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GODLY FEAR

Fearing God is the most important endeavor in life. Solomon, having pursued every vice and every possible substitute for God, says, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole of man (Eccl.12:13). Note that obedience naturally follows fearing the Lord.

Fearing God means to hate evil things (Prov.8:13). In other words, we learn to think about sin the way God thinks about it. In God's mind, nothing is worse than sin. He is perfectly Holy (I Peter 1:13-15). That's why he has gone to so much effort for us to obtain victory over it (Rom.5:8). Every day and in every way, we must grow in our hatred of sin. But like God, we always love people and work to help them to be in heaven with us (I Tim.2:4).

Fearing God means we never lose sight of eternity. "Fear came upon all the church" when God struck Ananias and Sapphira down dead for lying about their giving (Acts 5:1-11). As David remarks and it is true of all, "there is but a step between me and death" (I Sam.20:3). Looking into the casket of a friend or loved one reminds that all of us have an appointment with death (Heb.9:27).

Fearing God is realizing the blessings of salvation. God wants to be our Father now and in eternity (2 Cor.6:16-18). Paul says, "Having therefore these promises, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of the Lord (2 Cor.7:1-2). An important part of being a child of God is to be separate from the unholy practices of the world and touch no unclean thing (2 Cor.6:17,18).

Prioritizing fear, hating evil, keeping focused on eternity and realizing the blessings of salvation will help us develop godly fear. Sometimes, our fear is misdirected. We fear men not God. But Jesus says, "Fear not them that kill the body, but after that they have no more they can do. Rather, fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell" (Matt.10:28).

Hebrews 12:28: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear."

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Bible Study	107
A.M. Worship	144
P.M. Worship	99
Contribution	\$6,333

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30am
Worship 10:30am
Worship 6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00pm

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

Our thoughts and prayers are with Tim Hester and his family in the passing of his father, Uel Hester. Please keep Tim and the family in your prayers.

Remember Our Sick with Cards and Prayers

- Roger Brooks is recovering from kidney surgery. He and Nancy are staying in Birmingham with their son, Will. Their address is 9277 Jarvin Circle, Leeds, AL 35094.
- Kellie James is at home recovering from surgery.
- Please remember Margaret Free as she continues treatments. She hasn't felt well lately.
- Ronald Brock is doing some better. He should be moving back to Moulton Nursing Home soon.
- Phyllis Basham has stage 4 lymphoma. Cards appreciated. 1174 Cathedral Circle, Madison, AL 35758
- Kelly Randolph is in Decatur Morgan hospital with pancreas issues. Will be going to Birmingham soon for more testing. Prayers are requested.

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A WONDERFUL WEDNESDAY! How thankful we all were to witness the baptism of Stacy Weaver Wednesday evening. She and her husband, Alton, have been studying the gospel for several weeks. By the way, please remember there are five important thoughts regarding baptism: 1) One is baptized under the authority of Christ. "All authority has given to me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit" (Matt.28:18,19). 2) Baptism is for the right person, that is, one who believes, is willing to repent and is willing to confess his faith (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Matt.10:32,33). 3) Baptism requires the right element, which is water (Acts 8:35-39), and 4) the right action, which is a burial or dipping (Rom.6:3-4; Col.2:12). 5) One must be baptized for the right purpose, that is, for the forgiveness of sins (I Peter 3:21).

FAMILIES IN NEED: As has been our custom for many years, we donate gifts and food boxes for families during the holiday season. There is a list of suggested items for the boxes on the tables in the back. Please bring your items to the fellowship hall.

Making the Most of the Holiday Season – In the hustle of the season, our first priority must be to share the gospel of Christ. We teach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:26,27) in all seasons (2 Tim.4:2). Recently, our young people put together some holiday outreach bags designed especially for children. Look for these and other outreach items in the young adult classroom right off the foyer. It works especially good if you see a grandmother. Give her several for her grandchildren and she will look through the bag as well.

MORE HOLIDAY WARMTH: Remember the men's breakfast this Saturday morning in the fellowship hall and also the ladies Christmas brunch at Kellie and Beth James' house on the same day. All are welcome to come Christmas caroling on Friday evening, Dec.20, meeting at 6:30 p.m. And, be sure to come out for the New Year's eve gathering in the fellowship hall.

MARK THIS WEEKEND! JANUARY 17-18. PERSONAL EVANGELISM WORKSHOP.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today

Teen Ice Skating Trip after morning services.

December 14th
Ladies Brunch at the home of Beth James, 10:00am.

Men's Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall, 8:00am.

December 15th
NHC Service at 2pm.

December 20th
Caroling and Youth Lock-in.

December 22nd
Elders Meeting, 5pm.
Sunday Night Group Meetings.

December 29th
5th Sunday Singing.

December 31st
New Year's Eve gathering in the Fellowship Hall, 7:00pm.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

1	2 (A)Todd & Monica Grimes (B)Mark Biles	3	4	5 (B)Keslee Addison	6	7
8 (B)Elesha Jones	9 (A)Phillip & Jan Waldrep	10	11 (B)Chy Hutto	12 (A)Trent & Anna Hill	13 (B)Bekah Peebles (B)Willard Tucker	14 (B)Patty Huskey
15	16	17 (B)Liz Vandiver	18 (B)Caroline Grover	19 (A)Kenneth & Lori Grover	20 (B)Regina Lee (A)Wendell & Eulene Logan	21 (B)Alison James
22	23 (B)Houston Hutto (B)Sam Carter	24	25	26 (B)Eulene Logan	27	28 (B)Kelli Barker (B)Drake Davis (B)Landon Davis (B)Sherry Chamberlain
29	30 (B)Ethan Carter (B)Tippy Welborn (A)Danny & Sabrina Standridge	31				