

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Jo Anderson (*shut in*), Joe Brown (*cancer*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), Audrey Davis (*heart complications*), the Day family (*illness*), Mary Henderson (*undergoing dialysis*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Emily Lanning (*recovering from pneumonia*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), the Marschall family (*exhorting Kirk to faithfulness*), Kirk Marschall (*in need of spiritual encouragement*), Linda McKenzie (*tending to her mother's health*), Butch Morgan (*ongoing medical*), Payne family (*sickness*), Dottie Reynolds (*ongoing medical*), Raelyn Sadler (*was hospitalized Friday with an upper respiratory virus*), Sheffield family (*sickness*).

Family and friends: Scott Bower (*friend of the Lawson's; in need of liver transplant*), Nell Goodall (*Charles Goodall's aunt, Tipton's mother*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), John Marschall (*Bob's father*), Lyndell McReedy (*Cindy Hicks' aunt*), Betty Parrish (*Diana Jordan's mother, recovering from intestinal surgery*) Ardis Tucker (*Paula Sullivan's sister-in-law, in rehab*). Remember and encourage others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Out of Town: DeeAnn Sprott.

Group Meeting: Group 2 will meet next week after the evening worship service.

Ladies Bible Class: Class will be April 8th at 7PM in Tammy Sadler's home.

Men's Bible Study: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Today*).

Fourth Sunday: Trent Stevens is scheduled to preach during the PM assembly tonight.

Winter Study 2019: This Tuesday, Mar. 26th (7PM), in the Wisdom's home.

Gospel Meeting: The Seffner Church of Christ has a meeting this week (Mar. 24-27) with Melvin Curry (*See bulletin board for details*). Our meeting with Terry Benton will begin next Sunday (*Mar. 31st-Apr. 3rd*).

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 3/27/19

Song Leader: Clay Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Colby Sadler
 Invitation: Bob Marschall
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Recordings: Keith Marschall
 Usher: Leon Miller

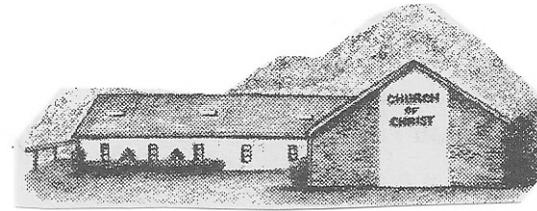
Sunday Evening: 3/31/19

Song Leader: Bob Marschall
 Opening Prayer: Colby Sadler
 Lord's Table: Trent Stevens
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Steve Parker
 Recordings: Bob Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 3/31/19

Lord's Table: Trent Stevens (B)
 Jerry Williams (C)
 Serving: David Williams
 Ed Lawson
 Song Leader: Larry Wisdom

Opening Prayer: Joe Brown
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Steve Parker
 Recordings: Bob 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:

Robert Marschall
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“Five Noble Duties”

Once a person becomes a Christian, they must learn to start serving God, & seeking out ways to glorify Him. Every Christian has a duty that they can do for the Lord (Lk. 17:5-10), and with this article we will examine 5 noble duties that Christians can do based on what Paul wrote in 1 Cor. 16:13-14, “Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong. ¹⁴ Let all *that you do* be done with love.”

Watch

When you read through the NT, you will find several places where Christians are to watch, so that they will remain faithful. For instance, elders are to watch out for our souls (Heb. 13:17). All men and women should be watchful in how they conduct their lives, so that they will be ready for the second coming of Christ (Mk. 13:35-37; 1Thess. 5:4-10). We must all watch for opportunities to teach others about Christ (Jn. 4:35, 38). We must watch for false teachers and/or those who cause division (1 Jn. 4:1; Rom. 16:17-18). All must watch our temper and our speech (Jas. 1:19-20). We must all be self-controlled and watchful to resist the devil (1Pet. 5:8-9).

Think about how God will judge you according to how serious you take His work, and how active/inactive you are. We do not know when the Lord will return, so we need to ALWAYS be ready. We must have a sense of urgency about sharing our faith, and we must ALWAYS strive to implement godly wisdom into our DAILY affairs.

