

Sunday, October 15		Sunday, October 22	
Greeters	Sam & Ida Scott	Greeters	Larry & Kay Little
Bible Reading	Brent James	Bible Reading	Bryant Addison
Devotional Prayer	Mark Biles	Devotional Prayer	Marl Fuller
Song Leader (AM & PM)	James Rogers	Song Leader (AM & PM)	Aaron Fletcher
Worship Prayer	Danny Standridge	Worship Prayer	Paul Gilliland
Lord's Table		Lord's Table	
(B) Preston Grover	(J) Kenneth Grover	(B) Paul Gilliland	(J) Chris James
Frank Pitts	(O) Windell Denney	Nathan Lee	(O) Rex Free
Casey Pirtle	Roger McCaghren	Matt Woodruff	Roger Jones
Bryant Addison	Will Fletcher	Jimmy Jones	Harry James
Announcements	Ken Nelson	Announcements	Houston Hutto
Dismissal Prayer	Ben Rogers	Dismissal Prayer	Jerry Hall
Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)		Control Room (Sunday & Wednesday)	
-Streaming	Chris James	-Streaming	Casey Pirtle
-Songs/Audio	Paul Gilliland	-Songs/Audio	Preston Grover
Prepare Communion	Jennifer Addison-Keslee Addison	Prepare Communion	Beth James-Sherry Chamberlain
Sunday Evening		Sunday Evening	
Opening Prayer	Jamie Patterson	Opening Prayer	Chuck Cleghorn
Dismissal Prayer	Roger Thomas	Dismissal Prayer	Paul Rogers
Wednesday, October 18		Wednesday, October 25	
Song Leader	Sam Scott	Song Leader	Harry James
Closing Prayer	Jamie Patterson	Closing Prayer	Rex Free
Ushers	Aaron Fletcher-David Scarbrough	Ushers	Matt Addison-Jamie Patterson
Lock Building	Larry Little-Brent James	Lock Building	Larry Little-Brent James

ELDERSELDERS

Roger ThomasHarry James

MINISTER

Brent JamesNathan Lee

DEACONS

Deacons: All

Benevolence

Deacon: Windell Denney

Visitations

Deacons: All

Education

Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Houston Hutto

Missions

Deacon: Larry Little

Youth

Deacon: Matt Addison

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Deacons: Jamie Patterson, Aaron Fletcher

Technology

Deacon: Tim Hester

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Lauren HambyOct 2

Jaylee LilesOct 5

Rachel JamesOct 15

Madison LilesOct 20

Kenneth GroverOct 21

Ashley GillilandOct 24

Harry JamesOct 24

Jasper PitzOct 27

Nathan LeeOct 28

Happy Anniversary!

Marl & Joyce FullerOct 6

Harry & Benita JamesOct 7

Jimmy & Eleshea JonesOct 14

Tanner & Emily OwensOct 22

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DO THE WALK

Men’s class has been studying through the book of Ephesians. One of the dominant themes in the book is – walking. Knowing this theme can guide us in godly living.

We are to walk in the best behavior. Ephesians 4:1-2 says to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, in all humility and gentleness and patience, bearing with one another in love.” Through the gospel (2 Thess.2:14), God calls us to him. This is a high calling (Phil.3:12-14), a holy calling (I Peter 1:15), a humble calling (I Cor.1:26-29) and a harmonious calling (I Cor.1:9).

Obeying Jesus means we are “created in Christ Jesus unto good works” (Eph.2:10). That same verse says we are to ‘walk” in these good works. This exhortation reminds us to be “zealous of good works” (Titus 2:14).

Ephesians 5:1-2 says we are to “walk in love.” This is challenging because Paul adds we are to walk in love “as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us” (Eph.5:2). Plus, Ephesians 5:1 says we are “to be imitators of God, as beloved children.” Such reminds us of Jesus’ conversation with his disciples “as I have loved you, that you also love one another” (John 13:34,35). To be as self-denying and as sacrificial as Jesus is the goal of every faithful Christian.

Likewise, as followers of Christ, we are to “walk as children of light” (Eph.5:8). We were “once darkness, but are now light in the Lord” (Eph.5:8). To walk in the light means we do not participate in works of darkness. The paragraph of Ephesians 5:3-14 lists several works of darkness which should never be “named” among us – fornication, impurity, covetousness, filthy talk, foolish talk, crude joking, deception. The point is clear: “because of these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience” (Eph.5:6). In fact, we are to “take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them, for it is shameful even to speak of the things that they do in secret” (Eph.5:11-12).

Ephesians 5:15-21 says we are to “walk in wisdom.” Note several wise things: making the most of time (16), understanding the will of God (17), being filled with the Spirit (18), worshipping heartily (19-20), and submitting to one another (21).

I must ask myself – do I read and digest the above passages or merely pass over them? Satan wants us to be preoccupied; he lulls us into a state of unawareness. No wonder Paul adds, “Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you” (Eph.5:14).

-David

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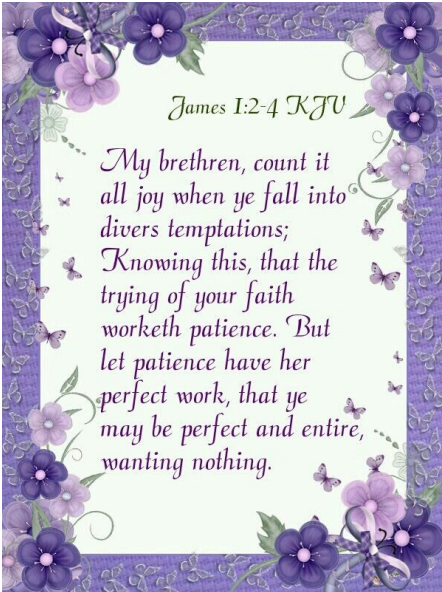
SICK & PRAYERS

- Chloe James will be having heart surgery October 31st. Please keep Chloe, Chris and Alison in your prayers.
- Melissa Shaw, neighbor of the Brooks’, had cancer surgery. **Address..428 England Isles 3, Lincoln AL 35096.**



Baby Shower

Honoring Rachael Hamby Carle
Today, from 2-3:30.
Selections are at Amazon & Walmart.



