

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Ron Austin

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes

The Judge

I. A _____

II. A _____

III. A _____

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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

Deacon
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 Necessary

“Am I therefore become your enemy, because I tell you the truth” (Gal. 4:16)?

Some years ago I heard a Gospel preacher say he heard a younger preacher get up and preach a good sermon in a meeting; but, then ruined it by getting back up and apologizing for it. He was afraid of offending someone who still needing only the milk of the word.

In recent years I have heard what some call sermons in Gospel meetings that would not offend a member of the most liberal denomination. I went to one such meeting in Tennessee, and the man who led the first prayer had more Scripture in his prayer than the preacher had in his sermon. He was not a member of that congregation. Personally, I am not in favor of a lot of Scriptures in a prayer, but this man did; thus, about the only Bible heard was in that prayer. The truth is, “His sermons would not offend the devil.”

What premium do you place on Truth? When I speak of truth, I do not mean what some call truth; but, I mean “the truth of the Gospel” (Gal. 2:5,14). What are you willing to give up for truth? What price will you be willing to pay in this world for truth? The wise man wrote: *“Buy the truth, and sell it not”* (Prov. 23:23). Paul writes that some had become his enemy because he told them the truth (Gal. 4:16). Jesus was not crucified because he said: *“Consider the lilies of the field,”* but because he warned: *“Except ye repent ye shall all likewise perish”* (Luke 13:3).

Only God, who will reward all according to their deeds, knows how many preachers have been fired or mistreated so that they left to escape the wrath of the “milk drinkers.” And, the only reason was that they would not compromise the doctrine of Christ when it did not please some sharp tongued sister who tried to run the congregation through a son or son-in-law or husband. One such sister stated in a Bible class that the congregation there had never fired a preacher. I told her that it might be kinder to just go ahead and fire a preacher than to treat him in such a way that he takes his family away on his own. I stayed there three years and three months, which I was told was the record for longevity there. She was one of the few [along with her branch of the clan] who made life miserable for us, and thus contributing to our moving.

Are you willing to give up job security for truth? Will you break friendships, if necessary, when truth would otherwise be compromised. Paul was, and so must we if duty demands it. Are we willing to call a snake a snake? Are you willing to state the truth on divorce and remarriage? John was, but remember what it cost him! Are you strong enough in your stand for the truth of the Gospel to tell religious leaders they have transgressed the laws of God by their innovations and manmade laws? Jesus was, and even his disciples rebuked him by saying: *“Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, after they heard this saying?”* Jesus did not apologize because of truth that offended, but he did tell his disciples to leave the rejecters of truth alone with their damnable doctrines and deceived disciples.

Brethren, if some do not stand up and condemn innovations and manmade doctrines, the churches of Christ are heading for extinction in this county. Of course I will be considered to be judgmental, but in my judgment, there are probably no more than two congregations in this county who will stand for truth and oppose error. And, guess which two congregations in the county are among the smallest in attendance in the county? Right! Truth is costly! It cost faithful men their lives in New Testament times. It may not cost men their lives today, but it will often cost men their livelihoods. Large congregations who still stand for the Pattern, and who have Godly elders leading to heaven, are becoming rare indeed. Preachers and elders must not take their responsibilities lightly.

By the Numbers

Attendance 11/14/21
Bible Class: 33 A.M. Worship: 49 Wed. B. C.: 30

Family News and Notes

Matthew Vann, friend of Elaine Turnage, is in critical condition. **Debbie Smith's** parents' are not doing well at this time, especially her dad.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 aunt just passed away and 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

Nov 21	Nov 22	Nov 23	Nov 24	Nov 25	Nov 26	Nov 27
Eze 4-6	Eze 7-9	Eze 10-12	Eze 13-15	Eze 16-18	Eze 19-21	Eze 22-24
Ps 141	Ps 142	Ps 143	Ps 144	Ps 145	Ps 146	Ps 147

Events

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall, and High School students are in room 11.

Holiday Baskets: Friday December 10th at 7pm. Delivery on the 11th.

