

**Sunday
October 23, 2016**

Order of Worship

Please Silence All Mobile Devices

Welcome **Jerry Ashley**
(Members And Visitors Please Sign Attendance Cards)

Opening Prayer **Carl Minchey**

Song Leader **Jerry Ashley**

Song # 528 **Where Could I Go?**

Song # 394 **He Gave Me a Song**

Song # 371 **When We Meet In Sweet Communion**

Scripture Reader **Wade Harris**

Scriptures **John 6:54-57**

Lord's Supper

<u>Ricky Wright</u>	<u>Darren Stinson</u>
David Wrye	L.A. Brown
Les Kirby	Tommy Young
Sloan Bowman	Randall Pendergrass

Ages 3-8 Dismiss To Children's Bible Time

Song # 678 **Lord, We Come Before Thee Now**

Sermon **Charles Baugh**

Invitation # 423 **Tell It to Jesus Alone**

Closing # 592 **Take the Name of Jesus with You**

Closing Prayer **Les Jackson**

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A Sermon About Nothing

I. Do Nothing

II. Am Nothing

III. Become Nothing

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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Class 9:00 A.M.
Morning Worship 10:00 A.M.
Evening Worship 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Thursday 10:00 A.M.
(September through April)

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Endurance

“By endurance we conquer.” – Shackleton family motto

“...let us run with endurance the race that is set before us.” – Hebrews 12:1

Earnest Shackleton is one of my favorite historical characters. Read any of the books about him – my favorite is “Endurance” by Alfred Lansing – and the raw determination of the man jumps out of the pages. He led an Antarctic expedition (his third) in 1914; when their ship was trapped in ice and crushed, the explorers lived on drifting ice and finally were able to row the ship’s lifeboats to a deserted island. Shackleton knew that they’d die here and so chose five companions and set sail in the open boat for a whaling station that was 700 miles away – across the roughest, wildest seas on our planet. Once there they set off on foot, across mountains and unmapped glaciers, before finally reaching the Norwegian station. Shackleton immediately organized the rescue of his remaining men, which took four attempts. He must have thought often during those three years about his family motto.

Like many of you, I have faced trials of late. My enforced inactivity has given me time to think about it.

The only conclusion I’ve come to is that if you seek meaning in suffering or in trials you might end up banging your head on the wall. At the time, you can find no reason. (You might begin to see an inkling of God’s providence at work if you live long enough.) But our job is always simple: to endure.

While we try to persevere, we don’t always behave well. I think of Job who apologetically said of himself, “I have uttered what I did not understand” (Job 42:3). God forgave Job. He’ll forgive us too.

And while we endure, we should remember that we emulate the God who created us, nurtures us and guides our steps. The Old Testament is the chronicle of God’s enduring the foolishness (and occasional heroics) of men until “the fullness of time had come” (Galatians 4:4). The Lord God has infinite patience. He certainly has infinite patience with me.

I invite you, in your time of trial, to join me in God’s wonderful Word. Read His consolation to Israel in Isaiah 40. Read David’s gratitude for healing in Psalm 30. Read the words of Jesus, and let us daily wrench ourselves a little more free from this world and become a bit more like Him:

“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.” – Romans 8:37

Jon Wilson

5th Sunday Special Contribution

Through emails from Joe Worndle we have been made aware of the damage done to Haiti during hurricane Matthew and advised of a plan of action to address the situation. This plan was discussed in detail in last week's bulletin. We are asking you to consider doubling your normal contribution **next Sunday, October 30**, as we plan to make a minimum donation of **\$10,000** to help with disaster relief. Any additional funds collected that day will go towards making up shortfalls from our regular budget. **The Elders**

Sunday Morning Ladies' Bible Class

Resumes **TODAY** in the Multipurpose Room
Teacher: **Sandra Shivers**

Stuffing the Stage

In time for the holidays we will stuff the stage in the auditorium with nonperishable food items to be distributed to those in need. Beginning **TODAY**, please bring your donation items and place in the bins located in several areas throughout the building. We begin stuffing the stage on **November 13**.



Trunk or Treat

This Saturday, October 29, at 4:00 p.m.

The entire congregation is invited to attend our Trunk or Treat fun time. There will be a costume parade and a prize for the best decorated car trunk! Candy, crafts, hay ride, photo booth and other spooky activities await! Hot dogs, chips and drinks will be provided.

"We Connect"

"We Connect" is **next Sunday, October 30**. Bring a covered dish that will feed your family and a guest. Drinks are provided. We will reassemble in the auditorium at 12:30 p.m. for singing and a devotional period. **No further services for the day**. A sign-up sheet to assist is on the Activities Board.



November Birthday List is Available

BROOKDALE (formerly Sterling House)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2:00 P.M.

Speaker **Charles Baugh**
Song Leader and Communion **Bill Bennett**

Dates to Remember

October 21 - 23..... Fall Family Retreat
October 29..... Trunk or Treat
October 30..... "We Connect"
November 6..... Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 12..... Lawn Rangers Yard Racking
November 12..... Reception/Ray Frizzell/Shackle Island
November 13..... Stuff the Stage
November 20..... Sunday Night Prayer Service
November 23..... Special Wed. Night Service - No classes
November 24..... Thanksgiving Day
December 10..... Breakfast With Santa
December 25..... Morning Worship Service only at 10:00 a.m.

