

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*ongoing medical*), Karen Berry (*recovering from accident; had her phone number changed; please see bulletin board*), Margaret Blackburn (*pancreas and hip*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Marian Church (*neck & back*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Paul Lloyd (*back, on-going medical*), Bonnie Meagher (*medical*), Ahrea Miller (*recovering from hip surgery*), Neil Miller (*back*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Timothy Payne (*for strength & encouragement*), Dottie Reynolds (*back, on-going medical*), Mike Sadler (*neck*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*), Arelene Turner (*medical*) Larry Wisdom (*torn meniscus in his knee; will have orthoscopic surgery Nov. 29th*).

Family and friends: Nell Goodall (*Charles Goodall's aunt, ongoing medical*), Chuck Goodall (*Charles and Vernita's son—cancer*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hick's father - ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*), Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister—ongoing medical*). *Remember and encourage others who are struggling with problems.*

Group Meeting: Group 2 will meet *tonight* after the evening worship service.

Kids' Review: Will also meet *tonight* in classroom number 5, shortly after the evening service.

Ladies' Bible Class: Meets Nov. 13th (*tomorrow evening*) at 7pm in Keri Rice's home. In preparation, please do the lesson titled "Blessings and Responsibilities" from the new book titled, "Woman, Her Blessings and Responsibilities".

Area Meetings: The South Bumby Church of Christ has a meeting this week Nov. 12-15th, as well as the Fortune Road Church (*Nov. 12-15th, also*). Azalea Park has a meeting from Nov. 16th-19th. Please see bulletin board for further details.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 11/15/17

Song Leader: Colby Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Leon Miller
 Invitation: Bob Marschall
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 Recordings: Clay Sadler
 Usher: Leon Miller

Sunday Evening: 11/19/17

Song Leader: Colby Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Bob Marschall
 Lord's Table: Larry Hicks
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 11/19/17

Lord's Table: Larry Hicks (B)
 Bucky Day (C)
 Serving: Clay Sadler
 Ed Lawson
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom

Opening Prayer: Ronnie Henderson
 Announcements: Leon Miller
 Closing Prayer: Nick Ross
 Recordings: Keith Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson



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SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
 Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
 Wednesday
 Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

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"It's Not How You Feel"

Does it "feel good?" Does it feel "right?" If so, today's culture says, "go for it!" Thus, we make "right" what our feelings say it is, rather than what it really is. Somehow, we have reached the point in contemporary reasoning that most say that one can pursue his individual dream without having to confront the consequences of bad or wrong choices. Believe in God, or not; accept Christ, or not; live morally, or not--to those people, it is all the same. Do what you want to do, what you feel like doing, what you think is right in doing, and God will just set aside HIS rules to approve of you regardless. We confuse civic freedom with divine approval, and so long as it is "legal" (and some are not too "picky" about that), it is seen as acceptable.

The question is, "Is our standing with God determined by our feelings, or by the rule of divine law?" Is it a matter of God's will, or ours? Serious consequences follow the reasoning described above:

1) It nullifies the Bible as a defining book. In fact, the Bible becomes largely useless, since it can at any point be superseded by one's personal feeling. No doubt we "feel" like it has some value, but it can always be overridden by our feelings. There is no sense of responsibility to conform to its message.

2) It glorifies human wisdom and authority. The highest court of appeal becomes the human mind and thought, rather than the mind of God. If what I feel is right, even if it contradicts what God teaches in His word, then MY idea is seen as better than His; my authority as greater than His. In so doing we minimize the greater wisdom and power of an Almighty God.

3) It results in anarchy and chaos. Rejecting a common source of authority - the written word of God -- each becomes his own source. There are as many "rights" as there are people to think them up. ***No wonder we live in troubled times. No wonder our children are so confused as to morals and religion.*** Countless competing human ideas bombard them (and us) with equally justifiable claims to what is "right".

4) It ignores God's place in our universe. He has defined right from wrong, sin from righteousness, truth from error. Any course conflicting with His "law" exacts terrible penalties.

The Truth? The solution to mankind's problems lie not in human minds, but in the unsearchable mind of an all-wise God. As we have observed before in this column, it is His world, we eat His bread, drink His water, and breathe His air. In addition to being ill-equipped by nature and inclination to determine "right", we belong to Him, and are obligated to be obedient. Man's way never "fixes" anything important, nor moves us one step toward fellowship with God. This may not be the popular line, but we are interested in TRUTH, not compromise, and all human objections aside, God's word is still TRUE, and His way is still the only way (John 14:6).

- Aubrey Belue

“Let Your Light So Shine”

During His great Galilean ministry, Jesus gave what is commonly referred to as the “Sermon on the Mount”. Within His teaching, we learn that Jesus spoke of the influence His disciples have on others. “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.” (Matthew 5:13) Jesus is using salt as a metaphor here with regard to influence. He would then expound with metaphors of light, “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” (Matthew 5:14-16)

Sometimes we under-estimate ourselves with regard to *just how much* influence we really do exert on those around us. Often, we may feel as though we are just insignificant - and that *surely* we don't exert *that much* influ-

ence. The fact remains, no matter how much of an influence you exert on others... it is either going to be good or bad. “He who is not with Me is against Me, and he who does not gather with Me scatters abroad.” (Matthew 12:30) Every day brings about opportunity to either help or hurt those in your midst. “You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them.” (Matthew 7:16-20)

We influence everyone we come into contact with - either in a positive, or negative, way. Let us be resolved to *make today* a good one! Encourage those around you, with both the words you speak, and the deeds you do. Read. Study. Obey God's Word!

- Ian Rice