

## TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Bobby Rader /Opening Prayer by: David Smith

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Kelly McCain

#238 You Are the Song That I Sing

#288 Fairest Lord Jesus

Scripture Reading by: Joseph Girard

#384 Nearer My God, To Thee

**Lord's Supper and Contribution**

#590 Jesus Is All the World to Me

**Sermon: "Fear Not"**

**Revelation 1:17-18**

#837 I Need Thee Every Hour

#308 Wonderful Love of Jesus

Closing Prayer by: James Scott

Welcome by Bobby Rader

Evening Assembly Song Leader: Kelly McCain

#226 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

#381 Years I Spent in Vanity

Scripture Reading: Tristan Strickhausen

Opening Prayer: Don Taylor

#469 Faith Is the Victory

#507 Does Jesus Care?

**Sermon: "His Life: Jesus Teaches from the Scriptures"**

**Matthew 4:1-4**

#939 Oh, Why Not Tonight?

#610 I Love My Savior, Too

Closing Prayer: Bobby Rader

### 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

Mar. 15, 2020

## ***"Stand Firm in...Liberty"***

Galatians 5:1

### The Cholera and the Christian Religion

*In the summer of 1873, cholera struck the city of Nashville. From a population of 25,865, about 1,000 people died—4% of the city, in other words. David Lipscomb lived about 10 miles outside of town, yet he remained in Nashville throughout the epidemic to tend to the sick and the dying. He was disturbed, however, that a number of his fellow Christians fled rather than staying to minister to the needy. In response, he wrote an article in the July 17 edition of the Gospel Advocate, rebuking those who bolted and describing some of the efforts to care for the sick. Given the current state of affairs in this country, it seemed a timely reminder of what our priorities should be; a portion of the article is accordingly reprinted here. **BP***

Man is baptized out of himself, out of the world and its institutions, and is baptized into Christ that he may walk in him, obey him, enter into his spirit and that Christ may be formed in him. He thus becomes one with Christ, he is in him, he acts through him. The pledge that we solemnly make in our profession of faith in Christ and of our baptism into him is, that we will strive to reproduce his life before the world in our own lives. Hence we are epistles of Christ to the world, to be read of all men.

To reproduce the life of Christ in our own lives is to act as Christ would act, were he in our places. We thus become Christ's representatives to the world. The solemn pledge of our lives is to act to the best of our ability in the various relationships that we occupy in the world, and in the exigencies and circumstances in which we are placed as Christ would act, were he here situated as we are...

We came into the church with this pledge. We speak and act for Christ, to the world, in the place or stead of Christ. How do we act for him? We stand as Christ to the world. We are the body of Christ. In us he dwells. How do we represent him?

Recently the Cholera made a fearful visitation upon our people. It fell with especial severity upon the poor. It often first attacked the strong arm, the stay and reliance of the family. If not his, it struck down other members of his family so that he must needs cease to labor, in order to nurse them. Again all business ceased, and he could not get work, to support his family. In one family of industrious people, consisting of a father, mother and six industrious boys and girls, every one died save the mother, and she was prostrated. Another, a family—a nice, well-refined, well-raised family—consisted of a father, a carpenter by trade, a mother feeble with consumption, two daughters about grown, who sewed in a millinery establishment, a daughter and niece, about 12 each.

The father was taken ill and died within a few hours. The eldest daughter followed soon. The youngest daughter and niece lingered days between life and death. Only one daughter, a delicate girl was up, and she continually threatened with an attack; they too at times without a morsel of food, for sick or well. Another case, among the colored people. The family in one house consisted of a father, mother,

# Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

## Our Sick

**Phillip Cottle** was in the emergency room Friday.

## Continued Prayers

### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Dayla Hale, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Barry Johnson, Cheryl Mast, Derrick Lofton

## Shut Ins

### (Need cards, phone calls & visits)

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

## 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 and **egg cartons**. A barrel is in the foyer.

## Upcoming Activities

**Elders, Minister** meet Monday, March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

**Early Bird Singing** is Sunday, March 15th at 5:00 p.m.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Thursday, March 18th at 8:00 a.m.

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** is Saturday, March 21st at 8:00 a.m.

## Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mickey Noonkester and her family on the death of her brother in law Kenneth Winn. He passed away last Sunday and the funeral was Thursday.

## Privilege to Serve Sunday, Mar. 15<sup>th</sup>

Communion Preparation: Cathy Stifflemire  
Nursery Attendants: Chelsey Frazier

Communion Preparation for Sunday, Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>: Susan Smith

Nursery Attendants for Sunday, Mar 22<sup>nd</sup>:  
Melony Hicks, Ashley Balch

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son and son's wife were all taken ill. The two males were buried. The son's wife died on Friday night. The mother in bed sick, with the infant grandchild and one of her own small children sick. The body remained uncoffined in that house until Monday morning about ten o'clock. No one was present, able to go and report the death to the proper authorities. What think you of a cholera corpse, lying in a small room with three other sick persons in the sultry, hot weather from Friday June 20th to Monday, June 23rd?...

Now in view of these things and the wild panic that seized the population, what would Christ have done in the emergency? Had he been a resident of Nashville with ten, twenty or a hundred thousand dollars, what would he have done? What did he do in the person of his representatives here?

Would he have become panic stricken with fear—fear of death, and have used his means to get himself and family, with their fashionable and luxurious appendages out of danger, to some place of fashionable resort and pleasure, and left his poor brethren and neighbors to suffer and perish from neglect and want?

That is just what he did do in the person of many of his professed representatives. In the person of others he retired to the cool shades of his own luxurious and spacious city mansion elevated above the noxious miasms that destroyed the poor and unfortunate and left them to die, in want and neglect, without attention from him. Did you who so acted bear true testimony to the world for him for whom you profess to act? Was not your course a libel upon him and his character? How can those who so acted again profess to be his children?

The religion of our Savior was intended to make us like Christ, not only in our labor of love—of our self sacrifice for the good of others, but also in raising us above a timid, quaking fear of death. If it does not make us willing to brave death and spend out time and money for the good of our suffering fellow-creatures, offcast and sinners though they be, it does not raise us above a mere empty profession that leaves us scarcely less than hypocrites. The religion that does not induce us to do this essential work of a true Christian cannot save us...

Christian men and women should be prudent, and cautious in such surroundings. It is proper, we think, to send women and children, who are incapable of service to the sick, and are liable to the disease beyond its reach, when possible. But for able bodied Christian men and women to be flying from the city when their brethren and neighbors and fellow-creatures are suffering and dying for lack of attention and help, is such a contradiction in ideas, we know of no means of reconciling them...

Those who did quietly and calmly do their duty although in the midst of pestilence, want, suffering and death, found these the happiest days of their life. Days to which they can always look back with a feeling of true satisfaction. We trust we may all learn that Christian men and women must be possessed of true and calm courage—that they must be able to face death and find true happiness here, as well as a crown of joy hereafter, in doing their duty in all circumstances.

### ***“Stand Firm in...Liberty”***

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