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Schedule of Services

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 am
Morning Worship 9:50 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study 7:00 pm

The following article was authored by C. D. Plum and appeared in the April 6, 1950 issue of the *Gospel Advocate*.

Parents and Children

I speak as a parent. I can even speak as a grandparent. Though I am yet barely past fifty, three children have blessed our home; and as a result of these three children, I can thankfully lay claim to four grandchildren. So I am in a position to say that I have learned quite a little about parents and children—both from the Bible and experience.

Parents can do much, if they start soon enough with the children, toward training them up in the way they ought to go. And there is no better way to do this than through example and play. If parents do not want the children to smoke, they should not set the example for them. If parents want the children to attend Bible study and church worship, it is up to the parents to set the example; for, believe it or not, children learn quicker by seeing than by hearing, but they learn quicker yet by example and instruction.

There is no better place for parents to influence their children for right living than by playing with them. In any game that is permissible to play, let the parents take time off occasionally to play with the children. And let the parents play the game fairly and insist upon the children to play fairly. Where this is done, an added affection grows up between the children and the parents; and the child learns from the parents that they must play the game of life squarely, for cheating never pays. Talk as you will, small children get the first lasting lessons in good citizenship when they play with daddy and mother; and where parents and children are buddies, if the parents are the right kind of parents, you have solved a great deal of that problem of juvenile delinquency. . . .

Parents should insist upon obedience from the children. If necessary, parents should remember: “The rod and reproof give wisdom: but a child left to himself bringeth his mother to shame.” Only ask that which is right of your children; and when you ask it, see that you get it. Parents cannot

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A WARM WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS. Please fill out a white visitor card, including your mailing address and email address, and drop it in the collection plate. We are so glad we can worship together today.

We Need Your Help – We do not want anyone to be inadvertently overlooked for communion supplies or bulletins (or anything else that they might be in need of during this time). Please let us know if this has happened so that we can get these to them and/or help in any way that we can. Thanks!

Second Harvest – We invite you to come and help us each Monday from 3:30–6 p.m. Please keep an eye out for a post from Jennifer Barker about this on the church Facebook page. This will let us know if we are needed and whether we will be working in the freezer or not.

It is great to be together at the building again! – Please refer to the letter that was mailed out to everyone for new procedures that the elders have put in place for the time being. Service **will** still be on Facebook for those who are not able to come in person. It will still have to be recorded, then posted to Facebook, due to glitching/Internet issues. It will be posted as soon as possible.

Mowing – There is a sign-up sheet on the board for those who are able to help mow with the tractor or zero-turn.

Wednesday Night Class – All are welcome to join Tom’s class each Wednesday evening at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook live. These are followed by a discussion session via Zoom.

Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors! – We have several who have graduated this year with the senior class of 2020: Hunter Sparks, Elijah Brewer, Justin Holloman, Melissa Garcia, and Craigan Joyner. There will be a ceremony for them after service next Sunday (June 28).

Please Continue to Pray for:

Cancer: Betty Hyde, Phyllis Sanders, Margaret Turner, Rex Wynn, Margaret Joyner, Wayne Johnson, Richard Fry, Hope Whetherford, Bill Cargle, Doug Rains, Joe Swearingen, Robert Blackstock (a friend of Greg Matlock), Charlotte Loggains (LaBriska Blow’s mother), Larry White (a friend of Greg Matlock), Angela Henry (Nancy Curtis’s niece), George Smith (brother of Brenda Travis), Marsha Hatley, Jace Jones (a friend of William Holder), Jimmy and JoAnn Arnold (friends of Tracy Tolley), Darlene Tunnel (Dwayne Robinson’s sister), Cindy Lomax (a friend of Mike Wilson), Lisa Lowry (a co-worker of Michelle Ballard), Bryant Allen (Michelle Ballard’s brother), Loman Ballard (Stacy’s father), Becky Orr (John Taylor’s Aunt), Lora Pettigrew (Glenda Sparks’ aunt), Lesia Jordan (a friend of Susie Belisle), Joe Garner (a friend of Ross Cole), Leslie Hicks (Susan Hicks’ husband), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates’ sister), Clyde Lindsey (Penny Wyatt’s uncle), and Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ).

Others: Luke Crossett, Joan Ballard, Eva Maiden, Dorothy Redden, Tarry Stockdale, Jewel Hatley, Susie Brackins, Tracy Tolley, Linda Hams, Tammy DeBruce, Lynn White, Lisa Haynie, Vickie Cox, Shirley Overby (a friend of Greg Matlock), Ann Dinkins (Angela Hick’s mom), Janet Holland (friend of Rebecca Whitfield), Dorothy and Pete Chappell, Johnny (Susie Brackins’ brother), Rita Hatler, David Taylor, Larry Fisher (Jana Ulderich’s step-father), Walter Bryant (a friend of Ross Cole), Tommy Hams (the brother-in-law of Greg Matlock), Beau Griffin, Chesney Bell, Louise Holder (Jim’s mom), Russell Holmes, Aaron Roberts (a friend of Garrett Todd and Shawn McDowell), Donnie Cuthbertson (a friend of Ross Cole), Bonnie Fleischman (Georgia Lashlee’s daughter), Jeff Homan (a nephew of Emma and John Dawson), Brian Melton (a friend of John and Cindy Lumpkin), Buddie Webb, David Nowlin (a friend of Joan Phillips), Larry Yarbrow (Grandfather of Mark and John Yarbrow), Thomas Little (a friend’s grandson of Wanda Horner and Marge Phillips), Sue Bell, Mildred Hedge (J.C. Hedge’s widow), Keith Hamm (a friend of Greg Matlock), Joey Horton (a friend of Sid Osment), Janice and Billy Watkins, Janice White, Kim Fisher (a friend of Nicole Blackburn), Carolyn Farmer, and Muriel Larkins (Bryan’s grandmother).