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CONFESSION

There are several uses of the word “confession” in the New Testament. For example, as one comes to Christ for initial forgiveness from sin, he makes the good confession (I Tim.6:12), in which he professes his faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Another example is, as Christians, when we sin, we must confess our sins to the heavenly Father and He is faithful and just to forgive us (I John 1:9). Then, as Christians, we are to “confess our faults one to another and pray for one another” (James 5:16). Last Sunday morning, we read a letter to the congregation from our sister, Sasha Scott, in which she requested forgiveness and for prayers from her bothers and sisters. * Let’s be praying for little Karter (NICU, Huntsville), and for Sasha, as she seeks to grow in the Lord.

GOING TO CHURCH



Many reasonably good people seldom, if ever, “go to church.” Meeting with others to study the Bible, God’s word, and to publicly worship Him is something easily ignored in our busy world. To these, church is where you go for a wedding or a funeral, but little more.

The early Christians didn’t just “go to church”—they were the church. They were the ekklesia, the “called-out-ones,” called out of the world by the gospel of Christ to be a light to the world. They were a community of believers, commonly referred to as “the body of Christ” and even “the bride of Christ.” In Christ, they were bound together in “one body. And one Spirit...one hope...one Lord, one faith, one baptism” and “one God.” (Ephesians 4:4-6). As such, to not meet with other Christians to encourage one another and jointly express their devotion to the Lord was not considered an option.

Had not the Lord said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them” (Matthew 18:20)? Had He not instructed them in the partaking of the Lord’s Supper, saying, “This do in remembrance of me” (Luke 22:17-22; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26)? From the first, the church, consisting of penitent baptized believers, “continued steadfastly in the apostles’ doctrine, in the fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). Acts 20:7 tells us that “Upon the first day of the week...the disciples came together to break bread.” Christians who were becoming neglectful were admonished, “Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves who were becoming neglectful were admonished, “Not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching” (Hebrews 10:25).

Christians are not called to be “lone rangers” in a world hostile to God, but to be bound together with brothers and sisters in Christ in a common struggle. Sharing together in worship and in the word of God should be something much desired by those who love the Lord.

Upcoming EVENTS

- **Today**—Baby Shower for Rachael Hamby Carle
- **Tonight**– Young men will lead worship at Spruce Pine
- **October 19** - Sister’s Night Out
- **October 21** - Supper Outing to Francesco’s in Decatur
- **October 28** - Trunk or Treat

CHURCH-FAMILY - Some quick thoughts -

Understanding the church is vital to Christian living. The church is presented to us with different pictures. As to unity, the church is the body of Christ (I Corinthians 12:13ff; Col.3:15); as to conduct, the church is the called out of the world to be saints (I Cor.1:2); as to the spiritual war, we are the army of God (Eph.6:10-18); as to work, we are the vineyard of the Lord (Matt.20:1-16). Please note, as to members’ relations, we are the family of God. In obeying the gospel, we become children of God (Gal.3:26,27). All who obey automatically become brothers and sisters in Christ. *“If we walk in the light as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another...”* (I John 1:7). Now, please take a close look at I Timothy 5:1-2: *“Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father. Treat younger men like brothers, older women like mothers, younger women like sisters, in all purity.”* Since the church belongs to Christ and is His body, then the spiritual family is the priority (Matt.10:34-37). --David



GOOD STUDIES



Our teens and young adults are engaged in some important Bible studies. The Wednesday night class is focusing upon some typical bad habits in the world and shining the light of scripture upon them. Recently, they studied staying away from filthy language and the terrible habit of smoking. Indeed, each body is a temple of the Holy Spirit (I Cor.6:19-21). The Sunday morning class is working through “search for truth” pamphlets, that is, learning what the gospel is and how to obey it.

THOUGHTFUL SAYINGS

Christians must “s.i.t.” in the presence of God. Per our prayer lesson last week – “S” – **sit** supplication; “I” – intercession; “T” – thanksgiving. The letter “I” is in the middle of both “sin” and “pride.” Know God, know peace. No God, no peace. Weak things united become strong. If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand. – Mark 3:25
A three-fold cord is not quickly broken. – Eccl.4:12

WHAT IS THE PERFECT IN I CORINTHIANS 13:10?

At the time of Paul’s writings, I believe the NT was not yet written, incomplete. The “imperfect” I believe is the miraculous spiritual gifts which ceased. What do you think the “perfect” is in 1 Cor. 13:10? “The perfect” in this passage is the coming completion of the revelation of God to man in what we have today as the New Testament. It is the “perfect law of liberty” according to James 1:25. Ephesians 4 also speaks about the coming of the unity of “the faith.” So it was not the incomplete revelation, but the coming completed revelation. That is “that which is perfect/complete.” This makes sense in the context too. What was incomplete? Prophecies, tongues, knowledge. What are those things? They are ways of revealing the truth. Well, when you have all of the truth, then you no longer need those things that reveal the truth to you. Jesus promised that the apostles would be guided into “all truth” (John 16:13). So that is what we must believe that happened. Paul was speaking at a time when that was not yet accomplished. So, they still needed those prophecies, tongues, and knowledge. However, when that which is perfect/complete is come, then that which is incomplete would be done away.

— Kevin Cauley