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March 25, 2021

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DEACONS:

Adam Bass
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Tim Gotkiewicz
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Dean Norton
Randy Porterfield
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MINISTERS:

Brandon Baggett,
Involvement
Tim Gotkiewicz, Youth
& College
Steve Housley, Pulpit
& Education

SCHEDULE:

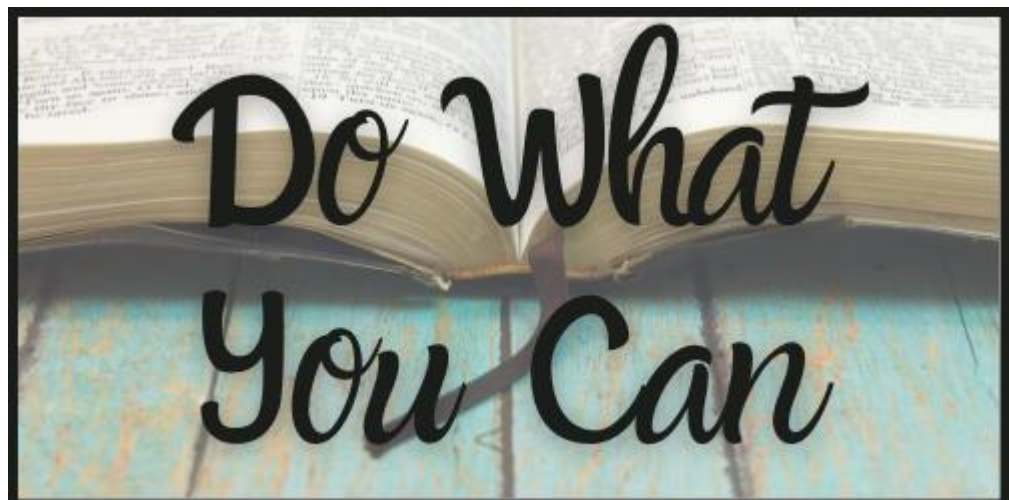
Sunday:

9:15 a.m. Bible Class
10:00 a.m. Worship
5:00 p.m. Worship

Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

WELCOME!



Budget: \$11,500.00 / Giving, 3/21: \$12,289.25

FROM THE PULPIT & EDUCATION MINISTER – STEVE HOUSLEY:

Thanks For Caring. It is humbling when so many expressed concern for Tish after her fall. A broken wrist is no fun as she will tell you! But thankfully God answered prayers when in about 3 hours a doctor set it and put on a cast. Since then she has felt much better, just now one-handed. After two weeks in the big cast over the forearm she should be put in a wrist cast. And now for God to bless us with healing! By the way, she does not recommend falling!

Loving One Another. A few weeks ago Tim Stevens touched on the subject of brotherly love in his Bible class, teaching 1 Peter 1. It was a reminder again of the importance of this subject, but not so much just knowing the subject is important, but how important it is to put “love-in-action.” Over the years, I have seen many ways love has been expressed. I have also seen love withdrawn. I have seen actions that shouted, “I don’t love you.” After that Bible Class, I decided it was time to discuss the subject of “Brotherly Love” again. So having completed the current series I was in, this Sunday we will look at *Loving One Another*.

Just Thinking. In considering the lesson on Brotherly Love, I could not help but think the best way we can show brotherly love is to practice the Golden Rule (Matthew 7:12). That should cover it pretty well! The sermon will be longer than a recitation of Matthew 7:12!

-Steve Housley

FROM THE INVOLVEMENT MINISTER – BRANDON BAGGETT:

Stop Playing The Comparison Game Part Two

As parents, we often remind our children to just be themselves and resist the urge to be like everybody else. It’s ironic, though, because we often neglect to take our own advice. Instead, we get stuck in the comparison trap and start playing the deadly game of comparing ourselves to those around us. Our Social Media culture only fuels the fires of this deadly comparison game. We are bombarded with instant access to seemingly picture perfect images and posts. We wonder how our friends can have such perfect lives while our own life seems like a mess! However, the truth is that their lives are not perfect! What you see on Social Media is not always reality! Social Media is like a reality show where we can cast ourselves in any life we want to live before the world as our audience. Comparing yourself to others is not limited to Social Media. Humanity has been playing the deadly comparison game long before Social Media was invented. The Bible, though, challenges us to embrace our own individuality and seek greater Christlikeness in a world that is obsessed with being everybody else. Let’s take a few moments to explore the Bible and see what happens when we compare ourselves to others.



