

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: Lannie Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - David Key
Servers - Bradley Box
Charles Berryhill
Billy Box

Closing Prayer: Ralph Burleson

Preparing the Lord's Supper Lellie Dickinson

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am

Morning Worship 10:45 am

Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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The More I Know About Jesus



The Brilliant Beacon



Jesus, The Balanced Teacher

By B.J. Clarke

Jesus was the greatest teacher to ever grace the face of the earth. He was always true to the word, never swerving from the pure truth. He was also the most compassionate and soul-conscious teacher to ever live. The earthly ministry of Jesus presents a vivid picture of how Jesus balanced uncompromising loyalty to the truth and a deep and abiding concern for the lost.

The one-on-one personal teaching done by our Lord is a good example of this balance. When Jesus dealt with the woman at the well in John 4, he displayed compassion. Many Jews bypassed Samaria to avoid being "defiled". Yet Jesus unabashedly marched right into Samaria to talk to a woman who was not even accepted by her own people. The fact that she came to the well alone is indicative of her being an outcast. Jesus realized that this Samaritan woman had a precious soul that needed the living water of salvation.

But notice that while Jesus showed his concern for this lost woman, he did not go so far as to compromise truth. He taught her the truth of God concerning her marital state (Jn. 4:16-18). With reference to her ideas concerning the place of worship, Jesus very plainly told her that she was wrong and the Jews were right. He did not back away from speaking truth for fear of turning her away. He combined compassion and loyalty to truth.

Two chapters later in John's gospel we find Jesus demonstrating his compassion by feeding the multitudes who were hungry. He saw their need and met their need. But he used this as an opportunity to teach the truth about himself. In fact he spoke the truth so clearly and uncompromisingly that many were offended and decided to quit following him (Jn. 6:60). Please observe that Jesus didn't apologize for preaching the whole truth. He did not scurry after the departing disciples with the promise of toning down his message and making it more palatable. Rather he drove the nail in deeper in an attempt to prick the hearts of his auditors (Jn. 6:61ff). He again combined compassion for souls and loyalty to truth.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Mary Rainey: has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Patty Berryhill: having problems with a hernia, please pray that the doctors can help her with this problem

Billy Lee & Jimmie Ann Hardy {Carolyn's Brother & Sister} both are in the nursing home in Guin, please continue to pray for them they both have some health issues

Joey Colburn: is taking treatments for cancer, please pray that the treatments will be successful in defeating his cancer

Buddy Frazier: undergoing cancer treatments, please keep him in your prayers

Hunter Coal Corkren: treating his kidney problem with medicine, please be praying that this problem clears up with this treatment

Felicia Berryhill: she is having some ongoing health problems, please pray that she will be able to receive the right medical treatment to help her

Angie Ganey Gardner: breast cancer surgery went well and is waiting learn the next course of treatment, please pray that this cancer will be defeated

David Warren: has been diagnosed with cancer, please pray that it will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: continues to improve, please pray he has no further problems

Gunner Pendley: recovering from severe brain injury and is in Shepherd's in Atlanta, please keep him and family in your prayers

Randy Pickard, Sr.: received injuries from a tractor accident and the doctors found a spot on his thyroid, please pray that he will have no major complications from the accident and that the spot will not be found to be cancerous

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Wyatt Spann: found new spot on his brain and lower spine, please pray that he will win this fight and defeat this cancer

Frank Farris: is recovering from a stroke, please keep him in your prayers

Kye Jackson: (Lindsey's son) diagnosed with arthritis he is 2 years old, pray that he will receive successful treatment for this arthritis

Jeff Upton (Donna Martian's Co-worker): weakness in his legs, please pray that this will improve

Judy Shirley: had part of her lung removed because of cancer and is waiting to hear from the doctors, please pray that she will receive good news

Mary Box: recovering from cracked ribs and some other health problems, please pray that she will get better

Ren Garrison (Donna Martian's Nephew): will have an operation October 17th dealing with an issue concerning his heart, please be praying that surgery will be successful in dealing with this problem.

