refer to individuals, not groups of people or denominational bodies. Jesus is the vine and each individual person who has obeyed the Gospel are branches on the vine. If "a" person does not abide in the Lord's Word, "he" will be cut off from the vine and will be gathered with all others like him and they all will be burned.

The truth is: "one denomination is just as good as another." Not one denomination is supported by the Bible! None existed in the first century. They all were founded by men centuries after the Lord established His church. The New Testament speaks of ONLY ONE CHURCH. Jesus said, "*I will build my church*," not churches (Matt. 16:18). Ephesians 4:4-5 says "*there is one body, one faith*." Jesus will only save His body (Eph. 5:23) and no other. Denominations do not belong to the Lord and will be "rooted up" in the last day (Matt. 15:13). This makes our task of evangelism much more urgent.

It is a misconception that the church is a social organization and is to provide for the social needs of its members. The idea of "fun and games" is the concept many have. People see the church as healing the physical and social needs of the public. Many programs sponsored by liberal congregations are geared to furnish and satisfy the physical and social needs of its members! Gymnasiums (called family life centers, multipurpose buildings, etc.), ball teams, recreational events, entertainment bonanzas, "Gymnastics to the glory of God," "Annual fishing tournaments," skating parties, Opryland trips, and fun and games, is the order of the day. The work and purpose of the church is not found in any of these things!

The drawing power of God is not "fun and games" and a full stomach. It is the Word of God (Mark 16:15-16; John 6:44-45). The Gospel is the "*power of God unto salvation*" (Rom. 1:16). Without the Gospel, God is powerless to save mankind from his sins. Men are called by the Gospel (2 Thess. 2:14). If it takes candy to get people to church this week, it will take a Big Mac next week. If it takes a ball team to get people to church in the summer it will take hunting trips and basketball in the winter. BUT, when people are drawn to the Lord's church by the Gospel (God's power unto salvation), they will be there every time the doors open! They will be truly converted.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/23/21

Bible Class: 23

A.M. Worship: 45

Wed. B. C.: 23

Family News and Notes

Deborah Ross has just found out that she has congestive heart disease. **Brent Pollard** has had several surgeries recently and is not doing well. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. Debbie Smith's step-sister, **Chriss Johnson** is on hospice care. **Jack** and **Sondra Wain**, Kim Perkins' parents, are dealing with serious health issues. **Jamie Phillips** is caring for his mother and going through a hard time. **Claudia Farrington** is having a difficult time right now. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. Many of our members are fighting seasonal allergies and sinus pain. Let's remember one another in prayer. Active military: Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment's notice. Remember to pray for their families as well.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Alex Freshley, Lettie Gray, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen Jennen, John and Linda Williams, the Pollard family, Claudia Farrington, Rick Caldwell, and Thelma Adams.** Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5
Lev 11-12	Lev 13-14	Lev 15-16	Lev 17-18	Lev 19-20	Lev 21-22	Lev 23-24
Ps 149	Ps 150	Pro 1	Pro 2	Pro 3	Pro 4	Pro 5

Events

Ladies' Bible Class: Tuesday 10am in the Library.

Regular Bible Classes: All Classes will start soon. Please see Chad or Byran if you are able to teach.

Teacher Workdays: Next Saturdays 9-2. Lunch provided.