Comparison makes us complacent. Emulating worthy examples is great! Everybody should long to be the kind of example that others can follow, and we ought to be following the right examples ourselves. Let us never forget, though, that God wants us to be like Him! Our Father wants us to be “conformed to the image of his Son” (Romans 8:29). We often forget about our calling to be more like God when we are working hard to be like everybody else. It would do us well to spend a lot less time on Facebook watching the lives of others and start spending a lot more time in God’s Word learning to be more like our Creator.

Comparison destroys our contentment. The Bible teaches us that “godliness with contentment is great gain” (1 Timothy 6:6). Therefore, much like the apostle Paul, we should all learn that in every life “situation I am to be content” (Philippians 4:11). The comparison trap, though, breeds feelings of dissatisfaction and ingratitude. Watch HGTV for a while and you’ll start to feel like your house isn’t nice enough. Binge watch the Food Network and you’ll begin to question your ability to cook. Spend too much time on Social Media and you’ll feel like your marriage, your children, and your job just doesn’t measure up. Read the latest magazine and you’ll become unhappy with your physical appearance. But don’t believe the lies of the comparison game! God hasn’t cheated you out of anything! You are blessed beyond measure! In fact, there is probably somebody somewhere who is praying to be blessed just like you.

Comparison kills our confidence. We fail to see our own uniqueness and individuality when we fall into the trap of comparing ourselves to others. Instead, we accept the notion that being ourselves is just not enough. Consequently, we tend to believe that we must change ourselves to obtain the approval of others. Never forget, though, that God has created each of us to be unique and special! Much like He reminded the prophet Jeremiah, God wants each of us to remember that “before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you” (Jeremiah 1:5). We are all blessed to be different, we each have unique abilities and characteristics, and nobody else can be us! Therefore, work on being a more Christlike version of yourself instead of trying to be like everybody else!

Theodore Roosevelt once said, “comparison is the thief of joy!” He was absolutely right! There are no winners who play the deadly game of comparing themselves to others. Comparing yourself to another will only cause you to lose confidence, you will fail to see your blessings, and you will forget about the high calling to become more like Jesus. Stop playing the comparison game! Don’t let Satan steal away your joy by telling you that you are not enough! Embrace your individuality, cherish your identity in Christ, and pursue Christlikeness with a passion each day.

Sunday Night Worship – Mar. 28th:



- Welcome
- Song of praise - “We Bow Down”
- Main Prayer
- Song - “Living By Faith”
- Song - “Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus”
- Sermon - “Taking A Stand For God” (Daniel 1:1-21)
- Invitation Song - “I Have Decided To Follow Jesus”
- Lord’s Supper/Giving/Closing Prayer

Brandon Baggett Speaking

March 28, 2021 / **Leading the congregation in:**

Scripture Reading:

A.M.: Adam Bass

Main Prayer:21

A.M.: Austin Brown

Closing Prayer:

A.M.: Thomas Anderson

Singing:

A.M.: Allen Clements

Security (During Services): Steve Sewell / Security (Building Lock-up After Services): Joel Kelly

ANNOUNCEMENTS 3/25/21

SICK: SHIRLEY KAYE is recovering from surgery. TISH HOUSLEY suffered a broken wrist in a fall. STEVEN HULETT continues to recover from surgery. Sick at home Sunday: PHYLLIS ALLEN, SALLY GOTKIEWICZ, RANDY PORTERFIELD. Continue to remember our members listed on our Sunday-Evening-Evangelism Prayer List. Shut-ins: LANETTE TAYLOR, OPAL SULLIVAN, MARIAN SIKES, MARGARET GRAVES, LEON & CHARLOTTE JACKSON. Battling Cancer: MIKE NORMAN, CHARLES HENDERSON, JAY ROBERTS, DUSTY POUNCEY.