Contribution October 16

Weekly Contribution Goal..... \$13,000
Contribution..... \$11,421

Lads to Leaders

Class **tonight** will begin in the **Teen Classroom**. Please make sure to go to the teen room and not the Multipurpose Room at **6:00 p.m.**

Bible Bowl questions are available in the teen hallway.



"Therefore comfort each other and edify one another just as you also are doing."
I Thessalonians 5:11

Youth Happenings

The **GYG Halloween Party** is this Friday night, **October 28**.

There is a **Parent Meeting** Sunday afternoon, **November 6**, at **4:30 p.m.** in the Teen Classroom.

The **deadline** to sign up for EYC is **Sunday, November 6**.

For more detailed information about GYG events and activities pick up a copy of the **Upper Room Youth Bulletin**.

OCTOBER PARKING LOT SECURITY		
Billy Cox	Bill Denton	Wendell Elrod
PRAYER LEADERS		
Sunday Night Opening	Nelson Boyd	
Sunday Night Closing	Mike Huffines	
Wednesday Night Opening	David Brown	
OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING		
Mark Williams		
Sunday, October 23	Wednesday, October 26	
ELDER ON CALL		
October	Carl Minchey	

Sick List

Please pray for these individuals and their families.

To view the **Sick List** on the website, go to the **MEMBERS** tab and log in. If you are not a registered member, there are instructions for first time users.



Young whippersnapper, **Bill Hickerson**, is turning 80 on Halloween! A card & your presence is all we ask.



Party Time!

Sunday, November 6
2:00 - 3:30 p.m.
Multipurpose Room
No gifts please

Notes of Thanks

Thank you sincerely for the lovely floral arrangement you sent for Zealon's memorial service. It was gorgeous and we appreciate your kindness. We also appreciate all other expressions of love and caring. The meal prepared for us following the funeral was delicious and much appreciated. Please remember us as we tackle the days ahead.

In Christian love, **Catherine Halsey and Family**

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards and food during Gene's illness. He loved all the cards. The flowers were beautiful and the meal was delicious after the service. He loved all of you and missed coming to church.

Love, **Polly Hoffman and Family**

My sincere thanks for the spirit of love so demonstrated during my stay at home. I have undergone a lot of surgeries and pain but one thing I have not had is a shortage of the many, many lovely cards, basket of goodies, delicious homemade food, and gifts that were such a deep expression of your love. Looking forward to seeing each of you very soon. I thank you and love you all so much. **Carolyn Hall**

WEEK OF OCTOBER 16	
Bible Class	174
Morning Worship	243
Evening Worship	109
Wednesday Bible Study	121
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class	15

Get Involved

There are a number of events coming up in the very near future that you are encouraged to participate in. Let me give you a brief rundown on some of them.

Trunk or Treat. This annual event is a great deal of fun for everyone. It will take place on **Saturday, October 29**, beginning at **4 p.m.** in the **Annex**. Hot dogs, chips, and drinks will be provided. You may be asked to bring a dessert by **Natalie Dill**, so hope you can help with that if asked. Among the activities for the afternoon/evening will be a costume parade, a prize for the best decorated car trunk, crafts to make, a photo booth, a hay ride, and lots of candy to be given out during the Trunk or Treat. This is going to be fun!!!! This is a congregational event so make plans now to be here, and invite a friend or two as well.

We Connect. **Sunday, October 30**, is the date. Following our Bible Classes and worship everyone is invited and encouraged to remain for our fellowship meal. Bring some of your favorite foods and desserts and enjoy the time of fellowship. This is also an excellent opportunity to invite friends and family, so I hope you will do so. Following the meal we will **reconvene in the auditorium for an afternoon devotional at 12:30** after which we will be dismissed for the day. **I know it is easy to just head out after lunch, but I strongly encourage each of us to stay.** **Blake Tucker** will be sharing his thoughts that afternoon, so please make the effort to stay. There is a sign-up sheet on the Activities Board for volunteers to assist on this date.

Lawn Rangers. **Saturday, November 12**, is the date set aside for raking and clearing leaves for those who are unable to do so. In the past this has been a Youth activity, but this year we are asking **all you able-bodied folk** to be a part of the team. Additional information will be forthcoming in the next week or so, but mark your calendar now. The more who come, the more yards we can get cleared.

Stuffing the Stage. It was mentioned in the bulletin last week that we will be making a special push **from now until just before Thanksgiving** to collect non-perishable food items in order to assist those who are less fortunate and to help them have a more joyous time at the holidays. **We need your help!!!** Let's fill the donation bins to overflowing. On **November 13** when we begin to actually stuff the stage with these items, let's do so in such a way that the stage is overflowing. God is so good and has blessed us with so much. Let's share with neighbors, friends and strangers and let them see that we are concerned for them and love them.

Lee Hickerson