

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson, Joe Brown (*cancer*), Mildred Church (*in poor health*), Mary Elliot (*virus*), Linda James (*at Wedgewood Health facility in Lakeland in Room 211, could use encouragement*), Bennie Jones (*rheumatoid arthritis*), Yvonne Jordan, Paul Lloyd (*in Gibsonburg, Ohio*), Neil Miller (*back*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Dottie Reynolds (*pain in her back*), Suzette Stevens (*ongoing medical*).

Family and friends: Jeremiah Crapps (*upcoming heart tests*), Geraldean Day (*Bucky Day's mother*), Nell Goodall (*Charles Goodall's aunt: in Savannah Cottage, Lakeland*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), John Marschall (*Bob Marschall's father*), Lindy McReedy (*Cindy Hicks' aunt, cancer*), Wayne Ryland (*ongoing medical*) and Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law; at home and doing better*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling.

Out of Town: Audrey Davis, Larry Hicks, Sherman & Lynda Johnson, Ken & Diana Jordan, Bob & Stef Marschall, the Rice family, the Sheffield family.

Group Meeting: Group 1 will meet next week after the evening worship service.

Men's Training Class: 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Aug. 26th*).

Annual Singing: Our annual singing is on the last Friday of next month (*August 31st*) and will begin at 7:30 PM. Please make plans to attend.

Fifth Sunday: There will be more of an emphasis placed on singing and prayer during the PM assembly tonight.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 8/1/18

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Invitation: Colby Sadler
 Announcements: Larry Wisdom
 Closing Prayer: Mike Sadler
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Mike Sadler

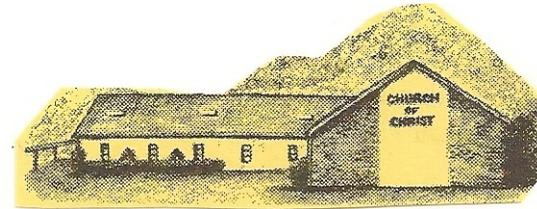
Sunday Evening: 8/5/18

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Leon Miller
 Lord's Table: Sherman Johnson
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Timothy Payne
 Recordings: Trent Stevens
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 8/5/18

Lord's Table: Sherman Williams (B)
 Jordan Lawson (C)
 Serving: Jerry Williams
 David Williams
 Song Leader: Keith Marschall

Opening Prayer: Jim Elliot
 Announcements: Bob Marschall
 Closing Prayer: Mike Sadler
 Recordings: Kirk 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 7:00 P.M.

DEACONS:

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"Family Time Together is Essential"

In creating a strong family life centered on God, there must be shared time together. Moses commanded Israel: "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:5-8).

Moses' timeless advice is the foundation for Biblical spirituality in the home. Time together is the bonding mortar that brings us together before God in love. You never know when you are making a memory.

For God to be first in our lives, His will must be regularly discussed and applied in our daily home life. With this, we must spend time together. The daily "family hour" needs to be kept in homes. Family traditions and shared activities need to be instituted and kept. Working at such togetherness can be memorable and enjoyable!

"When you lie down" refers to bedtime. Kiss your children goodnight. Read to them or listen to them read from the Bible or a Bible devotional. Ask them, "How did things go today?"

"When you rise up" is beginning the day with God. Besides giving thanks at breakfast, give your child a Bible verse for the day, like from Proverbs: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov 9:10).

The family meal time is a good way to be together "when you sit in your house." We thank God for our blessings (1 Tim 4:4-5). We pray for our needs and cares (Phil 4:6). By family prayer, it affirms that God is most important in our lives and central to our family's purpose. Turn the TV off! We can read the Bible together and discuss its meaning and application to our lives. "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge Hear my son, your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching; Indeed, they are a graceful wreath to your head and ornaments about your neck" (Prov 1:7-9). Proverbs are pithy and memorable sound bits that children can remember.

Despite Americans' hectic schedules, a recent article, "The Importance of Family Dinners," reports: "The number of teens who have regular family dinners drops by 50 percent as their substance abuse risk increases seven-fold, according to a survey of 12 to 17 year olds released by Columbia University.

"The survey finds that the more often children have dinner with their parents, the less likely they are to smoke, drink or use illegal drugs," said Joseph A. Califano, Jr., President of The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia. "It is a tragedy that family dinners decline as teens get older."

"It is vital that frequent family dinners become a permanent fixture for children, not only when they are young, but throughout their teenage years," said Dr. Wade Horn, Assistant Secretary for Children and Families at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. "The frequency of family dinners decreases significantly as children enter and go through high school- and that's just when the benefits of family dinners may be needed most." A survey showed: Compared to teens that have family dinners twice a week or less, teens that have dinner with their families five or more nights in a week are:

- 32 percent likelier never to have tried cigarettes.
- 45 percent likelier never to have tried alcohol.
- 24 percent likelier never to have smoked pot.

Parents will wisely invest time to be with their children to positively influence them. "Give me your heart, my son, and let your eyes delight in my ways" (Prov 23:26). So, it is important for children to know that the family has to spend some time together. If they know this is required to enjoy other privileges, they can grow to accept it and even like it.

~ By W. Frank Walton

"Four Days in the Life of Satan"

Satan is God's archenemy. Consequently, he is our most dangerous foe. **(Eph. 6:12)** Christians are alerted that the Devil "walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour." **(1 Pet. 5:8)** The Bible reveals several things about Satan. In fact, it reveals four days in the Devil's existence that are interesting to read about. Let us consider each day in order.

The first day in Satan's life is the day Jesus was born. A virgin, Mary, gave birth to Jesus in Bethlehem of Judea. Wise men from the East asked Herod, "Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?" **(Matt. 2:2)** Inwardly, Herod was horrified. He imagined this king was a threat to his throne. Outwardly, he told the wise men to find the child and send word as to where he was. Herod pretended to want to worship Jesus. In reality, he wanted to kill the infant. Of course, the Devil was behind the effort to murder the babe. The Lord warned Joseph to take Mary and Jesus to Egypt. He also told the wise men not to return to Herod but to go back home. **(Matt. 2:12-15)** When the king realized he had been deceived he killed all the male children two years old and under throughout the region of Bethlehem. Baby Jesus had been saved by God's warning to Joseph. Killing our Lord was not going to be so easy.

The next day in Satan's existence is when Jesus was killed. Our Lord lived in relative obscurity in Nazareth until He was about thirty years old. However, when he began his personal

ministry the Devil knew Him immediately. **(Lk. 8:28)** Satan greatly tempted Jesus, knowing that any sin on Jesus' part would ruin God's righteous plans. **(Matt. 4)** Our Savior was able to overcome every enticement. He seemed to always have the perfect answer and God's complete protection. Then Jesus looked like He made a mistake. He separated Himself into a secluded place. There He was arrested, put through a mock trial, and crucified. Finally, Satan had won. The Christ was dead!

Jesus' resurrection marked the third day in Satan's life. Peter preached that Hades (the grave) could not possibly hold Jesus' spirit. Why? "The sting of death is sin." **(1 Cor. 15:56a)** The Devil never stung our Lord with sin. Therefore, Jesus' death was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. **(Heb. 2:14)** The Devil learned too late that the day he thought was his greatest victory was actually the day of his ultimate defeat. Jesus now holds the keys to Hades and death. **(Rev. 1:18)**

The final day in Satan's life is the Judgment Day. The Devil and all that is wicked will be destroyed on that great final day. **(Rev. 20:10)** God's judgment might be delayed and seem like it will never occur, but it will come as a thief in the night. **(2 Pet. 3:10)** Are you ready for that day?

~ By David Hartsell