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- Matthew 5:6 -

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"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."(Matthew 5:16)



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.
12:30 P.M. (Last Sunday of month)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning 10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

Is Consistency Important for the Christian?

Ask any motivational life coach if consistency is important for success and you'll get an astounding "Yes!". To be consistent means to fully dedicate yourself completely to a task, activity, or goal. It means to fully stay engaged without distraction. Consistency requires that one commits to a sustained effort of action over the long-term. They say that to be consistent in life, one must build habits and rituals that keep one focused on the goal set before them. Now that we've established what it means to be consistent, let's apply it to our spiritual lives. After a study of the scriptures, it isn't long before we will realize that God wants us to not only be committed to Him but be consistent as well. Notice what the scriptures have to say:

- Be Consistent in Your Faith (Colossians 2:5)
- Be Consistent in Your Prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- Be Consistent in Your Hope (1 Thessalonians 2:19)
- Be Consistent in Your Bible Study (Acts 17:11; Timothy 2:15)
- Be Consistent in Your Worship Attendance (John 4:23-24; Hebrews 10:24-25)
- Be Consistent in Your Good Works (Galatians 6:9-10)
- Be Consistent in Your Love for Each Other (1 Peter 4:8; 1 John 4:11)

It's easy to see that consistency is indeed important to the Christian. Are you lacking consistency in your spiritual life? Through prayer, personal commitment, and support from your church family, you can become more consistent in your service to the Lord.

Jay Launius – 2021
Maud church of Christ
Maud, Texas

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

This past Sunday, the congregation hosted Brother Karl McLarty from Searcy, AR. We appreciate his lessons and interest in the work of our congregation. We continue to pray for the elders in their preacher search and for everything they do as our shepherds.

We've started a new quarter this month and have new teachers in the classrooms downstairs with our children. We appreciate this quarter's teachers: Amanda Hicks, Sarah Mauldin, Denise Hackett, Becca Brown, RW Vincent, and Andy Rutherford. Gratitude is extended to all the teachers of our children within the church congregation for their unwavering dedication and hard work. It does not go unnoticed. Week after week, you impart lessons of faith, love, and hope, and your efforts lay the groundwork for a lifelong journey of faith for these children, and for that, we are profoundly thankful. Your role is a vital one, not just in the lives of the children you teach, but in the heart of our church family as a whole. Thank you for all that you do.

The end of the month makes the Easter holiday, so we anticipate plenty of family visitors and a palette of pastel colors that day. I hope each family enjoys the time you will have together.

We also will have our next young men's service on the final Sunday of March. This month's service will include Brother Jake White delivering his first message to the congregation. This moment embodies the essence of the time set aside for all our young men to grow, hone their skills, and serve our congregation. Let's support all our young men and women as we encourage them to grow spiritually.

May we continue to walk in faith and love, guided by the light of the Lord.

Justin Mauldin

NEWS & NOTES:

BAPTISM: We rejoice as Scarlett Hicks was baptized into Christ on Thursday evening, March 7, following the area wide gospel meeting with Brother Jeff Archey.

BIRTH: Congratulations to Alex & Candace Richmond as they are proud grandparents to a baby girl, Harper Alice Richmond! She was born March 11, 2024, weighing 7 lb.14 oz and 21¼ inches long. Proud parents are Blake & Laci Richmond, and big brother, Lincoln.

SICK: Dimple Hicks has been under the weather. Gordon Jenkins is in Riverview, Room 129, with pneumonia, fluid, and an infection. Mary Phillips has been in Riverview hospital due to an intestinal blockage. Emery Dodson had surgery Monday, March 11 to repair cleft palate, tongue tie, clogged tear ducts, and inserted tubes in her ears. She did have to return to Vanderbilt on Thursday and stayed for 2 more nights. Barry Harville, Peggy Faustina's dad, spent some time in Riverview for elevated blood sugar Lola King had a CT scan on Friday, March 15.

Continue to pray for the following: Brenda Copeland; Robert Johnson; Faye Maberry; Janice Hicks; Jimmy Fisher; Josie Powell; Helen Davis; James Spivey (Faye Maberry's brother-in-law); Robert Fields; Jerry Martin (cancer); Sherrie Lawrence; Kevin Howell (cancer – taking chemo & radiation treatments); Tucker Brown; Michelle Allen; Eva Louise Holt; Ronnie Glover; Mary Ann Herd; Scott, Jennifer, and Stephen Johnson; Brenda Boyd; Linda Myers; Mikel and Janice Hicks; Cynthia Gibbs; Josephine Fitts; Buckie Parsons; Chuck Jordan; Jerry and Mary Phillips; Hudson Anderson; Annika Oldham; Hannah McDowell; Tom and Sherry Culver; Sharon Halliburton; Colton Ferrell; Janice Wilson; Drew Gallagher; Scott Bane; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Brenda Forrest; and Bea Davis.

FIFTH SUNDAY MEAL: There will not be a fellowship meal following services on the fifth Sunday in March due to it being a holiday weekend.

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains (Pavilion – Lebanon); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

THE MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Randy Carter's son and Lacey Crockett's brother, Landon Carter (Coast Guard); Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before His presence with singing.”

MARCH BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Noah Brown (16); Rebecca Brown, Emmy Vincent (18); Ruby Fisher (19); Michael Hackett (20); Aydan Law (21); Earline White (24); Nick Morris (31). Johnny & Susan Law (3/12/1983); Richard & Brenda Bowman (3/20/1965).

THANK YOU: Jerry & Cheryl Hicks wrote a thank you note for all the prayers, calls, and cards following Jerry's eye surgery. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers as he will have to have another surgery.

EVENTS CALENDAR: **SCHR Devo:** First Sundays of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov.; **Pavilion Devo:** March.31, 2:00 PM. **Vacation Bible School:** June 3-7, 6:30 PM Nightly.

AREA EVENTS: **Friday Night Singing** Montrose church of Christ. Meal at 5:00 PM, Singing at 7:00 PM. **Gospel Meeting** at the Zion church of Christ with Jerry Cherry April 7-11, 7:00 PM nightly. **Gospel Meeting** at the Willette church of Christ with Brant Stubblefield April 7-10, Sunday evening at 6:00 PM, Mon-Wed. at 7:00 PM. **Fish Fry** We will have our annual fish fry on Saturday, April 13.

SPIRITUAL SWORD: The current issue of *The Spiritual Sword* is now available on the tables at the front entrance and the entrance/exit of the annex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

The ladies of the congregation are invited to

A BRIDAL TEA
Honoring bride-to-be
RACHEL OLIVIA FUSON
(bride-elect of Seth Hackett)

April 14th, 2-4 PM
The Rose Building
Carthage, TN

Registered at:
Crate & Barrel, Williams Sonoma, Pottery Barn,
Amazon & Target

Gifts may be brought unwrapped