

Order of Worship

Song: #238 You Are the Song That I Sing

Call to Worship

Song: #100/101 Holy Ground

Song: #377 He Still Came

The Lord's Supper

Song: #742 When Upon Life's Billows

Offering

Offering Song: #55 I Will Bless Thee, O Lord

Song: #574 Oh, How I Love Jesus

Scripture Reading
Luke 16:24-26

Sermon
"In Your Lifetime"

Song: #902 Nothing But the Blood

Family Time

Song: #290 Shine, Jesus, Shine

Closing Prayer

Please join us for a lite brunch in the fellowship hall immediately after our worship service this morning.

Join Us Again on Sunday & Wednesday Evenings

Grow in the love of God and His truth with us on Sunday and Wednesday evenings.

Sunday Evening Sermon: "A Study of Proverbs" with Archie R. Green

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: "A Journey Through Acts" with Rickey Rodgers

You may access Sunday Bible Class, Sunday Evening Worship Service, and Wednesday Evening Bible Study on Zoom through our website.

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For The Record

Sunday Morning (Live)	101	Sunday Morning Bible Study	63
Sunday Evening Worship	29	Wed. Morning Bible Study	11
Wed. Evening Bible Study	40	Contribution Average 2023	N/A

Schedule Of Services

Sunday Morning Worship—9:30 a.m.	Sunday Bible Class—11:00 a.m.
Sun. Evening Worship—6:30 p.m.	Wed. Morning Bible Study—10 a.m.
Wednesday Dinner—6:00 p.m.	Wed. Evening Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

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But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented.'

Luke 16:25



We Welcome You!

We are honored that you chose to visit with us today. We hope that you will stay around a few minutes after our service to become better acquainted. We are eager to know you! We hope you will come to see us as we see ourselves, a group of people who desire to live and love like Jesus.

If you seek meaning and purpose in your life, we invite you to come and join us as we study God's word, the Bible, and find the true joy and fulfillment that can only be found in Him. Our doors and hearts are open. So, if you've been thinking, praying, searching, and hoping for a place to belong, we say again—welcome!

“The Rich Man and Lazarus”

While on earth, the rich man had many temporal comforts (verse 19), while Lazarus had it rough (verses 20-21).

The tables were turned, though, when the two died. Verses 22-31 give perhaps the most detailed picture in Scripture of the Hadean realm, which departed souls enter while awaiting the Day of Judgment. These verses speak of Lazarus being in “*Abraham’s bosom*” (verse 22), a term that shows the comfort Lazarus enjoyed there (cf. verse 25). The rich man, on the other hand, was in a part of Hades referred to as “*torments*” (verse 23; cf. verse 28). This term demonstrates the anguish suffered by those in it (cf. verse 25).

The rich man was in so much pain that he asked for Lazarus to “*dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool [his] tongue*” (verse 24). He wished some things could change when his soul was in torment. He was told by Abraham, though, that there is a “*great gulf fixed*” between those in comfort and those in torment, and no one can pass from one side to the other (Luke 16:26). He was further shown that opportunities to exhort his family to prepare for physical death had ceased (verses 27-31). This passage gives us a striking portrait of how different things truly are from how they often appear. While the rich man appeared to “have it made” during his time on earth, the poor beggar was truly in a far better state than him. Notice the contrast brought out in verse 25. There Abraham told the rich man, “*Son, remember that you, in your lifetime, received your good things, and Lazarus, in the same way, bad things. But here he is now comforted, and you are in anguish.*”

The rich man wasn’t wrong for being materially wealthy, but his riches profited him nothing when his time on earth ended. On the other hand, Lazarus may have been deemed a failure by the world. He had little of what most consider to be important. Yet, by pleasing God, Lazarus had far greater riches than anything the world can offer (cf. 1 Tim. 6:6; Rev. 2:9).

This passage also demonstrates the “time limit” God has given for us to obey Him. When we pass away or Judgment Day comes (whichever occurs first), it will be too late to change our fate. Wishing, like the rich man, to modify our fate, will do no good. What *will* do us good is to prepare, like Lazarus, while there is time. The account of the rich man and Lazarus helps us understand what is truly important. During our relatively brief time on earth (cf. James 4:14), may we live in such a way that we will be comforted, and not tormented, when our souls depart.

- Michael Hickox

Church Family New

Craft Day—All crafters are invited to bring a craft project and bag lunch to the fellowship room every Monday at noon for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship together.

Men’s Bible Study—The Men’s Bible Study will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, September 15th, at the home of the Bishops, 1128 Moorefield Road, West Point, VA.

Congregational Meeting—A congregational meeting will be held on Sunday, September 17th, immediately following worship service.

Young at Heart Luncheon—Thursday, September 21, at Indian Fields Tavern, 9220 John Tyler Memorial Hwy, Charles City, VA 23030. Plan to meet there at 12:30 pm or leave from the church building at 11:30 am. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall; for questions or to arrange a ride, contact Miley Walker at 757-647-9569.

Men’s Meeting—There will be a Men’s Meeting on Thursday, September 21st. Dinner will be provided at 6 pm, with the meeting following at 7. All men are encouraged to attend.

Game Night—All are welcome to attend Game Night in the fellowship room on Friday, September 29th, at 6 pm. Bring your favorite game and a snack or drink to share.

Annual Church Picnic—Sunday, October 1, 2023, at Waller Mill Park (Shelter 2), immediately following Bible class. Please bring a side dish or dessert and join the fellowship, food, & fun.

Happy Birthday

Adriana Johnson 9/1, Kathy Shy 9/3, Michael Johnson 9/4, Tom Little 9/5, Mary Balthaser 9/8, Sherrie Fetterman 9/8, India Johnson 9/9, Miley Walker 9/11, Eula Beasley 9/16, Jerry Munn 9/17, Madison Gary 9/19, Betty Benson 9/19, Jim Bishop 9/19, Michael Boisseau 9/27, Penny Bucknam 9/28, Cathy Bishop 9/30

Wedding Anniversaries

John & Amy Girimont 9/5, Jerry & Mary Ann Fields 9/6, Bob & Tess Martin 9/10, Matthew & Becky Lech 9/30, Frank & Sabrina Logan 9/30

Prayer Request

Immediate Concerns:

M.C. & Juanita Bailey - health
Betty Owsley - health
Levi Abbott - health
Ken Moran - health
Lena Stone - health
Anthony Ricks - health
Margaret Rose - cancer
K.P. Pressey - chemo & radiation

Long Term Concerns:

Taylor Myers - health issues
Regina Clark - MS
Keith Bucknam - severe spinal pain
India Johnson - health
Boisseau family - health
Amy Girimont - health
Cheryl Brown - health
Abbott Family

Shut-ins

Regina Clark
Adassa Duncan

Family & Friends:

Walker Knight’s sister, **Sandra Shewchuck** - spine surgery
Tes Martin’s aunt, **Linda** - health
Kay Himes’ nephew, **Carl Vandivier** & friends, **Sigrid Polson-Randolph & Ruth** - health
Sabrina Logan’s friend, **Lacey**, cousin, **Tia**, and **Frank Logan’s** mother, **Sophia** - health
Betty Owsley’s sister - health
Ann Greer’s sister-in-law, **Vickie** – recovering from lung cancer surgery
Peggy Boarman’s son-in-law, **Jim Bristow** - current situation
The Knights’ friends, **Carl and Sherry McDonald** & their son, **Gary** - health