

Noteworthy

Prayer Requests: Joe Brown (*ongoing medical*), the Day family (*Robyn's father; Ricky; cancer*), Jimmy Fields (*recovering from procedure to remove melanoma*), Linda James (*ongoing medical*), Lynda Johnson (*will have heart stent surgery Oct. 8th*), Linda McKenzie, Ahrea Miller (*recent fall*), Butch Morgan (*Ongoing medical*), Suzette Stevens (*health struggles*).

Family and friends: Marvin Brown (*from Plant City, cancer*), Ron Daly (*Evangelist in Indiana; recovering from injuries in severe accident*), Ned Hicks (*Larry Hicks' father, ongoing medical*), Brian James (*cancer*); James, MaryAnne and Lyla King (*Zachary King's parents & daughter*), Rowena Lawson's mother (*Ms. Lourdes, health issues & pain management*), John Marschall (*Bob Marschall's father*), Dorothy Trice (*Carla Moore's mother is back in the hospital*).

Out of Town: Bob & Steph Marschall will be back in town tomorrow.

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

Area Meetings: Our Gospel Meeting with Chris Reeves begins today and continues through Friday evening (*Oct. 6-11th*). Please make plans to attend and invite others.

Ladies' Bible Class: Resumes October 14 at 7PM (*Next week*), at Paula Sullivan's home. Please study lesson number 2 on page 10, "The Trouble With Worry" in the book "Troubled Over Many Things," by Connie Adams.

Men's Bible Study: The 4th Sunday of each month at 5 pm (*Oct. 27th*).

Remember and encourage those who are struggling physically and spiritually.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 10/9/19

Song Leader: Colby Sadler
 Opening Prayer: Keith Marschall
 Invitation: Chris Reeves (Gosp. Mtg.)
 Announcements: Mike Sadler
 Closing Prayer: Jerry Williams
 Recordings: Logan Lanning
 Usher: Mike Sadler

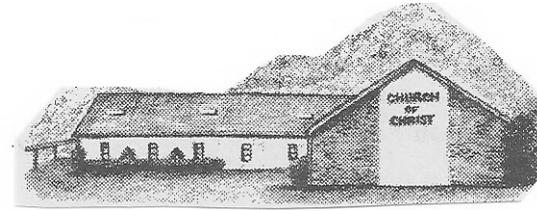
Sunday Evening: 10/13/19

Lord's Table: Jeff Lanning
 Song Leader: Joe Brown
 Opening Prayer: Jimmy Fields
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Mike Sadler
 Recordings: Bob Marschall
 Usher: Gus Johnson

Sunday Morning: 10/13/19

Lord's Table: Jeff Lanning (B)
 Jerry Williams (C)
 Serving: David Williams
 Ed Lawson
 Song Leader: Logan Lanning

Opening Prayer: Ryan Boyette
 Announcements: Larry Hicks
 Closing Prayer: Charles Goodall
 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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"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

Then the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "Speak to Aaron and to his sons, saying, 'Thus you shall bless the sons of Israel. You shall say to them: The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face to shine on you, and be gracious to you; The Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace.' So they shall invoke My name on the sons of Israel, and I then will bless them."

~ Numbers 6:22-27 ~

A Priestly Blessing For the Lord's People

When we come to Numbers 6 in the Old Testament, the Israelites have been receiving God's law at Mt. Sinai on their journey from Egypt to the promised land (Exodus 20 – Numbers 10). The Israelites would receive God's loving-kindness in the promised land if they would obey God's law (Numbers 6:22-27). "The Lord", repeated three times in this scripture, makes it clear that he is the source of all blessings. "You", in this scripture, is singular, addressing each faithful Israelite. Each and every Israelite would be blessed by the Lord if they would obey his law.

