

LEADING OUR WORSHIP			
<u>October Chairman:</u> Russell Simpson	<u>Greeters for the month of October</u> Stephen & Rebecca Candela		Elders Kevin Eubanks John K. Gott Jim Humphrey David Pahman Russell Simpson
<u>Sunday Morning</u> Opening Prayer Song Leader Lord's Supper Prayer Scripture Reading Announcements/Prayer MPR Security Building Lockup Bus Driver	<u>October 1st</u> Robert Warren Phil Hartnady Ken Ware Ryan Wheeler Russell Simpson Dwight Sutton Derek Johnson Rick Wheat	<u>October 8th</u> Dave Eubank Jared McGuire Mike McGuire Eli Watson Russell Simpson Robert Warren Dwight Sutton Jon Paschal	Deacons Josh Adkins Derek Depp Andrew Gott Barrett Hammer Derek Johnson Michael King Justin Lohden Mike McGuire Greg Neville Stephen Pitcock Smith Sexton Randy Simpson Jeremy Waddell Roger Watt Rick Wheat Andy Wright
<u>Serving at the Table</u> Nick Sugalski Art Shannon Barrett Hammer Tommy Williams Andrew Wilson Kyle Johnson <u>Alternates</u> Todd Childress Terrill Elkin	<u>A/V Room</u> 10/1 Jon & Randy 10/8 Kyle & Jon 10/15 Bradley & Randy 10/22 Kyle & Jon 10/29 Bradley & Randy	<u>Ushers</u> Darrell Dubree Roger Johnson <u>Prepare Communion</u> Jerry & Connie Bush <u>If unable to serve call</u> Wayne Moyers 270-779-2410 or Dale Wiley 270-901-7356	Ministers Hiram Kemp Neal Pollard Secretary Linda Matthews
<u>Sunday Evening</u> Announcements Song Leader Scripture Reading Closing Prayer MPR Security Building Lockup	<u>October 1st</u> John Woodring Dennis Hogan Perry Lawrence Landon Bryant Dwight Sutton Derek Johnson	<u>October 8th</u> Dave Steeves David Pahman Michael Mouser Eddie Hughes Robert Warren Dwight Sutton	
<u>Wednesday Evening</u> Announce/Prayer Song Leader Devotional MPR Security Building Lockup	<u>October 4th</u> Darrell Dubree Kason Eubank Caden Hammer Dwight Sutton Derek Johnson	<u>October 11th</u> Harold Nicks Matthew Jenkins Stephen Pitcock Robert Warren Dwight Sutton	Light of the World WNKY-NBC TV Sundays 6:30 & 10:00 AM With Hiram & Neal Or: WVBS Online

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HERALDING THE GOOD NEWS

What the Bible Teaches About Rest

Hiram Kemp

The Bible emphasizes the importance of hard work as a part of humanity's responsibility to God (Gen. 2:15, 3:19). However, for all that God teaches about the nobility of work he also emphasizes the need for humans to rest. Rest is not for the weak and fragile, rest is for the finite. Here are a few things to consider in regard to what the Bible teaches us about our need for rest.

- At the conclusion of creation God rested (Gen. 2:1-2). When we are told that God rested this should not be taken to mean that God was tired, but instead that he was satisfied. God was pleased with his creative work, and he ceased to create. There is a time to be satisfied with all that we have done or are able to do and to cease working.
- God commanded Israel to keep the Sabbath day as a holy day (Exod. 20:8-11). Israel was to sanctify the Sabbath day and refrain from any work because God hallowed the Sabbath. Israel was to mirror God's rest and keep the Sabbath day holy.
- God also commanded Israel to keep the Sabbath day as holy because they were slaves in Egypt, but God delivered them from bondage with a mighty hand (Deut. 5:12-15). Israel was in bondage in Egypt and God did not want them to become slaves to their work when they entered the promised land. The Sabbath served to remind Israelites that just because they stopped working once a week that did not mean the world would spiral out of control (Psa. 145:16-17). When we rest we remind ourselves that God is in control of everything, and we are not and that is good news (Psa. 121:1-8).
- Jesus rested and encouraged his disciples to do the same (Matt. 8:24; Mark 6:31). Jesus was fatigued in his humanity and saw fit to rest. After his disciples engaged in long hours of ministry work he encouraged them to rest too. Jesus worked harder than anyone else who has ever lived but he did not neglect rest. He wanted his disciples to rest too. Being Jesus' disciples today means we need to take time to rest and recharge.
- A heavenly rest remains (Hebrews 4:9-11). Every period of rest we enjoy today is a shadow of the heavenly rest to come. Heaven is described as a Sabbath rest coming for God's faithful children. If we feel we must always be busy we will miss out on one of the ways God communicates the beauty of our eternal joy to come, he does so through rest.

