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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 6:30 p.m.

No Good Thing Will God Withhold from the Godly

“Racers navigate tricky conditions at Lawn Mower World Championships”—That was the heading above a video clip that appeared on my web browser when I opened it this past Tuesday. Curiosity got the better of me. I had to see what that was all about. It was held in England last weekend. Not only are there people who race souped-up lawnmowers, but they have world championship competitions! They were wearing helmets, gloves, racing jumpsuits, the whole thing. They were serious. And I’ve got to say, I felt a little urge coming up inside me to jump on one myself.

No matter what it is, there is probably someone out there who is going to want to know whose is the fastest, strongest, biggest, or prettiest. While we might not take our lawn mowers, trucks, tractors, or whatever, to the local racetrack to find out (though some have), it’s not at all unusual to stand around and start comparing horsepower, zero to sixty times, towing capacity, lifting capacity. . . and on it goes.

There is nothing in the world wrong with a little friendly competition. It’s good for young people to be involved in sports. There are valuable lessons that can be learned, like teamwork, responsibility, hard work, and good sportsmanship. Competition at work to see who’s the best can make time pass more quickly, improve job skills, and get the job done quicker. Even things like Bible bowls for our young people at church help them to gain Bible knowledge in a fun way. However, we sometimes compare and compete with others in ways that are not so healthy, because they are motivated by greed and envy, rather than friendly competition (where everyone has a good time and walks away as friends).

In the Old Testament, we find an example of unhealthy competition between a king named Saul, and his son-in-law, David. We read in First Samuel 18:5-9:

So David went out wherever Saul sent him, and behaved wisely. And Saul set him over the men of war, and he was accepted in the sight of all the people and also in the sight of Saul’s servants. Now it had happened as they were coming home, when David was returning had come out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet King Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with musical instruments. So the women sang as they danced, and said: “Saul has slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands.” Then Saul was very angry, and the saying displeased him; and he said, “They have ascribed to David ten thousands, and to me they (*Continued on last page*)

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

Gospel Meeting – We want to encourage everyone to go ahead and save the date for our upcoming Gospel meeting with Keith Parker. This is going to be October 16-19.

Friends and Family Day – We will be having our Friends and Family Day with Bill Watkins (who works with the Crieve Hall congregation near Nashville) on July 31.

Little Ladies Day - Our 2nd Annual Little Ladies Day will be Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 12-noon. Our theme is “Let us build up . . . friendships.”

Visiting Preacher – Ethan Edwards will be preaching for us next Sunday, July 17 (a.m. and p.m.). He is applying for the youth minister position. He will be graduating from Freed-Hardeman in December.

Casserole Ministry – Money is being collected to buy the supplies needed for our first batch of casseroles. If you would like to donate, please give donations to Debbie Larkins or Connie Wright. For more information about this, please see the flyer on the table in the foyer.

Mowing – A sign-up sheet for mowing has been placed on the bulletin board for anyone who would like to help with that. We need help with both the zero turn and tractor.

Help Requested for SYS – The Holladay congregation is going to be hosting SYS tomorrow (July 11) and needs some adults to help serve food. Please see Stacey Ballard if you can help.

Area Wide Singing – We will be having an area wide singing here at our building on Thursday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Let’s plan to come to this and invite others also, so that we can have a great night of worship to God in songs together!

Communion Preparation – We are requesting help with preparing the communion bags. A sign-up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board for this. There is one space left.

Devotionals – There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board for any of our men who would like to sign up to do a short, Wednesday night, devotional.

