

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Byran Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Dale Wiles
Ron Austin

Sermon: Dustin Pool

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

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
Joshua & Jericho

I.

II.

III.

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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

The Truth Is Not For Sale

By Marvin Weir

We live in a society that has a growing disdain for truth. Those who are graduates of the school of worldly wisdom, pride themselves in practicing the art of deception. From the president of the United States to the teenage student, one has come to expect a dishonest answer.

The Bible, God's word of truth, has been ridiculed and ignored ever since the Holy Spirit revealed it. For decades modern man has been an advocate of the theory of evolution. It matters not that science **cannot** prove the theory! Neither does it matter to most that God's word says, *"In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth."* In fact, worldly wisdom will seek to convince folks that neither God nor the Bible is to be taken too seriously.

Who or **what** do we take seriously? Should we accept as absolute truth that which is spoken by a judge or president that is motivated and driven by the "politically correct" agenda? Can we rely upon the newspapers and the tabloids to present absolute truth? The answers to the above questions are more than obvious to all who are not blinded by their love for the world (cf. 1 John 2:15-17).

The Bible declares that God's word **"is** truth" (John 17:17, emph. MLW) and that *"the truth of Jehovah endureth forever"* (Psa. 117:2). Surely one who is honest and noble would never declare that we cannot know the meaning of "is". Solomon, speaking by inspiration, said, *"Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yea, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding"* (Prov. 23:23).

The Bible purposely avoids the political correctness that the majority now craves and endorses, and reveals the absolute truth that

so many spurn and hate. Although truth is not for sale, most folks will sell truth in a heartbeat when it comes to family, friends or self. People need to begin doing some serious thinking and wean themselves from being "spoon fed" by those who covet their unprovable theories and personal agendas.

The selling of religious truth has been popular in every dispensation þ Patriarchal, Mosaical, and Christian. God told Adam and Eve if they ate or touched the fruit of the tree in the midst of the garden they would die (Gen. 3:3). The couple chose, however, to sell truth and believe Satan's lie that they would not die from touching and eating the forbidden fruit (Gen. 3:4). Nadab and Abihu knew the type of fire required by God in making sacrifices, but chose instead to offer "strange fire before Jehovah" (Lev. 10:1). They sold truth in offering what was **not commanded** and it cost them their lives. Ananias and Sapphira chose to sell truth and lie to the apostle Peter regarding the amount of the transaction. A high price was again paid for the selling of truth as it cost Ananias and Sapphira their lives (Acts 5:1ff).

Today there are many congregations of the Lord's people who are in the process of selling the truth. As truth is being sold, multitudes of members sit silently, thereby giving their consent. But why is truth for sale? It is because the liberal change-agents know that truth must be sold (discarded) before they can implement man-made innovations and denominational practices. You see, even the liberals know that God's truth will **expose** their scheme to restructure the church. Thus, truth must be sold **before** they can accomplish their devilish goal.

There is an article being circulated among some churches of Christ in the Dallas-Fort Worth area entitled "Behold the Pattern" that seeks to compare a man-made dress pattern to God's pattern for the church. Brethren, **design** and **intent** keep such a comparison from being valid. A dress pattern is designed to be adapted to satisfy certain needs. God's singular pattern for His church was not intended to be adapted to accommodate man's whims and wishes. The article further suggests that Jesus and not the New Testament church is our pattern. Is not Christ the head of the church, which is his body (Eph. 1:22-23)? Are we to understand there is a pattern for the head but not for the body? Efforts have been made for years to sever Christ from the church but such cannot be done. The results of a "patternless" body is a "have it my way" religion. Such is the goal of those who are anxious to sell the truth. But truth is **not** for sale!

-From *Seek the Old Paths*, Leoni, TN

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/1/21

Bible Class: 30

A.M. Worship: 51

Wed. B. C.: 24

Family News and Notes

Amy McDonald is in quarantine for 10 more days after recovering from COVID. Vickie Carver is at home doing PT. **Debbie Smith's** parents' are not doing well at this time. **Brent Pollard** has been moved to a nursing home in Athens, GA. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **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

August 8	August 9	August 10	August 11	August 12	August 13	August 14
2Sa 4-6	2Sa 7-9	2Sa 10-12	2Sa 13-15	2Sa 16-18	2Sa 19-21	2Sa 22-24
Ps 38	Ps 39	Ps 40	Ps 41	Ps 42	Ps 43	Ps 44

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

Teachers' Meeting: Sunday, August 8th after morning worship.

Sunday Fellowship Meal: Sunday, September 5, after the morning worship.

