

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Daniel Balch /Opening Prayer by: Walden David

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#647 Soldiers of Christ Arise

#509 I Will Sing the Wondrous Story

Scripture Reading by: Cameron Cantu

#387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#452 Standing on the Promises

Sermon: "Believing a Lie"

1 Kings 13:20-22

#904 Have You Been to Jesus?

#648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Closing Prayer by: Bob Parker

Welcome by: Daniel Balch

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#867 To Canaan's Land

#552 Have Thine Own Way

Scripture Reading: Rock Cary

Prayer by: Don Taylor

#548 The Lily of the Valley

#549 There Is Sunshine in My Soul

Sermon: "Worship in Song: Never Forsaken"

Psalms 37:25

#650 Send the Light

#634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Closing Prayer by: Wayne Noonkester

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship

Wednesday: 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

June 3, 2018

"Stand Firm in...Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Living With Joy

I read one time about an incident that occurred in a restaurant. I want you to visualize a man at a buffet-style establishment. He is standing at the salad bar. Do you have that image?

Now picture him covered in Thousand Island Dressing. It is running from his hair, over his glasses, down his face, all over his jacket, pants, and shoes. We are not just talking about a little salad dressing here. We are talking 2 gallons of Thousand Island Dressing, covering this man from head to toe. You see, a server carrying a 2 gallon container of Thousand Island dressing for the salad bar had paused for just a second while coming through the swinging doors of the kitchen. In that instant, the doors had caught her and knocked her forward, launching the salad dressing all over this fellow.

The man went berserk. He began shouting and cursing at her and telling her how stupid she was. He told her he had on a brand new suit that cost \$500. Then his wife chimed in, berating her for ruining her husband's \$500 suit. The man literally screamed at the poor waitress, demanding to see the manager.

The manager came out, saw this man with salad dressing dripping from his entire body, and asked, "Is there a problem?" The man replied, "She has just ruined my \$500 suit! It's brand new! I want a new suit!" The manager offered to have the suit cleaned, but the man became more belligerent in his demand. To avoid making an even bigger scene, the manager went into his office and wrote the man a check for \$500. Still fuming, the angry customers left.

Here, as Paul Harvey would have said, is the rest of the story: it was noon on a Sunday.

Why do you suppose would someone be wearing a brand new suit on a Sunday? Do you think they had been to church? Do you reckon they had just heard a sermon on love? Or perhaps they had heard a sermon on the golden rule.

I don't want to be a judge about how people should act; it would certainly be more than a little upsetting to be marinated in Thousand Island. And I recognize that all of us fall short at times in our interactions with others. But the tragedy is that God has called us to be transformed: *I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to*

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Dana Wiggins is taking chemo treatments.

Continued Prayers

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, James Scott, Gary Nielsen, Harold Cryer, Gerald Lucy, Steve Ward, Teresa McKewen, Jackie David, Patricia Padon, Frank & Tina Garcia, Ronnie Davis, Bill Lunceford, Eric Davis, J. P. Williams, Stacie Copeland, Mark Wilcox, Doris Trahan

Shut Ins

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Pauline Taylor, Winona Angelle, Pat Henley, Myrtle Sheffield, Ronnie Rubit, Joe Leonard

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Teacher Needed

We are in need of a teacher for the 4yrs-K class. If you would be interested in teaching this class, please let the office know.

Website

Our website has been revamped and is up and running. It's libertycofc.org. Take a look and see what you think of it.

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Deacons, Minister meeting Monday, June 4th at 7pm.

Deacons meet at 4:45 pm today.

We will be having a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, June 5th at 9:00 am.

Primetimers will be having a Hamburger Supper on Tuesday, June 12th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship room.

Baby Shower for Sara Smathers, Sunday, June 24th from 2-4 pm. She is registered at babylist.com.

VBS is July 23-26th. Make your plans to attend.

It's almost time for those Happy Campers to head off to church camp....

The kiddos will be going to Camp Red Oak Springs and Camp Bandina this year. 2 sessions for CROS. Please register ASAP for spots are filling up fast.

Ages 10-18, Camp Red Oak Springs

Session 2 June 18-23, Session 5 July 2-7

Online registration and payment @ campredoaksprings.net

Ages 10-18, Camp Bandina-Elliot Session

July 15-21

Online registration and payment @ campbandina.org.

FYI-Don't forget to print the medical release form for they will need this when they get to camp.

See Phillip Strickhausen if you have any questions

Privilege to Serve

Sunday, June 3rd

Communion Preparation: Catherine Parker

Nursery Attendants: Jane Tinkle, Rita Upton

Children's Bible Hour: Ashley Balch

Teen Helpers: River Lucy, Annie McKelroy

Communion Preparation for Sunday, June 10th: Abbey Perkins

Nursery Attendants for Sunday, June 10th: Marsha Rader

Children's Bible Hour for Sunday, June 10th: Tania Balch

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to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind... (Romans 12:1-2a). We might expect the rest of the world to behave crudely. But Christians should not. We are not to be like the world.

Unfortunately, there are many Christians who are living life without the joy that should accompany being in Christ. I read a statement once by the great Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr. At one point in his life, Justice Holmes explained his choice of a career by saying, "I might have entered the ministry if certain ministers I knew had not looked and acted so much like undertakers." There was no joy in their religion.

Joy comes from having a confident trust and faith in God. Faith dispels attitudes that prevent joy from occurring: worry, doubt, fear. Joy also comes as a result of obedience. Remember in **Acts 8**, when the Ethiopian nobleman had obeyed the gospel, we are told he went on his way rejoicing. Joy comes into our lives when we realize that through the blood of Christ and obedience to his commands we have been cleansed and forgiven. Joy comes, too, from Christian fellowship and Christian service. Make no mistake about it, there is joy in spending time with other Christians and there is joy in serving the Lord. If we do not feel that, we are missing a key part of the abundant life Jesus came to impart to us (**John 10:10**).

The joy of the Lord is available to us. Let's all endeavor to exhibit it in our everyday lives so that others might see Jesus living in us. When we have the joy of the Lord in our lives, when we put our trust in him and submit to his will, then the love of God will be reflected in everything we say and do. Even if we are covered in salad dressing.

Bryant Perkins