

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Don Taylor /Opening Prayer by: Bobby Rader

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#2 We Praise Thee, O God

#480 Blessed Assurance

Scripture Reading by: Cameron Cantu

#902 Nothing But the Blood

#701 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#648 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Sermon: "Trailblazers of Faith"

Hebrews 12:1-3

#909 There's a Fountain Free

#611 Heavenly Sunlight

Closing Prayer by: River Lucy

Welcome by: Don Taylor

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#852 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder

#864A Where the Gates Swing Outward Never

Scripture Reading: Tristan Strickhausen

Prayer by: Phillip Strickhausen

#886 On Jordan's Stormy Banks

878 Sweet By and By

Sermon: "Twelve Ordinary Men: James"

Acts 12:1-2

#988 I'll Be List'ning

#968 Oh, They Tell Me of a Place

Closing Prayer by: David Warren

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 6:00pm — Worship

Wednesday: 10:00am — Ladies Bible Class, 7:00pm — Bible Study Classes

July 22, 2018

“Stand Firm in...Liberty”

Galatians 5:1

Opportunity Still Knocks

The following article is by Cleon Lyles and originally appeared in “Just a Moment” in March 1962. But it's just as relevant today as it was then – I encourage you to think about it. BP

Every person can be what God wants him to be and do what God wants him to do. How few ever realize this to the fullest! It is not because there is something wrong with us. Recently I read this statement: “Opportunity still knocks for those who are not too busy complaining to listen.”

Are you a complainer? It is easy to become one without realizing it. Usually such a condition comes because we are not satisfied with what we are and are unwilling to do anything about it. It causes us to search for someone to blame for our own failures. We find ourselves running from one person to another, and one place to another, but always unable to find satisfaction. People just do not enjoy listening to us complain.

I knew a lady once who evidently had done much graduate work in complaining. She was a member of the Lord's family but never got any pleasure from her association with God or God's people. When she managed to come to worship the expression on her face revealed unhappiness that had lingered so long it had left its tracks on her expression which could never be erased. She never found happiness in people or places. No one could measure up to her expectation. She filled her conversation so full of complaints about others, or about life in general, that people were prone to run from her. This she interpreted as being something wrong with them instead of her. She had an answer for every weakness and every failure which she experienced, and the answer always blamed someone else. She found no happiness in her work. Her hours at home seemed to be endless monotony. So long as people would listen to her constant flow of complaints she remained with them, but when they grew tired of a steady diet of bitterness she decided they were not Christian and she went in search of another group to whom she might complain about the former group. These new found listeners were genuine because they listened. Of course the day was not far off when everything must be repeated over again because they, too, would soon become tired of hearing nothing but complaints.

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Doris Trahan is in Methodist Hospital.

Frances Petree is in Fall Creek Rehab in Humble.

Cheryl Mast is in Methodist Hospital. She had knee surgery last week.

Stephanie Howser had gall bladder surgery last week.

Continued Prayers

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, James Scott, Gary Nielsen, Harold Cryer, Gerald Lucy, Steve Ward, Teresa McKewen, Jackie David, Patricia Padon, Frank & Tina Garcia, Ronnie Davis, Bill Lunceford, Eric Davis, J. P. Williams, Mark Wilcox, Phillip Cottle

Shut Ins

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Pauline Taylor, Winona Angelle, Pat Henley, Myrtle Sheffield, Ronnie Rubit, Joe Leonard

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Plastic Bags

The Food Bank is in need of plastic grocery bags. A barrel is in the foyer.

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meet Monday, July 23rd at 7:00 pm.

VBS is this week. Make your plans to attend. Our theme this year is "Trailblazers of Faith". Invite your friends to come VBS. It starts at 9:00 am.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Doug Tinkle and his family on the death of his father, Douglas Tinkle, Sr. He passed away last week. The funeral was Friday.

Help Needed

We are in need of teachers and helpers for Children's Bible Hour and help in the nursery. If you are interested in helping with either of these, please let the office know and we will work you into the rotation.

<u>Elders</u>	<u>Deacons</u>	<u>Minister</u>
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bob Parker	Danny Balch	
Bobby Rader	Shannon Smith	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

Privilege to Serve Sunday, July 22nd

Communion Preparation: Vanessa Simmons
Nursery Attendants: Marsha Rader
Children's Bible Hour: Ashley Balch
Teen Helpers: Brandon Smith, Tristan Strickhausen

Communion Preparation for Sunday, July 29th: Sara Smathers
Nursery Attendants for Sunday, July 29th: Pat Hobbs
Children's Bible Hour for Sunday, July 29th: Tania Balch

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I often thought of what that person could have been. She had not lacked opportunities to be worth much to the cause of Christ, and to people with whom she associated. From her youth she had known Christ and yet I could not help but wonder if she had ever known him at all. He would not develop such an attitude in one who really walked with him. He had more to complain about than any person who ever walked on the earth, and yet he was one of the happiest people who ever lived. One of his first acts, after meeting Satan and withstanding his temptations, was to teach his disciples how to be happy. He taught them to be concerned about others more than about themselves. He taught them a selfless love that reached far in the direction of those who were in trouble. He even taught them that they should receive joy in their sufferings, if such came as a result of serving him. And they did find that joy. They "rejoiced that they were counted worthy of suffering for Christ."

Perhaps, then a person with such an attitude has never really walked close to Christ at all. But had it been true, this person could have been a teacher of others. She could have scattered sunshine everywhere she went. She could have been so busy carrying the burdens of others that she would forget her own. But instead her thought turned inward, the glow of life faded, and every step became a dreary mile in a darkened path which could have been bathed with sunshine. Opportunity knocks, but our complaints drown the sound of the knocking and we really never know life at its best. What a pity to be in the midst of such blessings and yet never be able to enjoy them.

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