

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#853 When We All Get to Heaven

#716 Sing to Me of Heaven

#882 No Tears in Heaven

Scripture Reading by: Joseph Girard

#382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?

Lord's Supper and Contribution

#869 We're Marching to Zion

Sermon: "Consider One Another"

Hebrews 10:23-25

#867 To Canaan's Land

#957 This World is Not My Home

Closing Prayer by: Daniel Balch

Welcome by: Bobby Rader

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Shannon Smith

#753 Farther Along

#590 Jesus Is All the World to Me

Scripture Reading: Brooks McKelroy

Opening Prayer: Ken Coleman

#535 The Glory-Land Way

Sermon: "One Word: Mother"

Proverbs 31:10, 28-30

#909 There's A Fountain Free

#851 I'll Fly Away

Closing Prayer by: Wayne Noonkester

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

May 19, 2019

"Stand Firm in...Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

How Useful Are We?

Someone once said, "Our duty is to be useful, not according to our desires, but according to our capacities." We can all see the truth in that statement when it comes to serving the Lord.

When God told Jonah to go and preach in the city of Nineveh, Jonah did not care to go. Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, hated enemies of Israel; he did not want those people to repent! So he decided quite literally to travel in the opposite direction. He attempted to live according to his own desires, and look what happened to him. God told Jonah to go to Nineveh, and He meant for him to do just that. Jonah finally, reluctantly, went to Nineveh (and then pouted when his preaching was successful!).

When God told Abraham to offer his son as a sacrifice, Abraham did not want to do it. No one would say it was according to his desires. But he took a position contrary to that of Jonah. He did not try to run away from God. I doubt that he even allowed that thought to enter his mind. He believed in God; more than that, he trusted God. His faith did not ask God for reasons, only directions. When God pointed in some direction, Abraham was willing to go that way. So, without any hesitation, he took his son to offer him as God directed: not according to his own desires but according to God's desires.

In sending the apostles to death by commanding them to "*Go therefore and make disciples of all nations*," Jesus did not question them concerning their desires in the matter. He ordered them to go. They were not under any illusions about what awaited them. He told them that they would be hated, despised, persecuted and even killed if they did what he wanted them to do. No one would say it was their desire to have those things happen to them. No one in their right mind relishes the prospect of being tortured and killed. But Jesus knew what he wanted them to do; without considering their likes or dislikes in the matter, he commanded them to do it, and they did.

There are any number of examples we could pull from Scripture to illustrate the principle, but these are sufficient to demonstrate the truth of statement made at the outset of the article. We are not to be useful according to our desires, but according to our capacities. Jesus taught this lesson in the parable of the talents. He taught it when he said from those who had much he would require much, and from those who had little he would require little. He taught it when

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

J. P. Williams is in Liberty Health Care room 605B for rehab.

Continued Prayers

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Eric Davis, Dayla Hale, Minny Owen, Doris Trahan, Willo Dean Ellis, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Tem Meigs, Phillip Cottle

Shut Ins

(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Dr. Ronald Davis, Larry Hicks, Mark Wilcox

Our Missionaries

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

Please Join the Balch's In Celebrating Hardin High School Graduate

Dylan Balch

***Friends and Family BBQ
Saturday, May 25th Noon-??***

Chicken, Sausage and sides

RSVP by text to 936-402-5250

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meet Monday at 7:00pm.

VBS Meeting, today after morning service.

Early Bird Singing today at 5:00pm.

Bridal Shower

Trenton Smith and Madyson Shemehorn will be getting married in June.

Please join them for a bridal shower honoring Madysen Shemehorn, today at 2 p.m. at Hardin United Methodist Church.

Thank You

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Thank you for your outpouring of love and concern for us during the time of our loss of Mother. Thanks for the beautiful flowers, many cards and expressions of love.

May God bless each of you.

Don and Barbara

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Bill Paulson and his family on the death of his wife, Linda Paulson. Linda passed away on Saturday, May 11th. Her funeral was last week.

Privilege to Serve Sunday, May 19th

Communion Preparation: Sara Smathers

Nursery Attendants: Jane Tinkle, Rita Upton

Communion Preparation for Sunday, May 26th: Susan Smith

Nursery Attendants for Sunday, May 26th: Debra Faneros, Melony Hicks

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he said those who have shall have more, and those who have not shall lose what they think they have. It is the only way service to Christ can be accepted. But it is fundamentally fair to us: he would not have some eased and others burdened.

In light of this, it might be well to ask ourselves this question, "Am I being fair?" We value fairness in all aspects of life. We want people to play fair in any game – no cheating. We demand that they be fair with us in business dealings. Don't try to push us around. Are we being fair to God?

We have to work hard all week for our employer. We don't like it. So we treat the Lord like we feel that others have treated us and run out on him Sunday. Parents, you expect your children to be fair. If you provide a comfortable home for them, and the advantages of the best schools, you demand a decent report card. Yet, we are so unfair with God as to neglect to study his word. We might not even talk to him on a regular basis. Where is our sense of fairness?

How useful are we to the Lord? Do we have the capacity to be more useful? If so, the Lord demands it of us. He may not prepare a fish to swallow us like he did with Jonah. But there is a day of reckoning coming.

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