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**SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY
ACTIVITY**

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Worship.....5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Devotional...7:00 p.m.

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

February 8, 2015

Announcements..... Billy Sharp
Lead Singing..... Mike O’Guinn
Opening Prayer..... Steve Elrod

Lord’s Table:

James Bennett Jimmy Brown
Seth Hudson Justin Kirk

Closing Prayer..... Ron Rasberry

P.M. Services

Opening Prayer..... Martin Rasberry
Closing Prayer..... David Schlafer

(Please meet in the library as soon
as possible after Bible Study.)

Our Elders

David Dement
Billy Sharp

Our Deacons

Steve Elrod
Jerry King
Mike O’Guinn

Our Minister

Timothy Roland

Mission Work

Eastern European Mission
Haiti
India (Jerry Bates)
India (Purpose and Vision)
Paragould Children’s Home
Prison Ministry

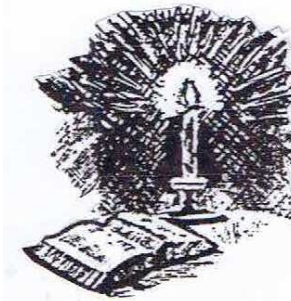
FOR THE LORD’S SERVICE

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Contribution..... \$2,657.25
Attendance..... 49

The Bulletin....

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“Where Christ is our Lord and the Bible our guide”

“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:105
Jesus said, “...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in
darkness, but shall have the light of life.” John 8:12

THE CHURCH WILL DIE IF...

1. False Teaching goes unchecked. Tolerate error in the name of “fairness” or “broad-mindedness.” Let doctrinal problems fester until they defy solution.
2. We do nothing to stop gossip and back-biting. Let rumors circulate without restraint about members of the congregation, especially its leaders and their families. Believe everything you hear-that way, no one will want to lead for fear of being picked to pieces.
3. We place a low estimate on the need for congregational unity. Allow the contentious to divide the church into camps that do not have anything to do with each other. Drive a wedge between members, fragmenting the strength and influence of the body. A good fuss will set the congregation back at least an entire generation.
4. We de-emphasize mission work. Reason that there is no cause to be alarmed with somebody halfway across the world when there are so many good works at home – that way, the church is isolated and loses sight of its higher purpose.
5. We tolerate sin in the church. Do nothing about worthless members whose lives bring shame to the church and indignity to the name of Christ. Foster a cold, spiritless, uncaring atmosphere in the Worship Services. Make no effort to make visitors feel welcome.
6. We soft-peddle the subject of giving. Offer no bold challenges requiring sacrifice for fear of offending the stingy.
7. We offer young people recreation and entertainment but no help with their spiritual lives. Offer them no opportunities to serve others – to flex their spiritual muscles. Tacitly suggest that the sacrificial, cross-bearing life that makes Christianity come alive is for grown-ups; let them be content with an endless succession of wiener roasts.
8. We complain! If we... Complain about the singing. Complain about the preaching. Complaining about Gospel Meetings. Complain about fellowship meals. Complain about any activities with our spiritual family.

Did you read the above thoughtfully and carefully? We must work diligently if the church is to grow and thrive!

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Tim's Tidings...

Tim Roland

Rainy Sundays!



The Carpenters' (Richard & Karen) song: "Rainy Days and Mondays Always Get Me Down" might be true for some. And rainy Sundays might keep some people away from worship, but Sundays, regardless of sunshine or rain - are the Lord's Day! A day to "rejoice and be glad!" A day to worship the King! A day to share in the supper of the Lord! A day to meet in sweet communion! A day to sing "Hallelujah to the Lord!" A day to Praise Him, Praise Him, Jesus our Blessed Redeemer! A day to provoke one another unto love and good works! Rainy Sundays don't get me down, they lift me up, up, up and I hope they do the same for you as well!



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR BIBLE!

Five Ways the Lord's Will Is Communicated in the Bible

How is this rule of exclusion to be applied today? In Matthew 26:17, 26-29, for example, the elements to be used in the Lord's Supper are specified, namely "unleavened bread" and "fruit of the vine" (i.e. grape juice, cf. Lev. 25:5; Rev. 14:18). Would it be according to God's will to substitute or add other things (e.g. potatoes, peanut butter, cake, lemonade, coffee) to this memorial? The Bible never say, "Do not add..." followed by a long list of prohibited ingredients, because the rule of exclusion makes this unnecessary. (See last week's segment on the Rule of Exclusion). Another example is musical praise in Christian worship. Every passage in the New Testament that addresses music in Christian worship always specifies vocal praise or heart-based singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16, etc.). Would the addition of other kinds of music be according to the revealed will of God? If so, why? If not, why not?

(Next week we'll consider The Importance of Context)



Be a Daily Bible Reader in 2015!

Daily Bible Readers in January were: Winnie Crews, Mary Bryson, Elizabeth Yow, Sandra O'Guinn, David Schlafer and Tim Roland. We appreciate all those who are Daily Bible Readers!