Please Continue to Pray for:

Cancer: Robert Blackstock (a friend of Greg Matlock), George Smith (brother of Brenda Travis), Bryant Allen (Michelle Ballard’s brother), Loman Ballard (Stacy’s father), Faylene Marvin (Cecil Bates’s sister), Eddie Breeden (a member of the Hustburg church of Christ) Shane Karney (grandson of Kathy Butler), Paula Cox (a teacher at Briarwood), Janet Holland (friend of Rebecca Whitfield), Myrt McLarty, Becky Orr (John Taylor’s aunt), Triston Frye, Alex (the son of Ron Reiter, a friend of Ross Cole), Judy Kennon (Renee Crossett’s stepmother), Steve Cannady (a local nurse practitioner), Mark DeBruce (Glenda Sparks’ brother-in-law), Doug Utley (Anita Boyd’s son), Millette Florence (Emory’s sister-in-law), Meg Day (Heidi Laux’s sister), Kari McDaniel (a friend of Megan Todd), Frank and Terry (Barbara Thompson’s brothers).

Others: Luke Crossett, Susie Brackins, Tracy Tolley, Linda Hams, Tammy DeBruce, Lynn White, Vickie Cox, Ann Dinkins (Angela Hick’s mom), Johnny (Susie Brackins’ brother), 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, Russell Holmes, Aaron Roberts (a friend of Garrett Todd and Shawn McDowell), Donnie Cuthbertson (a friend of Ross Cole), Jeff Homan (a nephew of Emma and John Dawson), Brian Melton (a friend of John and Cindy Lumpkin), Thomas Little (a friend’s grandson of Wanda Horner and Marge Phillips), Mildred Hedge (J.C. Hedge’s widow), Janice and Billy Watkins, Brenda Travis, Rita Kelly, Lainey and Levi Chisholm, Brett Wyatt (a nephew of Penny’s niece), Lynn McKee (a friend’s mother of Nicole Blackburn), Vickie Hudgins (Mike Wilson’s sister), Debra Bates, Madison French (Wanda Malin’s niece), Sharon Oros (Debra Bates’ cousin), Anthony Herbison (Greg Matlock’s stepson), Diana Berdy (Debra Bates’ mother), Jerry Kelley, Virgie Heintz, Wanda Horner, DeeDee Ellis (a friend of Tonya Robinson), Rita Kelley, Bob Farmer, Dorothy Laux, Mary Margaret Ulderich, Eddie (a friend of Tom Ulderich), Juana Chavez (Karla Cook’s mom), Christopher Jordan (the child of a friend of Brian and Heather Larkins), Tony Matlock, Frances Layman (Sid Osment’s great aunt), Anna Sue Curtis, Nannette Jarrett (Dorothy and Desmond’s daughter), Kadence Clark (acquaintance of Mark Ryals), Joyce Driver (Brennan Baker’s mother-in-law), Kim Woodard (Emma Dawson’s niece and Wanda Hensley’s daughter), and Jane Blow (William’s mom).

Sympathy: To the families of David Love (C.J. and Haley Baker’s grandfather) and Robert Dobson.

Military: Mallory Pratt Triplett, US Marine Corp; Joshua Melton, US Marine Corp; Austin Riley, US Navy; Hunter Sparks, US Airforce.

Special Donations

- Given to the building fund in memory of **Jim Curry** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Nell Blackburn & Phyllis Wilkinson** by m/m Johnny Lumpkin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by m/m George P. Sugars.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Phyllis Wilkinson** by Charletta Ragsdale.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Phyllis Wilkinson** by m/m Bill Jarnagin.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Susan Phipps** by m/m I. A. Roberts.
- Given to the building fund in memory of **Eddie Curtis** by Anita Boyd.

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

Recent Prayer Requests

- Let's please remember **the people of Ukraine** in our prayers. If anyone would like to send aid for them, there is an address on the bulletin board where that can be sent.
- **Doug Utley** still needs prayers.
- **Jerry Kelly** has some health issues.
- **Jerry Berry** continues to have health issues that are keeping him at home.
- Continued prayers are requested for Megan Todd's friend, **Kari**, who is battling breast cancer. She did receive good news from a PET scan that showed no signs of anymore spreading!
- **Joe and Leanne Sisco** are doing better after having covid.
- **Janice and Billy Watkins**, the sister and brother-in-law of Emma Dawson, were in the hospital for several medical conditions—E. Choli, kidney stones, UTI, and pneumonia. Their contact information is on the bulletin board.
- **Sammy Douglas**, a friend of Karan Lynch, had a heart attack and was admitted to St. Thomas Hospital. His open-heart surgery was rescheduled for Friday due to him testing positive for covid. His wife also tested positive and is in St. Thomas as well.

