

**Sunday
October 30, 2016**

Order of Worship

Please Silence All Mobile Devices

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

Opening Prayer Bill Dudley

Song Leader Scott Brickles

Song # 808 We're Marching to Zion

Song # 374 A Beautiful Life

Song # 300 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Scripture Reader Wade Harris

Scriptures Isaiah 53:3-5

Lord's Supper

Ricky Wright *Darren Stinson*
David Wrye *L.A. Brown*
Les Kirby *Tommy Young*
Sloan Bowman *Randall Pendergrass*

No Children's Bible Time This Morning

Song # 629 Angry Words

Sermon Lee Hickerson

Invitation # 977 Why Do You Wait?

Closing # 281 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Closing Prayer Fred Jones

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**That's Not Love
I Corinthians 13:4-6**

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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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The Outcast Redeemed

*“And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God...
Jesus answered and said, ‘Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?’” - Luke 17:15*

As you know, I have been going through some health challenges of late. I wrote last week that sometimes, though we cannot understand or know if there is purpose in suffering, our job is still the same: to endure.

I am happy to report that last week we were given an excellent report by my physician. It appears that I will need no further treatment. While I am still “enduring” the side effects of the surgery, our family is profoundly grateful to the Great Physician. We have expressed this to many of you that you might share our joy, to nonbelievers that through our testimony they might see, and, of course, in humble thanksgiving to Almighty God. But the story of a particular miracle from Jesus’ ministry keeps coming to mind.

I have written before concerning the story of Jesus healing ten lepers. You’ll find it in Luke 17:11-19. Briefly, as Jesus entered a village, ten lepers – the most cast-out and pitiful people in that time – called to Him asking for mercy. He told them to go show themselves to the priests. All no doubt knew of the miracles He’d performed, and all of them headed for town, in faith expecting to be healed on the way... and they were. But only one of the ten returned to give thanks.

The man who returned to Jesus wasn’t a leper anymore. But in the eyes of the Jews he was still tainted for he was a Samaritan, one of a half-breed race so despised that Jews would not touch them and went miles out of their way to avoid their land. Though he knew that he was less than nothing in the eyes of the disciples, this Samaritan, this outcast, returned to give glory to the God who had saved him.

Though we, too, are increasingly outcasts in this world, Jesus Christ redeemed us with His own blood - and “*by His stripes we are healed*” (Isaiah 53:5). May we – may I – never cease to return his love in thanksgiving, praise, and faithful service!

“And He said to him, ‘Arise, go your way. Your faith has made you well.’” – Jesus, Luke 17:19

Jon Wilson

5th Sunday Special Contribution

We have been asked to double our contribution **today** to make a minimum donation of **\$10,000** to Joe Worndle to help with disaster relief caused by hurricane Matthew which hit Haiti.

“We Connect”

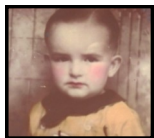
Our “We Connect” fellowship meal is **TODAY**. We invite all of our visitors to join us for a time of food and fellowship. We will reassemble in the auditorium at 12:30 p.m. for singing and a devotional period. **No further services for the day.**



Stuffing the Stage



Please continue to bring your nonperishable food items and place in the food baskets located throughout the building. We will begin stuffing our stage on **November 13**. These items will be distributed to those in need.



Party Time!

Sunday, November 6

2:00 - 3:30 Multipurpose Room



Young whippersnapper, **Bill Hickerson**, is turning 80 on Halloween! No gifts, please. A card and your presence is all we ask.

Sing His Praises

Sunday Night Song Service

Next Sunday, November 6

Barbecue Supper and Singing

Everyone is invited to travel to Cheap Hill Church of Christ at Chapmansboro above Ashland City on **Saturday, November 5**, for a barbecue supper and singing at **no cost**. The bus will leave the church building at **4:00 p.m.**



Dates to Remember

October 30..... “We Connect”
 November 5..... Trip to Cheap Hill Church of Christ
 November 6..... Daylight Savings Time Ends
 November 6..... Sunday Night Song Service
 November 12..... Lawn Rangers Yard Raking
 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 23

Weekly Contribution Goal.....\$13,000
 Contribution.....\$9,782



Lads to Leaders

No class today due to We Connect. Class resumes **next week at 6:00 p.m.** in the **Multipurpose Room**.

