

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 22nd</u> Jason Sowders Nick Dubree Jim Humphrey Jerry Bush Russell Simpson Harold Nicks Grant Wilson Grant Wilson	<u>October 29th</u> Andy Wright Ken Ware Derek Johnson Mack Pugh Russell Simpson Harold Seaton Greg Neville Rick Wheat	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> 10/22 Kyle & Jon 10/29 Bradley & Randy 11/5 Bryce & Jon 11/12 Kyle & Randy 11/19 Bradley & Jon 11/26 Kason & 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 22nd</u> Eric Wheeler Chase Johnson Gary Pollard Jonas Gwishi Harold Nicks Grant Wilson	<u>October 29th</u> Cooper Dillingham Clint Harbison Tom Evans Justin Lohden Harold Seaton Greg Neville	
<u>Wednesday Evening</u> Announce/Prayer Song Leader Devotional MPR Security Building Lockup	<u>October 25th</u> Greg Neville Mike McGuire Dale Wiley Harold Nicks Grant Wilson	<u>November 1st</u> Darrell Dubree Dwight Sutton Andy Wright Harold Seaton Greg Neville	Light of the World WNKY-NBC TV Sundays 6:30 & 10:00 AM With Hiram & Neal Or: WVBS Online

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The Shepherd's Voice

REDEEMING OUR TIME

Russell Simpson

Each of us is blessed with talents, although some are five talent people and others maybe a two or one talent person. I tend to believe we each have more talents than we might think. In the parable of the talents in Matthew 25:14-30, the master gave his servants varying talents. To one he gave five, to another he gave two and to another he gave one. Each of us is no different than the servants aforementioned. They, just as we, did nothing to deserve the gifts they are given. How well they used them and for what purpose was their decision, just as how we use our gifts is our decision.

How will we redeem our time and gifts? We sometimes struggle to figure out just what our God given talents are and sometimes we may need to develop our talents.

Needless to say, each of us have gifts that God has given us to help the church grow, function and glorify Christ. Ephesians 4:16 "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edification of itself in love." How does one develop this God given talent? In Matthew 24:45-51, Matthew writes of the two servants. Verse 45 asks "Who then is a faithful and wise servant" and verse 46 tells us "blessed is that servant whom his master, when he comes, will find so doing". Doing is an action verb. What kind of action? Is it a command? It would seem so to me. Action! Doing, using and developing our talents or gifts, glorifying God and serving others and the church requires action. Matthew compares Christ's return to a thief in the night (Matthew 24:36-44), and in


Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus tells us of the ten virgins who took their lamps to meet the bridegroom, five of them were wise and five were foolish. Matthew 25:44 "Therefore you also be ready for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect." Let's use our talents while we can. This past Sunday night, four of the vision groups shared with us opportunities, and next Sunday night the remaining four vision groups will share even more opportunities to get plugged into the work of the body, "to be doers of the word, and not hearers only" (James 1:22). In closing, please let me encourage you to keep up the good work. If you're hesitant in getting involved let me encourage you to get involved by contacting one of the vision group leaders. There is so much to do for the Lord and His church. Finally, my brethren, let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up (Galatians 6:9).

Sermon Notes

Scriptures

Key Points

Lehman Avenue Attendance/Offering	10/15/23	Lehman Avenue Schedule of Services
Bible School	253	Morning Bible Class.....9:30 AM
Morning Worship	314	Morning Worship.....10:30 AM
Evening Worship	157	Evening Worship.....6:00 PM
Wednesday Evening	188	Wednesday.....7:00 PM
Offering Today	\$14,171	BUDGET.....\$14,246



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Remember in Prayer

Devin Garrett is still recovering at St. Thomas hospital and waiting to begin rehab. Those traveling throughout the Bible lands.

Barron Jones (brother of Doris Thomas)

Laverne Furlong (at home)

Beverly Dunning (at home)

Lee Swetmon (at home)

Brenda Haley (Pam & Scott’s neighbor)

Leroy Johnson (at home)

Bryce Johnson (rehab)

Linda Tillman (Shedona’s mom)

Charlie and Ann Wolfe (at home)

Mae Nell Dickerson (at home)

Delford Johnson (Cal Turner Rehab)

Margaret Breedlove (Signature Healthcare)

Edith Riley (at home)

Martha Gallaher (Roger Johnson’s sister)

Gail Duley (Mae Nell Dickerson’s daughter)

Mary Lois Hughes (at home)

Helen Vanzant (at home)

Nicks Daniel (Hospice at home in Tennessee)

Irvin Abney (Massey Springs)

Pat Hodges (at home)

James & Barbara Jones (at home)

Sharlene Newton (Jason Wilson’s mom)

James Tabor (at home)

Shirley Mills (unable to have heart surgery due to complications)

Jan Painter (at home)

Virginia Darmondy (Arcadia)

Jenny Gott (Greenwood Rehab)

Wannetta Ard (SKY Rehab)

Joyce Ennis (at her daughter’s house)

Announcements and Events

- Please welcome our newest brother and sister in Christ, **Avery Vincent and Laura Goad!** They obeyed the gospel last week on October 12th.
- Lads to Leaders: SIGN-UP SUNDAYS!** Tonight at 5pm we will be in the Multi-Purpose Room to answer your questions and provide registration information and forms. If you are new to Lads to Leaders and would like more details about the program or the events, or if you have not yet registered for the 2024 convention. We will meet once more on the 29th at 5pm. Please join us!
- October 27-29** - SOKY Teen Retreat at Big Reedy Christian Camp
- October 28th** - Trunk or Treat and Chili Contest at 5:00 PM at Lehman Ave. Hamburgers, hotdogs, chips, & drinks will be provided. Please bring candy, desserts, and chili. Please sign-up on the sign-up sheet posted on the MPR bulletin board!
- October 29th** - Church-eat-church! Fried chicken will be provided. Please bring sides and desserts. (Total contribution this day goes toward the building project)
- November 3-4th**– Family Retreat at Big Reedy Christian Camp. Dinner begins at 6pm Friday.
- November 11th** - **FCA’s 26th Annual Chili Supper & Auction**, Saturday, at Ray Gymnasium. (Chili Supper: 4:00-6:00 Live Auction: 5:30 PM) Chili Supper meal tickets are \$10 and need to be **pre-ordered by Monday, November 6th**. Please stop by the FCA office to pick up or call to reserve your tickets for “will Call”. If we raise \$50,000 for our new preschool building during the special appeal at the auction and chili supper, we have 2 friends of FCA who will match those funds! We hope you make plans to attend this event!