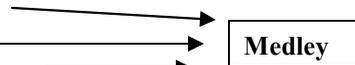


TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Daniel Balch /Opening Prayer by: Bob Parker

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Michael Simmons

#701 My Jesus, I Love Thee
#615 He Keeps Me Singing
#738 Take the Name of Jesus with You



Medley

#76 How Great Thou Art

Scripture Reading by: Jackson Burgess

#349 Ten Thousand Angels

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#875 Home of the Soul

Sermon: "Laboring for the Lord"

Romans 12:1

#934 Softly and Tenderly

#966 Amen

Closing Prayer by: Phillip Strickhausen

Welcome by: Daniel Balch

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Michael Simmons

#587 Sing and Be Happy

#470 Victory in Jesus

Scripture Reading: Tristan Strickhausen

Prayer by: Robert Ward

#595 I Come to the Garden Alone

Sermon by Bobby Rader: "Church Safety or Church Disaster"

#361 Nailed to the Cross

#852 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

Closing Prayer by: David Smith

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

September 2, 2018

"Stand Firm in...Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Help Wanted

I passed by the field of a sluggard, by the vineyard of a man lacking sense, and behold, it was all overgrown with thorns; the ground was covered with nettles, and its stone wall was broken down. Then I saw and considered it; I looked and received instruction. A little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to rest, and poverty will come upon you like a robber, and want like an armed man. (Proverbs 24:30-34)

Tomorrow is Labor Day. Scripture has a great deal to say about the importance of work for God's people. We are to learn to be productive like the ant (**Proverbs 6:6-11**). We are to work on our jobs just as if we are working for the Lord (**Ephesians 6:5-8**). We are told that if someone refuses to work, they should not be allowed to eat (**1 Thessalonians 3:10**).

But I want us to think particularly about how we apply this concept to the work of the church. Consider the words of Jesus: *When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."* (**Matthew 9:36-38**).

I wonder sometimes if we really believe that sinners are lost. We read that in the Bible, of course. We read too that they must obey Christ so that they can be saved. We even talk a lot about lost souls. But we seem to do so little about it that I wonder if we really believe it.

Perhaps we have been thinking about this all wrong. Maybe we thought we were working when we became members of some congregation that supports several missionaries in various parts of the country or the world. After all, we are helping to send them, so we are proving our love and our concern for lost souls. We are doing our part to bring people to Jesus.

Don't misunderstand me – it is a great thing for a church to send preachers to teach people about Jesus. That does not, however, excuse anyone from doing his or her best to convert those in their own sphere of influence, those in their circle of friends. Sending a missionary to Africa or India or anywhere else does not convert people in our own community. For that matter, supporting a preacher where we live does not convert many of them either. You see, it is not just

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Privilege to Serve
Sunday, Sept. 2nd

Our Sick

Doris Trahan is taking chemo treatments.

Phillip Cottle is in Methodist Hospital room 427 Dunn Tower.

Robert White, Brent White's father, is in St. Luke's Hospital in Houston.

Continued Prayers

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, James Scott, Gary Nielsen, Harold Cryer, Gerald Lucy, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Patricia Padon, Frank & Tina Garcia, Ronnie Davis, Bill Luncford, Eric Davis, J. P. Williams, Mark Wilcox, Cheryl Mast, Jarrell White

Shut Ins

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Pauline Taylor, Winona Angelle, Pat Henley, Myrtle Sheffield, Ronnie Rubit, Joe Leonard, Dr. Ronald Davis, Frances Petree

Our Missionaries

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

Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meet Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 7:00 pm.

We will be having a Houston Food Bank truck on Tuesday, Sept. 4th at 8:30 am.

Movie Night on Saturday, Sept. 8th. The movie will be "I Can Only Imagine". We will have hot dogs, chips, drinks and popcorn at 5:00pm. The movie will start at 6pm.

Primetimers will be having a Salad Supper on Tuesday, Sept. 11th at 6:30 pm in the fellowship room. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board.

Men's Prayer Breakfast is Saturday, Sept. 15th at 8:00 am in the family life center.

Ladies Bible Class

Ladies Bible class will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 5th at 10:00 am.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bob Parker	Danny Balch	
Bobby Rader	Shannon Smith	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

Communion Preparation: Rita Upton
 Nursery Attendants: Marsha Rader

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Sept. 9th: Iva Votaw
 Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Sept. 9th: Pat Hobbs

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the role of the missionary or the preacher to lead lost souls to Jesus. Jesus said to *let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)*. That call is personal; it is individual.

People are dying every day without Christ all around us and we are doing little about it individually. But every one of us can preach the sermon Jesus wanted preached. He does not ask for great orators; he calls for us to live lives that will bring others to Him. There have been more people brought to Jesus through lives where He could be seen than by any other method. Conversely, some have been driven away because of the disconnect between what members of the Lord's body preach and how they live. A good example is a good sermon. And some of our very best sermons are withheld from others because we put our lights under a bushel.

If we want others to know that the Lord is important in our lives, we must start with a life of dedication and commitment. Our neighbors must see that the Lord and the church are more important to us than anything or anyone else. Do you love Jesus? Then live his kind of life. Tell those you see you love Jesus, and let them see it in the way you live. Let your light shine.

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Are you ready to get to work?

Bryant Perkins

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