

SUNDAY MORNING

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Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper

Mike Davis Daniel Allgor
Cole Meador Rodney Ellis

Prayers

Bill Rinehart Hunter Byrd

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Jon Barry Melvin Potts

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Mark Davis Wendell Mobley

Invitation

Bryan Garlock

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Meaningful Worship in Song

Bryan Garlock

Have you ever been singing spiritual songs and realize that you are not familiar with a word or phrase found in the lyrics? What do you do? Most likely we all continue to sing though we have no idea what we are singing. *This can be dangerous.*

Since we teach and admonish one another through song (Col. 3.16), it is important to understand the words we are singing because one ought not to teach what he does not understand. What if we are singing something that is unscriptural? Remember, most of the songs that we sing were written by uninspired and fallible men (except for the Psalms).

A quick search can ensure that we understand and agree with the words that we sing. As you are waiting for worship to begin, skim the songs that have been selected for the assembly and research any words you do not understand. As a bonus, you are preparing your mind for worship!

Otherwise, write down any songs that are confusing and study them as you have the opportunity.

As an exercise to get you started, look up the song "Night, With Ebon Pinion" on page 162 in the *Hymns for Worship (Revised)* songbook. What does "Night, with ebon pinion, brooded o'er the vale" mean? Next, look up the song "Jesus, Rose of Sharon" on page 445 in the same songbook. What does "Rose of Sharon" mean?

When we understand what we are singing, it makes the admonishment and worship more meaningful. In love, BG

A note to our song leaders. As one preaches the gospel, it is essential for him to define any words that are not common to the hearers. As you lead the church in teaching and admonishing one another and giving praises to God in song, be sure to help

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Lahron McJunkins, Maxine Burnham, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

The next **Ladies Bible** Class will be Tuesday, **Feb. 12th** at 11:30 AM at the **Tyna Armstrong's** or 6 PM at the **Calvert's.**

W. H. McFerrin received some good news. The condition in his legs will be treated with medicine instead of requiring surgery.

Jerry Schnelle will be having shoulder surgery. He is also having problems with one of his eyes that is serious.

Please remember to pray for all of our members who are sick or have medical conditions. Also remember those that have chronic problems. And don't forget to express your **THANKSGIVING** to our Heavenly Father for ALL of those who are recovering.

Our Gospel Meeting: Singing, March 29th and **Meeting** with Tim Stevens, March 31st-April 3rd.

Please pick up some invite cards and ask for Bible studies. See Bryan if you need any help with home studies.

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the members understand the words you are directing them in. This is especially good for our visitors who may not be knowledgeable in biblical language. A good way to do this is to define any confusing or uncommon words or statements prior to starting the song.

The True Gift-Giver

by Joseph Barry

Around Christmas time, everyone is thinking about a certain jolly gift-giver. Another person that's observed is Jesus. Particularly baby Jesus. What people totally miss (until around Easter) is the gift Jesus gives us. All the Gospels record Jesus' sacrifice for us. That is a true gift for all the world. A chance to make things right with God and start a new life with Christ. Sadly, a lot of people don't want that gift. They're so focused on the earthly pleasures that they can't see the real pleasure -- the pleasure of being in Christ and knowing that if we stay faithful, we will be in Heaven with Him for all eternity.

We All Have A Partner...

Terry Francis

William Teal is certainly my favorite Memphis Police Officer. And he just might be one of my favorite people ever. He is known for his prayers—even at work where he leads prayer with other officers before they go on duty. And you might have heard that William recently taught his partner the gospel. No doubt this resulted for many hours of riding and working together.

When I heard William talk about teaching his partner, a part of me was somewhat envious. Just think how easy it might be to teach

someone the gospel if you rode in a car with them for eight hours every day. And then, in the process of being together your life is constantly at risk which serves as a continual reminder of the brevity of life and need for God. To a degree, it seems like it might be easier to teach a partner if you were a policeman than say someone who goes to a cubicle or office where they are somewhat isolated every day.

But the truth is, we all have partners. The reason we fail to spread the gospel isn't because we don't have a "partner" to share with, it is because we fail to see them as prospects. Every day we have "partners" that are in our lives who need the gospel. Maybe it's our favorite server at our favorite restaurant, a co-worker, a classmate at school, our personal trainer, our neighbor, or a parent of another child on the soccer team. The fact is we are surrounded by people who we need to teach.

But there are some key things we need to remember about teaching people in our lives:

- **Live it before you preach it!** Before you can teach someone the gospel, you have to live the gospel. The wife of the unbelieving husband was instructed to save his soul through her conduct—not her words (1 Peter 3:1-2). We must walk in righteousness if we want to save others.

- **Be careful what you say!** "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in a setting of silver" (Proverbs 25:11). If we want others to hear the gospel message, we must learn to share it with them in gentleness and love. We need to speak "the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15).

- **Be patient!** Sometimes we get frustrated that people don't respond quicker. It may take months to teach your "partner." Don't give up! The gospel is powerful (Romans 1:16). Sometimes we have to wait for it to work though.

This week as you go through life, look around and notice the people in your life. Instead of viewing people in their secular roles, see them like God sees them—as souls that need to be saved. Then share the gospel with your "partner"—we all have one!

Directory

A new Directory is being prepared. We are changing the format of the Directory this year to enable us to keep it updated better without having to reprint it each year or two. The new Directories will be in small 3-ring binders (7" x 9") which will allow easy replacement of pages. If information changes, members move away or new members are added, single new pages can be printed to replace or add to your directory. We will also print the small pocket directories.

Before we print the directories, each family will be asked the number of directories needed (binder and pocket sizes).

Also, please make arrangements with Bill if you are new to the congregation since the last directory in 2017, or if you want to update your old picture.

If you want to include past directories in your binder, we can punch the holes for you.