Stand fast in the faith

We also find several places in the NT that speak to the importance of why Christians must stand fast in the faith. God says that He wills for Christians to put on the whole armor for a reason (Eph. 6:11-12). HOW we stand fast in the faith is by putting on the whole armor of God. Furthermore, Paul described how that's done (Eph. 6:13-18). If one wants to stand in the faith, then one must immerse himself in God's Word and make daily prayer a part of life. The armor of God will NOT do any good if you don't ever put it on, and you certainly will not be any good at defending yourself against the devil if you don't practice using God's word every day. Let us never forget the source of our strength to stand in the faith (Phil. 4:11-13) and let us always strive to take a stand for the TRUTH. Let us learn to see Satan (and sin) for the danger that he (and sin) poses, and use that motivation to drive us close to God... And to grow in zeal!

Be Brave

The idea from the Greek in 1 Cor. 16:13 is to grow up and be like men (Cf. ASV, ESV). A great principle in how to do this is revealed in the OT, when David gave charge to his son Solomon (1 Ki. 2:1-4) i.e., trust in, and keep, God's commandments. Every Christian (whether male or female) should strive to grow into maturity. Too many are content to survive on the milk of the word, and some are content on being spoon-fed their nourishment from others. If one is not growing, then he or she will become susceptible to every wind of doctrine (Eph. 4:14-15), and will never be able to "be brave," nor become a spiritually mature man or woman. Instead, such a one will be like a child -- who can be easily manipulated and deceived (1 Cor. 13:11). Every Christian should strive to be more mature in the understanding, trusting in, and keeping of, God's word.

Be strong

God has always wanted his people to be strong (Josh. 1:6-9). Courage, and being strong, go hand in hand. It takes courage to follow God's will. God encouraged Joshua to be courageous, but note also that Joshua was instructed not to turn away from God's commands - to the right or to the left. Today, it is just as imperative that we do not turn to the

right or the left from God commands of the NT. Also, note that Joshua was told of God's word, "but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it, 8b." Every Christian needs to be strong in the Lord: We need strong elders that are willing to stand against false teaching, and that are more afraid of God than man. We need strong deacons who are willing to serve boldly in the capacity that has been given to them. We need strong preachers who are willing to preach the whole council of God. We need all the members of Christ to be strong for God BY BEING COMMITTED TO HIM. If one is going to be strong in the Lord, one must be a devoted student of the Bible and devote himself to prayer, with the aim to grow stronger spiritually (Heb. 5:13-14).

Do all things with love

Love is one of the major themes of the Bible. It is because of love that God gave us His only begotten Son. And it is because of this love, that we love God enough, to strive in obeying His will. Without love in our heart for God and for His people we are nothing (1 Cor. 13:1-3). It doesn't matter how many good deeds one does if they are not done out of love. Christians are examples of God's love, and we should try our hard-

est to show others the beautiful love that can only be found within a close relationship with God! Moreover, Christians can really SHOW that they have the love of God by being obedient to His will (Jn. 14:15; 1 Jn. 5:3). A person can say they have love, but until they show it by how they conduct their lives - words don't mean much. Our actions speak louder than words (1 Jn. 3:18). Therefore, let's be careful that we do not become lovers of ourselves or of sinful pleasure (2 Tim. 3:1-5). People who have such a misdirected love will find themselves separated from God and His people. Perhaps one the hardest task a Christian must learn to do it to love your enemy (Mt. 5:44-46). It's easy to love your friends and family, but if you want to please God, you MUST also LOVE your enemy. Therefore, let's pray for, and strive toward, reconciling others to God and ourselves (Matt. 5:9); doing all things with love.

Once a person becomes a Christian, they must learn to start serving God & seek out ways to glorify Him. And, no matter what level one is at spiritually, this teaching is applicable: "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong.¹⁴ Let all *that* you *do* be done with love." (1 Cor. 16:13-14)