Faithful Christians are the Lord's priests today (1 Peter 2:5-9). They are The Lord Bless You and Keep You the "Israel of God" today (Galatians 6:16). Faithful Christians today will be blessed by they Lord in the same way if they will obey his New Testament law as they journey to their promised land, heaven. The priestly blessing in Numbers 6 certainly encouraged the Israelites before they journeyed any further and it does the same for us on our journey to heaven (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Lord Bless You

The Lord stands ready to "bless" his people when they obey. This is a demonstration of the Lord's kindness toward them. The Lord wants to make his people prosper in all areas of their life (Psalm 5:11-12; 67:1-7; 115:12-14). The Lord's blessings are conditional. If the Lord's people are obedient, then they will be blessed (Leviticus 26:3ff; Deuteronomy 28:1-3). Faithful Christians today are blessed by the Lord with all spiritual blessings when they obey him (Acts 3:26; Ephesians 1:3).

And Keep You

The Lord stands ready to "keep" his people when they obey. This is a demonstration of the guarding and protecting of the Lord's people (Psalm 91:10-13; 121:1-8). The Lord's promise of protection is also conditional. The Lord's people must first trust him and take refuge in him (Psalm 91:1-9,14-16). Faithful Christians today are kept by the Lord when they trust him and

take refuge in him (Philippians 4:7; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; Hebrews 13:5-6; 1 Peter 1:5; Jude 24).

The Lord Make His Face To Shine Upon You

The Lord's "face" shining upon his people is an act of divine and benevolent approval toward them. The Lord looks with approval, pleasure, or favor upon his people when they obey him (Psalm 31:16; 67:1; 80:3,7,19; 119:135). At the same time, the Lord's "face" is hidden from those whom he disapproves (Deuteronomy 31:17-18). Faithful Christians today have the same approval of the Lord when they obey him (1 Peter 3:10-12).

And Be Gracious

The Lord stands ready to "be gracious" toward his people when they obey him (Psa. 77:9). Faithful Christians today are also graced by the Lord (John 1:17; 2 Corinthians 13:14; Hebrews 13:20-21,25).

The Lord Lift Up His Countenance Upon You

The Lord stands ready to "lift up his countenance" upon his people when they obey him. This means that the Lord will pay them special attention and with a favorable attitude (Psalm 4:6; 34:15; 42:5; 44:3; 89:15). Faithful Christians today will receive the favorable attention and attitude of the Lord when they obey him (2 Thessalonians 2:16; 1 Peter 5:10).

And Give You Peace

The Lord stands ready to give "peace" to his troubled people when they obey him. The Lord will offer well-being, wholeness, health, prosperity, salvation, and all good gifts to his people (Psalm 16:11; 29:11; 37:11). Faithful Christians today are granted peace from the Lord as well when they obey (Ephesians 2:14ff; Philippians 4:4-7).

Let us live thankfully each day for the Lord's blessing, protection, approval, graciousness, countenance, and peace. Let us live confidently each day knowing that the Lord stands ready to help us. Let us obey and live faithfully and each day so that we can receive these great blessing from the Lord. Let us live in such a way that we will hear: "The Lord bless you and keep you."

~ Chris Reeves

"The Greatest Command"

A lawyer once approached Jesus in the temple with a difficult test question (Matthew 22:34-40; Mark 12:28-34). He asked Jesus what was the greatest of all the Old Testament commands. He wanted to see if Jesus would side with one particular religious group or if Jesus would pick one particular Old Testament command over the other 600+ commands?

When Jesus responded, he said the command to love God was the greatest (Deuteronomy 6:5) and the command to love your neighbor

was second (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus responded this way because loving God and loving your neighbor was the foundation of all the Old law. Now, while we are no longer under the Old law, these two commands are still binding upon Christians today and we must learn what they mean and apply them in our life. If we get the foundation right, then the rest of the structure (our life) will be right.

Jesus said we are to love God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. This means with our whole being – emotionally, intellectually, and physically. We are not to compartmentalize our life and love God only at certain times and in certain ways. Let us all grow in properly loving God with our whole being (2 Thessalonians 3:5; 1 John 2:5; Jude 21).

Jesus also said that we are to love our neighbor as our self. This is like the "golden rule": treat others the way you would want to be treated (Matthew 7:12). We are not to treat others worse than we would treat our own selves. Let us all grow in properly loving our neighbor as our self (Romans 13:8-10; Galatians 5:14; James 2:8). Love God. Love your neighbor. Following these great commands will make us a great person.

~ Chris Reeves