Sympathy: To the families of Mary Belisle, Charlotte Rogers (mother of Wesley Sparks’ coworker), Makenzie Goodwin’s dad (she is on Adam Blackburn’s softball team), Susan Webb, and Diane Gordon (Carolyn Gordon’s daughter-in-law).

Military: Mallory Pratt Triplett, US Marine Corp; Joshua Melton, US Marine Corp; Austin Riley, US Navy

Special Donations

- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by Chris, Angela, and Doss Hicks.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by m/m Charles Whitfield.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by m/m Ira Riley.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by m/m Thomas Ray Townsend.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** and **Elton Hatley** by m/m Cindy Lumpkin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by Barbara Thompson.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by Brent, Jennifer, Allison, and Sam Hedge.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by m/m Daniel Cook.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by m/m Sid Osment.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by Karen Lynch.

Our caring remembrances are gratefully appreciated by the families and by the church.

Recent Prayer Requests

- **Vergie Heintz** is planning to have a shoulder replacement surgery tomorrow (June 22). She appreciates everyone's prayers.
- **Mike Berdy**, Debra Bates' brother, His wife, **Lisa**, and Debra's mom, **Diana**, have all tested positive for covid-19, as well as the rest of the family living in that home. They live in Indiana, so Debra, Cecil, and Ashley have **NOT** been exposed.
- **Brenda Travis** began radiation treatments last week. She is planning to have 20 treatments.
- **Jerry Kelley** is going to have to have a pacemaker put in. He does not have a date for this yet. They want to do more testing.
- Please pray for this country and the things that are going on right now.

FROM THE ELDERS

The elders welcome all newcomers. If you would like to be identified as a member here or if you have not had the opportunity to meet the eldership, we would like to meet with you briefly to introduce ourselves and to explain our position on certain issues and matters of doctrine.

FOR THE RECORD

Sunday, June 14, 2020

Sunday morning worship: 137

- All other services remain temporarily suspended due to covid-19 concerns.

[Continued from front cover] do children more harm than by telling them to do something and then allow the children to disobey them. Be careful about making threats of punishment; but when you make them, administer them if children do not obey. Only in this way can children get the first lesson in authority straight. God said of Abraham: "For I know him that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the Lord." Does God know you are that kind of parent? We live beside some Jewish people. They are nice neighbors, as worldly neighbors go; but every time I hear the mother telling the children what to do, and they fail to obey what she says, I think of the difference between now and what it was with Abraham. If children are not taught prompt obedience to the parental authority, they may carry that same laxity in their lives as citizens of these United States. And, further, too, this lack of obedience to parents may be the cause of their lack of obedience to God when they attain accountability.

While the children are yet young, parents should teach them to seek Christian companionship—that it is better to marry in the church, safer, to say the least. And, along with such teaching, Christian parents should make an effort to get the young people of the church together. There is more than one congregation of the church; let the children meet the children of Christian parents in other congregations where this is possible.

If the parents attend Bible study and the children attend Bible study, this is a good way to become acquainted. The same may be said of the worship.

After scriptural worship, parents and children do not need to speed away like going to a fire. Pause, shake hands, and get acquainted. This may pay big dividends later.

When children are old enough to go away to a higher school of learning, and if you intend to send them away, why not send them to a school where their faith will not be wrecked by infidels? We have among us a number of such schools. The teachers in these schools are supposed to be Christians, and hence believers in the Holy Word. And here at "our" colleges your children will meet up with children from other Christian homes. Friendships will be born that may even ripen into courtship and marriage. I know of a number of examples like that.

Parents should also teach their children to respect their divine citizenship as Christians; that they should be holy even as Jesus is holy. Not holiness perfection, of course; but in being followers of him who "spake as never man spake," and who walked and talked among men in all the beauty of perfection, his life is worthy of our every effort to imitate. Children should be taught a consciousness that Jesus lives in Christians, even as Paul said: "Christ liveth in me." But he is too pure and clean to live in untidy, unkept places. Hence, to have Jesus as our companion we must walk uprightly and "live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world." These later lessons will not be hard to put over if the first lesson have been carefully given while our children were toddling around our knees.

Children should be taught that they must make certain sacrifices to be Christians. But the sacrifices they must make are not worthy to be compared to the sacrifices Jesus made for us. For thirty-three and one-half years Jesus denied himself the glories of heaven. He did this to help us. The things we must give up are not as great as what he gave up. That some sacrifices should be made both by Christ and Christians is only a matter of fair play; and if children have been taught to play fairly while young, it will not be too hard to put this lesson across.

Let parents impress upon the children's mind how unkind it is to murmur and complain. Teach them to "do all things without murmuring and disputings." Help them to learn contentment and to remember most graciously every blessing that comes their way, and to trust him who said; "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee." Stress upon their minds over and over and over again that "all things work together for good to them that love God," and "if God be for us, who can be against us?"

Talk freely about the "fire of the Lord" burning among the Israelites and consuming them who "were in the outermost parts of the camp." Thus early put across the teaching that as members of the church they should not wish to stay close to the border line between the church and the world, because "the friendship of the world is enmity with God."



June 28th: Ceremony for graduates. Seniors names are Hunter Sparks, Elijah Brewer, Justin Holloman, Melissa Garcia, Craigan Joyner.

June 29th: SYS at the building. 7pm

Scripture Readers

June 21st CJ Baker

June 28th Cameron Ballard

July 5th Hunter Sparks

July 12th Garrett Todd

July 19th Tell Laux

July 26 Junah Smith

August 2nd Trevor Smith