PRAYER REQUEST LIST: (Various Issues): CARSON DAVIS, DON SIMMONS, JUDY MILLER, MYRA HUGHES, JAY CONNELL, PAT NORMAN, RICHARD BURLESON, KELLY NORMAN. (Battling Cancer): LANISE KIRK, DARNELL STROTHER, NINA JOSEPH, LISA DOBBS, BJ BUCHMANN, SANDRA MISSILDINE, CHRIS HETHCOX, SUSAN JOHNSON, DAWN DEAN. (Other) The SPIRITUALLY ILL—weak and wayward members.

NEW PRAYER REQUEST: Please keep LISA O'NEAL, daughter of Tim & Sally Gotkiewicz, in prayer, as her pregnancy is high risk and is having blood pressure issues.

CONGREGATIONAL SINGING: We will have Congregational Singing next Wednesday, Mar. 31. No classes.

YOUNG MEN'S SINGING TIME: The Young Men's Singing Time is Sundays, 4:50 PM. See JON TIMBES for more information.

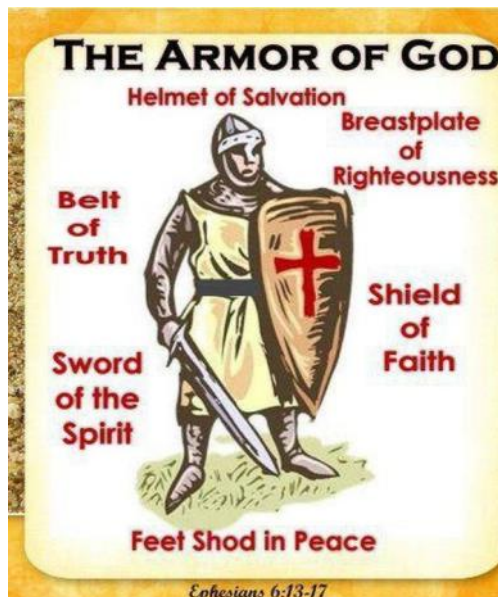
SUNDAY-EVENING-EVANGELISM: Packets containing SEE Prayer List and cards are posted at the front and midway foyers. Be sure to pick up a packet and send cards to the ones you choose.

ELDER OF THE MONTH / ON CALL: The Elder of the Month for March is TED NORTON. Contact information for Ted: (334) 850-5675; tnorton1946@gmail.com. The Elder of the Month for March is MIKE NORMAN. Contact information for Mike: (334) 306-7583; mikenorman7583@yahoo.com.



“Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart” (1 Peter 1:22).

“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm” (Ephesians 6:13).



APRIL BIBLE READING

- 1 1 Samuel 11-13
- 2 1 Samuel 14, 15
- 3 1 Samuel 16, 17
- 4 1 Samuel 18-20
- 5 1 Samuel 21-24
- 6 1 Samuel 25-27
- 7 1 Samuel 28-31
- 8 2 Samuel 1-3
- 9 2 Samuel 4-7
- 10 2 Samuel 8-11
- 11 2 Samuel 12, 13
- 12 2 Samuel 14, 15
- 13 2 Samuel 16, 17
- 14 2 Samuel 18, 19
- 15 2 Samuel 20-22
- 16 2 Samuel 23, 24
- 17 1 Kings 1
- 18 1 Kings 2, 3
- 19 1 Kings 4-6
- 20 1 Kings 7
- 21 1 Kings 8
- 22 1 Kings 9, 10
- 23 1 Kings 11, 12
- 24 1 Kings 13, 14
- 25 1 Kings 15-17
- 26 1 Kings 18, 19
- 27 1 Kings 20, 21
- 28 1 Kings 22
- 29 2 Kings 1-4
- 30 2 Kings 5-7



EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, April 3, 2021

3pm - 5pm

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Activities will be behind the Fellowship building.

Please park in front or side parking lots

Age Groups

Babies & Toddlers

4 - 5 years old Grades 1- 5

Grades 6 & above / Hide eggs



Bring your lawn chair and a dozen eggs per child (plastic or boiled) to be hidden. Plan to enjoy an afternoon of fellowship. Goodie bags of pre-wrapped snacks, and drinks, provided. Sign-up sheet at Front Desk & Ladybug's Room

Any questions, see Caitlin Baggett, Sara Clements, or Barbara Norman