

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Joe Brown (*ongoing medical*), Mildred Church (*shut in*), the Day family (*Robyn's father, Ricky, cancer*), Linda James (*At Valencia Hills Rehab Center in Lakeland, Rm. 326B*), Yvonne Jordan (*illness, doing much better*), Paul Lloyd (*rehabilitation in Toledo, Ohio*), Cindy Hicks and family (*Cindy's aunt, Lyndell McReedy, passed away on 6-12-19*), Linda McKenzie (*with recent passing of her mother, Jo, on 6-10-19*), Butch Morgan (*shut in*), Dottie Reynolds (*ongoing medical*), Arlene Turner (*illness*).

Family and friends: Marvin Brown (*from Plant City, cancer*), Ruth Fogel (*Jill Boyette's mother, cancer*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*), Rowena Lawson's mother (*Ms. Lourdes, has a lot of health issues & is constantly in a lot of pain*), Diana Marcum (*Arlene Turner's sister, cancer*), John Marschall (*Bob's father*), Summer Rivera (*Erika Stevens' friend*), Alan Turner (*illness*).

Out of Town: The Day family, Bob & Stef Marschall, the Payne family.

Third Sunday: Jordan Lawson is scheduled to preach during the PM assembly tonight.

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

Men's Bible Study: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*June 23rd*).

Area Meetings: The Henderson Blvd. church of Christ is having a summer series of lessons every Thursday night during June 6th-August 1st. Please see bulletin board for details.

Remember and encourage others who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 6/19/19

Song Leader: Logan Lanning
Opening Prayer: Jeff Lanning
Invitation: Ryan Boyette
Announcements: Larry Wisdom
Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
Recordings: Colby Sadler
Usher: Larry Wisdom

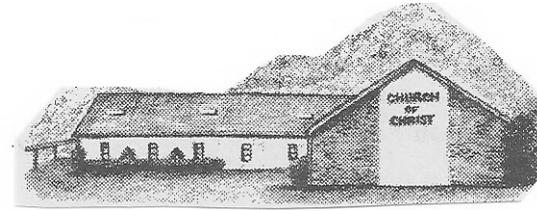
Sunday Evening: 6/23/19

Song Leader: Ryan Boyette
Opening Prayer: Jeff Lanning
Lord's Table: Mike Sadler
Announcements: Leon Miller
Closing Prayer: Timothy Payne
Recordings: OPEN
Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 6/23/19

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

Opening Prayer: Steve Parker
Announcements: Leon Miller
Closing Prayer: David Williams
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 7:00 P.M.

DEACONS:

Robert Marschall
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“Christ Does NOT Conform...”

Christ does NOT conform to our lives, we are to conform to Christ's standard of living.

Too often we try to get Christ to conform to what we want, but He is the master and the one who enlisted us into His army. We are to serve Him and remain loyal to His precepts.

It's similar to a pledge we take. We are to remain loyal to the God of heaven, and when we believe, repent, and are baptized, he seals us with the Holy Spirit of promise and forgives us of all our past transgressions (Ephesians 1:7-14). Not only that, God allows us access to the blood of Christ when we sin and will forgive, so long as we abide by His protocol (confession and repentance) and live righteous lives. (1 John 1:7-:2:2)

We don't serve a rude, brutal taskmaster who is merciless. But we serve a Lord who is compassionate, and was tempted in all ways even as we are, and sympathizes with

us and is able to rescue us when we're tempted.

Furthermore, we serve a risen Lord who is the Source of all life, and laid down His very life for the sins of mankind. God raised Him from the dead on the third day, and He now reigns at the right hand of God. All He asks of us is that we remain loyal to Him and that we adopt the characteristics of a child of God. Our purpose in Christ and abiding by His Word is not to justify ourselves, but to become like God in all things (morally and spiritually speaking), to be imitators of God and partake of His Divine Nature (Eph. 5:1; Rom. 8:28; Matt. 5:48). What a noble purpose we have! God demands loyalty and fidelity to Christ and His way. The first interaction we see with God directly after He created man and woman is that "God blessed them" (Genesis 1:28). We can look throughout the book of Ephesians and see that God has blessed us magnificently with a host of spiritual blessings "in the heavenly places". We see that God has allowed us to even be seated with Christ "in the heavenly places" as we live now on earth. (Eph. 2:6-7)

These amazing blessings belong to the one who remains faithful and "sets his mind on things above" (See Col. 3:1-3). If we are in sin, then we need to conform to the Lord's way out of sin and into forgiveness

immediately. We need to confess our sins to God, and repent of our sins and God will forgive us. (Luke 13:3; 1 John 1:8-10) Let us ensure our repentance is genuine, and if we are enslaved to any sin let us prayerfully do all that we can to get out of it (including confessing our sins to one another, seeking wisdom from a trusted Christian, etc.) Next, we need to bear fruit/works in keeping with our repentance, to prove that it is genuine.

Let the one who trusts in himself that he is righteous, bow down to Jesus Christ the Righteous, and He will lift you up!

~ Jordan Lawson

"A Few Thoughts Along With the Parable of the Talents"

¹⁴ "For *the kingdom of heaven* is like a man traveling to a far country, *who* called his own servants and delivered his goods to them. ¹⁵ And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one, to each according to his own ability; and immediately he went on a journey. ¹⁶ Then he who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and made another five talents. ¹⁷ And likewise he who *had received* two gained two more also. ¹⁸ But he who had received one went and dug in the ground, and hid his lord's money.

¹⁹ After a long time the lord of those servants came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ So he who had received five talents came and brought five other talents, saying, 'Lord, you delivered to me five talents; look, I have gained five more talents besides them.' ²¹ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you were faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²² He also who had received two talents came and said, 'Lord, you delivered to me two talents; look, I have gained two more talents besides them.' ²³ His lord said to him, 'Well *done*, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your lord.' ²⁴ Then he who had received the one talent came and said, 'Lord, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you have not sown, and gathering where you have not scattered seed. ²⁵ And I was afraid, and went and hid your talent in the ground. Look, *there* you have *what is* yours.' ²⁶ But his lord answered and said to him, 'You wicked and lazy servant, you knew that I reap where I have not sown, and gather where I have not scattered seed. ²⁷ So you ought to have deposited my money with the bankers, and at my coming I would have received back my own with interest. ²⁸ Therefore take the talent from him, and give *it* to him who has ten talents. ²⁹ For to everyone who has, more will be given, and

he will have abundance; but from him who does not have, even what he has will be taken away. ³⁰ And cast the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' Matt 25:14-30 (NKJV)

We see from this account that God gives individuals different measures of ability. Also, we see that God only requires that we use whatever measure of ability we've been granted to serve Him faithfully. That is to say, God understands that we all have differing levels of ability/talents. However, we also learn that we will be judged according to whether or not we increase in the use of our ability toward a profitable return of the Lord's investment in us. So then, are we using the abilities and resources granted to us accordingly? Let us be sure that we strive to do so, continually.

MANY of you in this congregation *ARE* STRIVING toward that end, in various ways, and I pray the Lord will commend you in that. That said, MANY with varying abilities have also helped the Anderson family tremendously in the recent months, weeks, and days. Thank you for your support and examples, and may all continue to strive in being mindful of serving God more faithfully, as well as our fellow man.

~ Ian Rice