THREE THINGS YOU CAN KNOW FOR CERTAIN:

You should know members of the church are called:

1. Members (1 Cor. 12:17).
2. Disciples (Acts 6:1).
3. Believers (Acts 5:15; 2 Cor. 6:15).

WHERE "U" ARE NEEDED

"U" are needed in Bible St_dy! ...not in "ignorance."
 "U" are needed in S_pport! ...not in "neglect."
 "U" are needed in _nity! ...not in "division."
 "U" are needed in D_ty! ...not in "irresponsibility."
 "U" are needed in B_ilding! ...not in "tearing down."
 "U" are needed in the Ch_rch! ...not in the "world."

THE CHURCH NEEDS "U". AND MORE THAN THAT, "U" NEED THE CHURCH!

LADIES' APPRECIATION DINNER



This year's Ladies' Appreciation Dinner has been scheduled for this coming Saturday, February 14th at 6:00 pm. All the ladies of the congregation are invited to attend this event held in your honor. The men, I'm sure, will do a fantastic job in cooking, serving and showing you just how much we appreciate you! You won't want to miss it!



MARK YOUR BIBLE: Galatians 5:25

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."



PULPIT PREVIEW Sunday, February 8th:

AM: "Jesus is God Incarnate!" (John 1:14a)
P.M. "Night School Student!" (John 3:1-15)

Blest be the tie that binds - Tim

News & Notes

OUR SICK

Edd Marie Agnew, Jowe Albrecht, Martha Harris, Yvonne Meyers, Barbara Millstein, Barbara Nance, Evan Rasberry, Kim Watson, Lorene Watson, Elizabeth Yow.

SHUT-INS

Charles Neal, 7210 Atterbury Cr. E., Southaven, MS 38671

James & Dorothy Peebles (c/o David & Janet Fournier, 3980 Fonta Rd., Ellendale, TN 38029).

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Feb. 8 - Ham Kirk Care Team #2

Feb. 14 - Ladies' Appreciation Dinner, 6 p.m.

CHILDREN'S HOME

It was gratifying to see both carts filled and items stacked on the floor for the truck last Monday. The suggested items for the April 27 pickup are: Coffee, Instant Potatoes, Kool-Aid Mixes, Pancake Syrup, Sodas and Toaster Pastries. Let's get busy!

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Wilma Dwyer, on the death of her brother-in-law Bill Sanderlin in Linden, Kentucky.

Bible Research Question



The correct answer to last week's Bible Research Question is: "Agag, king of the Amalekites" found in I Samuel 15:1-35. Those who gave the correct answer were: Pat Buchanan, Ham & Glenda Kirk, Linda Jones & Kay Robertson, Rachel Adams, Winnie Crews, Deen Grogan, Ed & Frances Williams, Helen Tidwell, Lorene Watson, Ira Watson. Pam Gallagher, Kena Hodges, and Mary Bryson

This week's Bible Research Question is: "What are the two masters that Christ said no man can serve at the same time?" Do you know the answer? If so, please give it to Jan or Tim by Wednesday night or you can call it in to the office: (901) 386-5008. Those who answer the question correctly will be listed in next week's bulletin.

"Jesus is God Incarnate!"
John 1:14a

Introduction:

1. First thing we learn about Jesus in John's Gospel is: He is "the _____!"
2. John tells us that the Word was _____!
3. Jesus was _____ God, but He *became* _____ and _____ among us (John 1:14).
4. This doctrine is called: Jesus the Incarnate God!
5. The story of Jesus' coming is contained in 4 words!

I. The Word Became Flesh!

- A. The word is _____ = God _____ flesh.
 1. John 1:1, 2
 2. The logos is the greatest way to express the nature and essence of God.
 3. Col. 1:15 "Who is the _____ of the invisible God..."
 4. Heb. 1:3 "Who being the brightness of His glory, and the _____ of His person..."
- B. The word "flesh" is from Gr. word - *sarx*
 1. Refer to the _____ body-Phil. 1:22
 2. Denote the totality of personhood-Rom. 3:20
 3. _____ part of man's nature-Rom. 6:19
 4. Distinguish the outer part of man from the _____ part-John 6:63
 5. Identify the baser element of _____ character-Gal. 6:8
- C. Describes the perfect _____ of Jesus (v. 14)
 1. Allusion to the _____ birth of Christ (Gal. 4:4)
 2. Incarnate - refers to the coming of God in the form of Jesus "*in the _____*."
 3. Immanuel - God _____ us!

II. Why Did God Become A Man!

- A. The Son of God became a _____, so that men might become the _____ of God - Jn. 1:12.
- B. To _____ the Father - Jn. 1:14, 18; 17:25-26.
- C. To _____ man to God - Gal. 4:4, 5.
- D. To _____ as High Priest - Heb. 2:17-18.
- E. To _____ us to God - Heb. 2:18.

Conclusion:

1. First century false doctrine - _____
2. Greatest error - Jesus did not come in the _____
3. I Jn. 4:2, 3 "Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: Ever spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come..."