November Prayer List is Available

Youth Happenings

Next Sunday, November 6, at **4:30 p.m.** there is a **Parent Meeting** in the **Teen Classroom**. All parents, guardians, and volunteers are invited and encouraged to attend.

Next Saturday, November 12, is **Lawn Rangers**. More information in the Upper Room Youth Bulletin.

PRAYER LEADERS

Wednesday Night Opening..... Carl Minchey

OPENING AND CLOSING BUILDING

Sunday, October 30..... Mike Huffines
 Wednesday, November 2.....

ELDER ON CALL

October..... Carl Minchey
 November..... Don Shivers

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.



Notes of Thanks

I want to thank everyone for the prayers, calls, cards, gifts, visits and food that has been a part of this journey. Surgery has been a success and the road to recovery is still being traveled. I am daily assured that I will be good as new soon. It is a wonderful blessing knowing that you are here for me and my family. In Christian love, **Nelda Porter**

Thanks to Jacque, Shirley, Nancy, Frances, Lois and Bobby for the beautiful basket of goods they brought to James. We appreciate their thoughtfulness. **Faye Carnahan**

Love and Sympathy

We extend our love and sympathy to the family of **William Hardaway**, brother of Ann Ford. He passed away Sunday, October 23. His graveside service was Wednesday, October 26, at the family cemetery.

Our love and sympathy to the family of **Patsy Sowell**. She passed away Monday, October 24. Her graveside service was Thursday, October 27, at Spring Hill Cemetery.

WEEK OF OCTOBER 23

Bible Class.....137
 Morning Worship.....286
 Evening Worship.....94
 Wednesday Bible Study.....103
 Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class.....21

Entertain Us!

“For when they speak great swelling words of emptiness, they allure through the lusts of the flesh...” - 2 Peter 2:18

What do false teachers talk about? The Scriptures say they use deceptive, destructive words, promises they cannot fulfill, perverse things to tempt us away from God’s way and into what man thinks is right.

In the passage above we’re told that they tempt us with the lusts (or desires) of the flesh. In addition to those we can all think of, I submit to you that one of mankind’s great lusts of all time is our endless desire to be entertained. We watch TV, on average, 5 hours a day; we absorb ourselves in the Internet for hours on end; we read, we watch, we listen...and somewhere along the way, we’re often persuaded. Advertisers don’t buy air time for nothing, you know.

As with other attributes God gave us, entertaining ourselves is not wrong of itself and in its place. It can be useful in teaching the Bible - we use skits and puppet shows to teach our children here. But we don’t do it as an act of worship.

False teachers in our brotherhood have had success in tempting us with this desire to be constantly entertained even to the point of perverting worship. Often they introduce it using deceptive terms like “praise teams” (i.e., choirs), instrumental “accompaniment,” or separate “contemporary” services. This is Music City USA, people; we know a show when we see it! Entertaining ourselves has nothing to do with worshiping God, but humbling ourselves does.

One of the Greek words translated “worship” in the Bible (in John 4:24, for instance) is “*proskuneo*.” It means to fall on your face in reverence and implies the kind of humility shown by a dog licking his master’s hand. You won’t find that in someone who thinks their ideas are as good as God’s. Only when you’ve given up your own will and pride in favor of the Lord’s can you get there.

When we hear someone discussing the way to worship, let’s remember that our **ONLY** goal should be to please God. He gave us the Bible for instruction, and by studying it we can know – is it for His glory or just to entertain us?

Note: This article is a reprint of one I wrote in 2013. It seems to me to be as appropriate and timely now as it did then.

Jon Wilson

OCTOBER PARKING LOT SECURITY		
Billy Cox	Bill Denton	Wendell Elrod
NOVEMBER PARKING LOT SECURITY		
Wayne Wilson	Joe Roberts	Charles Taylor