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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday Worship

Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Services	10:30am
Evening Services	6:00pm

Third Sunday Worship

Bible Class	9:30am
Morning Services	10:30am
Evening Services	1:00pm

Wednesday Worship

Bible Class	7:00pm
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The Leftovers

Jacob Evans

At the risk of appearing snobbish or ungrateful, I've got a confession to make: I don't like leftovers, i.e. cold food that is in need of being reheated. I always have the best of intentions to pull last night's meal out of the refrigerator, throw it in the microwave, nuke it, and consume it, but I fail to do so time and time again. Now, don't get me wrong. I've eaten my fair share of leftovers, but I can't honestly say that I enjoy eating leftovers. The food never seems to taste or look the same. It lacks something.

With respect to your Christian walk, do you realize that God is not interested in your leftovers? In fact, Jesus says that we are to "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness" (Matt. 6:33, emphasis added). Among other things, this means that God should come first in every aspect of our lives. Indeed, we should NOT give God our leftover love (Matt. 22:37-38), time (Eph. 5:18), thoughts (Phil. 4:8), service (Gal. 5:13-14), or money (Prov. 3:9; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8-9). In the mind of God, such leftovers lack something.

Being content with giving God the leftovers reveals something about the person who has this attitude. John said, "We love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:9, emphasis added). God loved us all so much in the midst of our sin that He took the initiative by sending His Son into the world to die in our place (John 3:16; Rom. 5:8). God gave us His very best; in return, He expects the same. Indeed, contentment in giving God the leftovers exposes an ungrateful, selfish attitude.

Leftovers are fine when it comes to nourishing our physical bodies. At times, leftovers are unavoidable, even necessary. However, with respect to God and our spirituality, a life of leftovers is unacceptable, especially when we take into account the example of His Son (cf. Phil. 2:5-11).

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Those Whom We Have The Privilege To Pray For

1. Scott Pease, Nancy (Howarth), Griffin Turley, Carla Cavin, Pat Vinson, Eunice Black, Claude Eberle, Kenny Terry, Vivian Beavers, Jim Pinkston, Kyle Bonner, Tricia Moses & Heather Jones. Also, Dale Bennett, Stephanie Bonner, & Paige Eberle have cancer.
2. Brother Bonner's friend, Hailey Keener's grandfather passed away last week, please keep the family in your prayers.
3. John Moore, a gospel preacher, is recovering well after very difficult heart complications.
4. Pat Vinson is now living in Claremore and doing fairly well.
5. Danny Lee, Tricia's nephew, got a bad report concerning his cancer.
6. The Cagel's & Rebecca's sister & niece have COVID.



Announcements

1. Next Sunday's sermons will be on "Fundamentals: Authorization (Colossians 3:17) & Punctuality (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)."

God's Plan of Salvation

- Hear/Study *Rom 10:17; 2 Tim 2:15*
- Belief & Faith *Jn 3:16; 14:15; He 11:6*
- Repent *Ac 17:30; 2 Pt 3:9*
- Confess *Mt 10:32; Ro 10:9-10*
- Obey The Gospel *2 Th 1:8; 1 Cor 15:1-4; Rom 6:3-5*
- Live a Faithful Life *1 Jn 1:7; Eph 5:8-14*

If you have any questions or would like to study this or any other biblical matter, please let us know.

Upcoming Events

- Game Night will next be January 29th at 6:30pm.
- Super Bowl party at Landon's house February 7th after evening services. There will be fun, food, and fellowship so make plans to come.
- Bible Way Media is a great way to be edified with sound teaching throughout your day. You can listen at www.biblewaymedia.org or the new app.

Bible Trivia

1. Which family in the Bible did not have to pay taxes?
2. Storks build their nests in what kind of tree?
3. How did God destroy the kings who attacked Gibeon?
4. What two books talk about nose jewelry?