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Christ Centered ~ Bible Based



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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

Divine Directives for Abundant Living

Hugh Fulford

In the judgment of this writer, Romans 12 qualifies as one of the great chapters of the Bible. It is a veritable sermon on everyday Christian living.

I vividly remember how that at the age of fifteen I labored to memorize this chapter, and succeeded in doing so. Now at the age of thirty-five I am still working on Romans 12—not to memorize it again, but to put into practice its sacred precepts and principles.

Verse nine of this great chapter is especially worthy of consideration. The injunctions set forth in the verse constitute divine directives for abundant living. Look at these with me.

“Let Love Be without Hypocrisy”

The importance and necessity of love in the life of a Christian cannot be denied. Jesus said, “Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. . . . Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.” (Matt. 22:37–39.) Paul declared, “If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing.” (1 Cor. 13:1–3.) He further said, “Let all that ye do be done in love.” (1 Cor. 16:14.)

Yet love, for it to be Christian love, must be without hypocrisy or dissimulation. Rather, it must be sincere. (2 Cor. 8:8.) Peter said, “Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently.” (1 Pet. 1:22.) John exhorted, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18.) *[Continued on third page]*

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.

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.

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

5th Sunday Contribution – Just as a reminder, with today being a 5th Sunday, all contributions today will be going toward paying down the building debt.

Liberia – Students and the Ford-Madden Christian School in Monrovia Liberia are in need of support. For \$325 we can sponsor a student and provide a Christian education for an entire year. Anyone wishing to sponsor a child may do so by giving that to Bill Jarnagin. All support for this is very much appreciated.

Wedding Showers –

- We will be having a wedding shower for **Haley Brooke Howe** and **Gregory McDowell** here at the church building this afternoon, from 2–3p.m. They are registered at Walmart, Target, and Ivy Corner. This will be a drive through only shower. Please pull in from the bypass and go under the awning. We also ask that everyone please remain in your cars and Haley and Gregory will greet you and receive your gift. Then exit onto Thompson Road.
- We will also be having a wedding shower for **Wes Blow** and **Anna Beth Hubbard** on September 13th, at 2 p.m. This will also be a drive through shower. They are registered at Walmart, Macy's, and Dillard's.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Cancer: Betty Hyde, Phyllis Sanders, Margaret Turner, Margaret Joyner, Wayne Johnson, Richard Fry, Hope Whetherford, Bill Cargle, Doug Rains, 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), Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ), Betty White (sister of Dorothy Cain), and Cindy Crossett Smith (a friend's daughter-in-law of Gail Townsend).

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), David Nowlin (a friend of Joan Phillips), Larry Yarbro (Grandfather of Mark and John Yarbro), 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), Janice and Billy Watkins, Janice White, Kim Fisher (a friend of Nicole Blackburn), Carolyn Farmer, Muriel Larkins (Bryan's grandmother), Carlos Miranda, Brenda Travis, Donna Grimes, and Rebecca Whitfield.

Sympathy: To the families of Hattie Freeland, Ashley Florence, and Steve Florence.

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 **Joe Swearingen** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Douthitt & Laura Whitfield** by m/m Andy Earheart.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Joe Swearingen** by Anita Boyd.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Bobby Ragsdale Senior** and **Bobby Ragsdale Junior** by Pat Osment.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by Meg Floyd.
- Given to for the benefit of students in Liberia, West Africa, in memory of **Mary Belisle**, by Jim and Jenny Bacon.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Mary Belisle** by m/m Dennis Richardson.
- 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.

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

Recent Prayer Requests

- **Steve Higginbotham**, the minister at the Karns Church of Christ, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer in several places. This is the congregation where two of John and Emma's daughters attend.
- **Carol Hollingsworth** had to have surgery to correct a bowel obstruction. They found out it was scar tissue and successfully removed it.
- **Rita Kelley's** knee replacement surgery went well. She will have therapy at home.
- **Rixio Medina** is recovering well after his surgery.
- **Bill Jarnagin's** procedure went well to shock his heart back into rhythm, but they found that he has AFib as well. The AFib will be treated with medication.
- Our sympathy goes out to the family of Mark & Mallette Florence at the loss of their daughter, **Ashley**.

- **Emory Florence Sr.**, Emory and Mark's father, had a heart attack, but is expected to be alright.
- We also extend sympathy to the family of **Steve Florence**.

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, August 23, 2020

Sunday morning worship: 101

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

[Continued from front cover] The child of God who will begin to love God and his fellow man in the unpretended manner taught in the sacred scriptures will, in so doing, begin to attain the abundant life Christ came to give. (John 10:10.)

“Abhor That Which Is Evil”

To abhor evil is to hate evil. Christians are to abstain from all appearance of evil. (1 Thess. 5:22.) David declared, “Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way.” (Psalm 119:104.)

To hate evil does not mean to hate the one who is doing evil. While we are to hate wrong-doing, we are to love the wrong-doer and are to seek to save him from his evil. Further, to hate evil is not to merely refrain from doing evil ourselves. It may be possible for one to personally refrain from doing evil (in an overt manner) and yet not actually abhor that which is evil. Let us remember, however, that in matters pertaining to righteousness one cannot be neutral. (Matt. 12:30.)

To abhor that which is evil is to hate and oppose every false way whether in doctrine or in deed. It

means to “have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them.” (Eph. 5:11.)

Thus, if one would live so as to please God and achieve the abundant life he must follow the divine directive which says, “Abhor that which is evil.”

“Cleave to That Which Is Good.”

As desirable as it is to hate evil, such within itself is not enough. To rid ourselves of evil and not replace it with good is to leave our lives empty and without the approval of God. In fact, one of the best ways to eliminate that which is evil from our lives is to fill them with that which is good. “Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.” (Rom. 12:21.). “Let him eschew [turn away from] evil, and do good.” (1 Peter. 3:11.)

Christians are admonished to “hold fast that which is good.” (1 Thess. 5:21.) Aged Christian women are to be “teachers of that which is good.” (Tit. 2:3.) The people of God are “to be ready unto every good work” (Tit. 3:1) and “careful to maintain good works” (Tit. 3:8). The “Great Commission of Benevolence” says, “So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith.” (Gal. 6:10.) No one can live the abundant life Christ offers until that one is ready to “cleave to that which is good.”

No series of injunctions, faithfully followed, would do more to advance the kingdom of Christ and promote the cause of righteousness than the inspired apostle Paul’s divine directives set out in Romans 12:9, “Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.”

* *Gospel Advocate* (Nashville, TN: Sept. 21, 1972), 596–597.



September 7th- Devo for all ages. Pizza for supper. 7:30-9

September 12th- Paintball trip for all ages with parental consent. Leave at 10am. Cost is \$25. Lunch will be provided.

Scripture Readers

August 30th John Dawson

September 6th Cameron Ballard

September 13th Aden Hardin

September 20th CJ Baker

September 27th Junah Smith

October 4th Micheal Laux

October 11th Paul Ulderich