Tyler Upton: obtained severe injuries from a recent automobile accident and is showing signs of improvement, please keep him and his family in your prayers

DeWayne Wilkinson: had surgery for blood clot in his leg, please pray that he will have a successful recovery

Jesus is the best example of what it means to preach the truth in love (Eph. 4:15). We must use him as our role model as we preach and teach. There will be times when we will be called upon to speak to those who will not like or accept our message. We must not give in to the temptation to please the masses by "watering down" the message. On other occasions we will be faced with discussing salvation with those who have been entrenched in sin for longer than we have been preaching the gospel.

We must remember to show them the same loving care and interest that we would display to someone who had a very religious upbringing. We must never regard someone as too sinful to waste our time on. Jesus loved sinners enough to take the time to care for their needs. He also loved sinners enough to tell them what they needed to hear rather than what they wanted to hear. As preachers and teachers, let us combine a compassion and love for souls with an unswerving loyalty to truth and pure doctrine.

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Facts to Know About Christ

- WITH GOD IN THE CREATION ————— Genesis 1:26-27
- PROMISED TO THE WORLD ————— Genesis 3:15
- BORN OF A VIRGIN ————— Matthew 1:21-25
- PERFORMED MIRACLES ————— John 20:30-31
- DIED ON THE CROSS ————— Romans 5:8
- ASCENDED TO HEAVEN ————— Acts 1:9
- BROUGHT THE GOSPEL ————— Romans 1:16
- BUILT THE CHURCH ————— Matthew 16:18
- BECAME THE SAVIOR ————— Ephesians 5:23
- HEAD OF THE CHURCH ————— Colossians 1:18
- IS THE WAY TO HEAVEN ————— John 16:6
- WILL SERVE AS JUDGE ————— John 5:22

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me. John 14:6

When It's Better To Forget

By Dennis Gulledge

A news item reveals that researchers now believe that it is healthier to forget. They say that it is good to forget trivial things of life so as not to overload the brain. That makes me feel better. I thought my forgetfulness was a problem, now I find it's a virtue. N. B. Hardeman once said, "Proper equipment in life demands a good memory, likewise the ability to forget". We sometimes forget those things we should remember, and treasure those things which need to be forgotten.

1. WE SHOULD FORGET PAST INJURIES. If one sins against us and repents, we are obligated to forgive him (Luke 17:3). There is no good to be accomplished by continually dwelling on past injuries. If we carry an accumulation of past sins remembered, is that really forgiveness? In forgiving we must also forget (Heb. 8:112).

2. WE SHOULD FORGET PAST FAILURES (Philippians 3:13-14). Paul would not dwell on his past. He had to forget it and press on to new heights. He had to forget his opposition to the church (Acts 26:9-11). He had to forget the fact that he once made havoc of the church and was personally involved in the persecution of many Christians (Acts 8:1-3). We cannot afford to live in the past, dragging ourselves down by mistakes that we have made. Our past failures should help us see what we were and what, by God's grace, we can become.

3. WE SHOULD FORGET PAST ACHIEVEMENTS. This is so that we will not become satisfied with what we once were, or what we now are. When we stop to applaud our past accomplishments, we are at a standstill for the present and likely to die in our steps. It is possible for one to hug his attainments and never go beyond what he has.

In the work of the Lord's church I have heard people boast, "We used to do this, and we used to do that" in response to which I am inclined to say, "That's fine, but what are you doing now, and more importantly, what do you intend to do in the future for the cause of Christ by your involvement and participation?" The Lord's church cannot grow on what we used to do, no matter how great the accomplishments. Others have paved the way for us by their steadfast and tireless service to Christ, but we cannot camp on it today and say our work is done. Former blessings will not suffice for the future. We, like Paul, must press on!

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Upcoming Events

Today	Country Place	2:00 pm
Today	Turn In Change Can's For Potter's Home	
October 12 th	Pumpkin Patch Trip	
October 13 th	Nursing Home	2:00 pm
October 20 th – 23 rd	Gospel Meeting {Byron Longcrier}	
October 20 th	Fellowship Meal	
October 20 th	Bible Bowl	2:00 pm
October 27 th	Tri-County Singing {Here}	2:00 pm