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For those going out of town for fall break enjoy the time of rest. Let us all take time for rest, vacations, unplugging, and relaxation. As we rest let us reflect on the goodness of God and his continued work and care for his world and his people. Let us rest here with our eyes toward the eternal rest that awaits us.

Sermon Notes

How to Be Blessed in Bad Times
James 1:1-12

Introduction:

The Bible is extremely _____ with _____.

We are told we live in a world of _____.

There is no way around _____ but there is a way _____ them.

- I. _____ the _____ of a _____ (James 1:1)
- II. Attitude _____ (James 1:2)
- III. _____ of _____ (James 1:3-4)
- IV. _____ for _____ Faithfully (James 1:5-8)
- V. _____ of _____ (James 1:9-11)
- VI. _____ the _____ of God (James 1:12)

PM: Boldness in a World of Opposition (Acts 6:8-15) (Hiram Kemp)

Remember in Prayer

Remember Beverly Childress and family in the loss of her son-in-law, Randy Davis. Nicks Daniel is losing mobility due to knee pain and now must use a wheelchair. Martha Gallaher, sister of Roger Johnson, is to have major surgery and needs our prayers. Devin Garrett had surgery at St. Thomas Hospital on Thursday. Wannetta Ard had heart valve surgery then surgery for a blood clot on Wednesday. Shirley Mills, heart ablation surgery on September 29th. Delford Johnson has been moved to Cal Turner for Rehab. Jenny Gott has Covid and is in quarantine for another week or so at Greenwood Rehab.

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| Sharlene Newton (Jason’s mom) | Joyce Ennis (living with her daughter) |
| Beverly Dunning (at home) | Judy Wheat (Rick’s mom) |
| Bryce Johnson (rehab) | Laverne Furlong (at home) |
| Charlie and Ann Wolfe (at home) | Lee Swetmon (at home) |
| Edith Riley (at home) | Leroy Johnson (at home) |
| Gail Duley (chemo) | Linda Tillman (Shedona’s mom) |
| Helen Vanzant (at home) | Mae Nell Dickerson (at home) |
| Irvin Abney (Massey Springs) | Margaret Breedlove (Signature Healthcare) |
| James & Barbara Jones (at home) | Mary Lois Hughes (at home) |
| James Tabor (at home) | Nicks Daniel (at home in Tennessee) |
| Jan Painter (at home) | Pat Hodges (at home) |
| | Virginia Darmondy (Arcadia) |

Announcements and Events

- October 10th Ladies Class - Amanda Lohden’s house at 7:00 PM
- October 15th - Pre-Teen Girls Day at Jump Air Zone. Time is TBA.
- October 27-29 - SOKY Teen Retreat at Big Reedy Christian Camp.
- October 29th - Church-eat-church day (contribution goes to the building project).
- October 28th - Trunk or Treat and Chili Contest at 5:00 PM at Lehman Avenue COC. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips and drinks will be provided. Please plan to bring candy, desserts and chili!

<u>Lehman Avenue</u> <u>Attendance/Offering</u>	<u>9/24/23</u>	<u>Lehman Avenue</u> <u>Schedule of Services</u>
Bible School	231	Morning Bible Class.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship	314	Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
Evening Worship	182	Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	186	Wednesday.....7:00 PM
Offering Today	\$13,535	BUDGET.....\$14,246