

## SUNDAY MORNING

### Announcements

Clay Morris

### Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

### Lord's Supper

Jon Barry, Bill Rinehart

Bryan Garlock

### Prayers

Jack Calvert, Mike Davis

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

### Announcements

Randy Ellis

### Song Leader

Clay Morris

### Prayers

Cole Meador, Rodney Ellis

### Invitation

Willie Standokes

## ABOUT US

### Elders

Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

### Deacons

Jon Barry    Mike Davis

Clay Morris

### Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

## SERVICE TIMES

### Sunday

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.

Worship .....10:15 A.M.

### Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

### Wednesday

Bible Study .....7:00 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; Romans 10:9-10

**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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## Exposing Sin Is Good News

Bryan Garlock

Many hate negative preaching. They want motivational preaching, preaching that tickles the ears and sounds smooth. They want good news, not bad news. There are some major issues with that attitude toward preaching, one being that we need to hear sermons that expose our true character so that we can see ourselves as God sees us and deal with those hidden sins.

But this was not the attitude of faithful Christians. On one occasion, some idolatrous men tried to offer sacrifices to Paul and Barnabas, assuming they were gods. Notice Paul's response,

“Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men, of like nature with you, and we bring you \*good news,\* that \*you should turn from these vain things to a living God,\* who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them.” (Acts 14.15, ESV)

In other words, when a preacher exposes sin and calls people to repentance of their sins, it's good news. And any person that responds with repentance shows that the sermon was “positive preaching,” after all. Thus any sermon that fails to expose sin is bad news. BG

“Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge; in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.”

(Psalm 57.1)

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

If you need to make any changes to the directory (phone number, address, picture), please see Bryan. Changes coming soon.

Joey has covid.

Pete has various health issues.

There is a signup sheet to feed the visiting preacher and his wife. They will stay with our newest members the Blaylocks.

Potluck at Clay and Laci's house next Sunday.

Please clean up the area where you sit.

Guest speaker Wayne Fancher  
September 25-28, 2022

Sun 9:30 AM — Little by Little

Sun 10:15 AM — The Parable of The Prodigal Son

Sun 6 PM — God Who Makes the Broken Beautiful

Mon 7 PM — Sorrow Upon Sorrow

Tues 7 PM — Soldiers of Christ Arise and Put Your Armor On

Wed 7 PM — Influence and Examples Through The Stages Of Life

## Greet One Another David Sproule

We read some expressions in Scripture so often (especially in particular parts of the New Testament) that we might skip right over them and not consider their real emphasis and import. One example of this is the frequency with which we come across the word “greet” in the New Testament.

As we have a “greeting” part of our letters today, it was common in New Testament letters also. At least 15 letters in the New Testament contain basic greetings from one party to another (Acts 15:23; 23:26; Rom. 16:21, 22, 23; 1 Cor. 16:19, 20; 2 Cor. 13:13; Phil. 4:21, 22; Col. 4:10, 12, 14; 2 Tim. 4:21; Tit. 3:15; Phile 23; Heb. 13:24; Jas. 1:1; 1 Pet. 5:13; 2 John 13; 3 John 13). In other passages, we simply read reports that greetings were made (Acts 15:33; 18:22; 21:7, 19).

The majority of the New Testament occurrences of the word “greet” are particularly instructive, but we have to take time to read them. The sixteenth chapter of Romans contains more specific greetings than any other passage—more than 20 Christians are called by name, two entire families, plus family members, and then entire gatherings of brethren and saints. One of the most amazing things about Paul's greetings of these specific persons is that he had a special way to identify almost everyone of them—such as, “my fellow workers... my beloved... who labored much... who are of note among the apostles... approved in Christ... my countrymen... chosen in the Lord.” What's interesting here is that Paul knew the brethren,

he knew them by name, he knew them by who they were, he knew them by what they meant to the Lord, and then he gave them positive attention and encouragement individually. Can you do this with your brethren?

Then, the word “greet” is used by way of instruction generally for the brethren toward the rest of the brethren. “Greet the brethren” (Col 4:15); “Greet every saint” (Phil. 4:21); “Greet...all the saints” (Heb. 13:24); “Greet those who love us in the faith” (Tit. 3:15). Three times we read, “Greet one another with a holy kiss” (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12), then “Greet all the brethren with a holy kiss” (1 Thess. 5:26), along with Peter's version, “Greet one another with a kiss of love” (1 Pet. 5:14). John's directive seems to fit right in with what Paul did in Romans 16—“Greet the friends by name” (3 John 14).

When it comes to greeting brethren (on Sunday, Monday or any day), do you know your brethren by name, by special attribute, etc.? What are you doing to get to know them?

## Don't Be Neglectful Jay Launius

If there's one thing about being a daily bible reader it's the fact that sooner or later you'll come across one of those verses that hits you square in the face. The letter of James is packed full of those kind of verses but one in particular is James 4:17: “Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin.” (James 4:17, NKJV)

Wow! Now don't that just get your goat! (Pardon the grammar). It's hard enough that I have to fight off temptations and abstain from doing all the bad stuff but now I have to worrying about not doing the good stuff too. In the preceding verse James has warned us not to be too presumptuous in taking tomorrow for granted, life is short and can end in an instant. Thus we must do our best to take advantage of every opportunity that presents itself. Galatians 6:10 come to mind, “Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith.”

I must admit that there have been many times I've let opportunities to do good or help others pass by, chances that will never come again. We all need to be reminded that “If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.” (James 2:15–17, NKJV).

The keyword to Christian maturity is “ACTION”. Ours is not a religion of leisure but of hard work. “You mean I have to do more than make a nice comment when someone posts their troubles on social media?” “Yep, you do.”

“My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18, NKJV)