

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Byran Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Steve Pool
Brynn Hatcher

Sermon: Dustin Pool

Closing Prayer: Gesna Davis

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: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes

Moses in the Nile

I.

II.

III.

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Welcome!

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Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

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

Honesty

One nice summer day two children are playing inside the house, they take a look outside and go to ask mom if they could play. “No,” says mom. The children then go to ask dad if they could play outside. Dad says “yes”. They go outside to play for a while then are called back inside by their dad. Dad looks at his children and asks “Did you ask mom if you could play outside”? The two boys looking down, nod their heads. “Did mom say no”? The boys nod their heads again. “Why did you lie to me then”?

Honesty is a massive part of the Christian everyday life. Romans 13:13 says that the body is to “walk honestly”, the church is not to live a life that is shrouded in lies and darkness. God has never wanted His children to lie. Living honestly is a difficult thing to do. Adam and Eve had a hard time with this. When God asked them if they had sinned, they passed the blame around instead of confessing their faults. When God asked Cain about Abel, Cain asked God “Am I my brother's keeper”, instead of confessing, “I killed him”. Neither thing would have been an easy thing to do, but that is a better thing to do than to lie. As a child, some may remember being told that the punishment that is to be received will be lighter if the truth is told instead of lying to them. It is the same with God almighty. Philippians 4:8-9 paints a beautiful picture of the Christian, notice the first two things listed “whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest...”. They are to be honest, first to God almighty. In verse 9 of Philippians 4 shows the result of being honest “and the God of peace shall be with you”. God is with those who are honest. David made a mistake with Bathsheba, but when he was asked and called out on it he was honest and repented of this sin. There were still consequences that needed to be dealt with but because he was honest, he did not die. He was truthful in his response, unlike Adam, Eve, and Cain, he looked his problem in the eye and made that wrong right. God punished him for the sin with Bathsheba, but blessed him because of

his repentance.

God not only wants His children to be honest with him, but also with each other. 2 Corinthians 8:20-21 says that the church should not only be honest with God but with fellow man. God does not like it when people lie to Him so why should men expect Him to tolerate lies between fellow men? This is nowhere clearer than in Acts 5:1-10 where Ananias and Sapphira sold a piece of land but instead of telling the truth and saying that they held back a part of the price, they lied and said that they gave it all away. When Peter confronted Ananias about it, he lied again. Peter explains to him that though it looks as if he has lied to Peter, he has not, he has actually lied to God. That should tell all that when they lie to each other or that when some that are Christians lie to each other, lie not to that man, but rather lie to God. Peter gave him and his wife a chance to tell the truth and to be honest, yet they lied and paid the price for it.

This is no different today, though not physical death, there are those who will experience spiritual death because they have lied to their fellow brethren and friends. Hypocrisy is a lie. If some claim to be Christians, but yet they are living sinful lives, then their life is a lie! This is something that the apostle Paul was trying to tell the Corinthians, they were carnal minded (1 Cor. 3:1-4). How can Christians teach others the way to salvation when they themselves are lost? There are those who show up Sunday to show off how righteous they are, but then Monday through Saturday, they blend in with the rest of the world. They are living a lie.

Christians also need to be honest with everyday businesses and money. Jesus the Christ ran those who were not honest out of the temple (Matt. 21:12,13). In each of the gospel accounts there is an account of Jesus driving out of the Temple those who were lying, stealing, and taking advantage of their brethren (Mark 11:11; Luke 19:45,46; John 2:15). If Christ was angry with those who lied and stole in the house of the Lord, then what about his temple today? Many believe that a “little white lie” will not damn their souls when that is just not the case. Sin is sin, whether it be lying, stealing, or killing, all sin will be judged on that last day.

Just as all sins will be judged on that last day, all sins can be forgiven now through the blood of Jesus Christ. Because God gave His Son, all have an opportunity for eternal life. Christ honestly went to that cross for the salvation of all. What is the Church doing honestly for Him?

-Dustin Pool

By the Numbers

Attendance 7/11/21
Bible Class: 30

A.M. Worship: 55

Wed. B. C.: 34

Family News and Notes

Dale Wiles dad, Robert Wiles, passed away recently and the family is now in Pigeon Forge. Debbie Smith’s parents’ are not doing well at this time. Brent Pollard is in critical condition in a Chattanooga, TN hospital. Linda Williams’ mother, Mary Pipkens and her brothers, Wayne and Harry all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. Maggie Gabel, Tiffany Oliver’s mother, was just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. Jack and Sondra Wain, Kim Perkins’ parents, are dealing with serious health issues. Her sister-in-law Rhonda Wain needs prayers as well. 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. 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, Deborah Ross Alex Freshley, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen & Sarah 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

July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22	July 23	July 24
Jos 19-21	Jos 22-24	Jud 1-3	Jud 4-6	Jud 7-9	Jud 10-12	Jud 13-15
Ps 17	Ps 18	Ps 19	Ps 20	Ps 21	Ps 22	Ps 23

Events

Ladies Bible Class: Tuesday 10:00 am, Room 203

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday morning