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

NEXT WEEK

July 17, 2022

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS

Morning Prayers

Paul Ulderich
John Dawson

Evening Prayers

Michael Laux
David Branch

The Lord's Table

Dan Wyatt

Scripture Readers

Tell Laux (a.m.)
Ronnie Grimes (p.m.)

Evening Communion

David Ulderich

If unable to serve, please tell William Blow.

FOR THE RECORD

Week of July 3, 2022

Sunday School	98
Sunday Morning Worship	159
Sunday Night Worship	58
Wednesday Night	81

Please Remember Our Shut-ins

Mary Edwards, Ray and Joyce Frazee, Kathy Butler, Dorothy Laux, Dorothy Chappell, Sue Bell, Janice White, Virgie Heintz, Jimmy and Evelyn Johnson, Frank and Marge Phillips, Jean Bogle, and Wanda Horner.

"Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world." (Jas 1:27)

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have ascribed only thousands. Now what more can he have but the kingdom?" So Saul eyed David from that day forward. (NKJV)

Saul was so jealous of David that the next day, he tried to kill him with a spear (1 Sam 18:10-11). Saul was on a mission to kill David until the day he died.

This jealousy of David caused problems for Saul. It brought him much grief. It caused family problems. David was married to his daughter, and his best friend was Saul's son, Johnathan (1 Sam 18:1).

This feud between Saul and David was unnecessary, and completely one-sided. David was a faithful subject of Saul. And more than once, the Lord had delivered Saul into his hands, but he refused to take his life (1 Sam 24:1-7; 26:1-12).

Ultimately, all of Saul's troubles with David had nothing to do with David at all, but with himself and his own failure to be obedient to God. One of his greatest fears was that David would be his successor to the throne, rather than his son, Jonathan (1 Sam 20:31). But it was because of his own disobedience the throne was taken from him (1 Sam 15:26). One of the reasons David was so successful in everything that he did was because God had put His Spirit on him (1 Sam 16:13). And one of the reasons Saul was such a failure, was because the Spirit departed from Him (1 Sam 16:14). But why did God put His Spirit on David and take Him from Saul? It was because David trusted and obeyed God, but Saul didn't. That was the root of all of Saul's problems. It reminds me of something God said to Cain when he became upset that his offering was not accepted, but his brother, Abel's, was. Genesis 4:6-7 says:

So the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? And why has your countenance fallen? If you do well, will you not be accepted? And if you do not do well, sin lies at the door. And its desire is for you, but you should rule over it."

I don't mean to say that if you love and obey the Lord you are necessarily going to win the lawnmower racing world championships, but He will always be with you and bless you; "For the Lord God is a sun and shield; The Lord will give grace and glory; No good thing will He withhold From those who walk uprightly" (Ps 84:11-12).

- Daniel Cook

∞ YOUTH GROUP ∞

Remind code: @316-john

Summer Youth Series!

Monday, July 11

Drama & Conflict - Holladay

Midsouth Youth Camp

July 17-22

See the Ballards to get Signed up

BIBLE APP READING PLAN:

Walking in the Fruit of the Spirit

See Trevor if you need help joining

Kids Corner

5th Grade and Under

Our 2nd Annual Little Ladies Day will be Saturday, August 13, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Our theme is "Let us build up . . . friendships." More details to come for this event.

PEW PACKERS!

Sundays @ 5:45 in room 106 (next to nursery)