

THINK ABOUT THIS.....

The next time you decide to put off doing something you know you ought to do, remember the little boy who squeezed the toothpaste on the cat's back, shook the apples prematurely off the tree and cut gaps in his father's hair while the father slept. When the father awoke and surveyed the damage, he said to the boy, "Unless you put everything back the way it was, I'm going to spank you."

Yesterday is like that. We cannot live it again. Think of that when you tell yourself, "Tomorrow I will do this or that." *"Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away"* (James 4:14).

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Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.

6:00 P.M.

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10:15 A.M.

Wednesday Evening

7:00 P.M.

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

"IT'S NOT EASY BEING GREEN"

"It's not easy being green" are the famous words of Kermit the Frog. He is definitely different from his friends, and being different isn't always easy.

Throughout history God has always wanted His people to be different. The Jews were to be different from the Gentiles. They were not to adopt any of their worship ideas, gods, dress or customs. The Jews were not to intermarry with Gentiles because that would lead to a polluting of values, interests, and morality.

The church is very much the same today. God has called us out of the world—that is what the word 'church' means. "Those called out" is to be a fitting title for those who have obeyed Jesus. The church is in the world but not a part of it. It makes no difference as to the latest trends, or the popular idea of the day; the church of Jesus Christ will continue to follow Him. Christians do not feel the need to be like everyone else—just like Christ.

It is not easy being "green", that is different from the world, We all want to "fit in" and be accepted by our peers. We know that the less we fit in to the world's mold, the less opportunity we might have for a job promotion, or social recognition. People will think that we are "strange" or "weird" and have little to do with us. That kind of rejection is very difficult for some people to take, so they compromise their beliefs and actions.

On the other side of this issue, being different means we don't accept the ways of the world when it comes to lifestyle and worship. The world speaks of tolerance and acceptance. But we should be speaking about discipleship and obedience.

Being different does not mean we are rude or even "holier than thou" with others. What it does mean is that we strive to be like Christ and not like the world. It's not easy being "green" but it is the way God would have us to be acceptable to Him.

(Greg Swango, 11/10/2004, SermonsbySwango.com)

For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. (Hebrews 12:3)

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire. (Hebrews 12: 28 – 29)

FROM THE PREACHER'S HEART:

WELCOME VISITORS! You refresh our hearts by coming our way. We are honored to have you and invite you to return at your earliest opportunity. With the Bible as our guide we seek to worship God in spirit and truth and to serve Him faithfully (John 4:23-24; Rev. 2:10). Feel free to ask questions and to pick up free tracts and other reading resources available in the foyer.

We have so many family members, friends, and neighbors dealing with the virus and other health issues as seen in the "News & Notes". Our prayer list is lengthy, but God is aware of every single one listed. Read the list and pray daily for His care and providence for all.

Some reminders: Please pick up individual communion supplies from the foyer table; place contributions in the provided collection tray; pick up a mask if you need one; and be aware of the hand sanitizer dispenser provided. A table in the annex is also provided for those who need to come by during the week to pick up communion supplies, bulletins, reading materials, etc.

Copies of the new Church Directory are now available in the foyer and the annex. Please take one for your family. If your family's picture and contact info are not included, please contact Jeremy Hassler. If you do not desire to have a picture included, we would like to have your contact information (names, address, phone number, birth dates, anniversary, etc.). Thanks to Joe and Gayle Reeves for making the pics and to Jeremy and all who helped with the binding.

This Sunday (30th) will be a fifth Sunday. Justin Mauldin will be preaching during the 9:00 A.M. service and Matthew Jones at the 12:30 P.M. assembly. Other young men will be serving in various parts of the P.M. worship. We will NOT have our customary fifth Sunday meal. We hope to resume our fellowship meals before long.

The Wednesday evening "Summer Series" comes to an end with this evening's lesson on "Works" by Chris Hicks. "The Story of Scripture", the book of lessons presented at last year's lectures at Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies, has been an interesting and instructive study. A word of gratitude is due to all our brethren who have presented lessons. Lord willing, we will begin a study of the Gospel According to John next Wednesday evening.

Due to brother Clarence Deloach being unable to be with us because of his recent health issues and the continuing concerns about COVID, our elders decided to cancel the October 4-7 Gospel Meeting. Pray for brother Deloach. Hope to see you Sunday!

Edward L. Anderson

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Lola King continues treatments each Friday with a week's break after the third one. Faye Maberry had a treatment this past Friday. Carolyn Harris is recuperating at home after carotid artery surgery August 13. Gary Lawrence is recuperating from surgery on a broken leg suffered in a recent motorcycle accident. Dot Holliman is in Riverview Regional. It was good to have Justin, Sarah, Jonah, and Jacob Mauldin back with us Sunday. Joe Hensley is still not feeling well. Justin Mauldin's sister, Leslie Maddie, is improving. Sally Russell is feeling much better. Jan Anderson has returned to her home. Clarence Deloach is improving. Josh Dillard, Joey's brother, was admitted to Vanderbilt last Friday. Bob and Beth Fisher, Ruby's son and daughter-in-law, are now at home. Dale Woodard remains in Sumner Regional, but has been moved from ICU to rehab. Barbara Jenkins is dealing with inner ear and sinus issues. Steve Harper is not feeling well as he continues to deal with complications from back surgery. Hale Wright's eye is much better. W. A. Gibbs continues his dialysis. Please call 615-735-0114 with updates and news.

PRAYER LIST: Dot Holliman; Lavern Hardee; Mike Ruis; Alan Fitts; Joyce Kilgore; Joe Massey; Wayne Lankford; Sandy Waggoner; Nancy Hicks Bane; Barbara Williams; Michael Parsons; Laurie Adcock; Wendy Williams; Roslyn Fox Stout; Judy Fox Jones; Wanda Hailey; Denise Griffin; James Hix; Rylee Winfree; Cathy Findley; Josh Dillard; Rebecca Huffines Thompson; Tommy & Linda Ashburn; Jerry Hutchins; Danny Claire; Edna Shoulders; Bill Ross; Scott Bane; Wanda Hailey; Patsy Link; Tyrone Poynter; Mark Manning; Emily Moss and children; Lucas Wakefield; Linda Dennis; Gary Anderson; Shirley Henry; Roy Hicks; Bob & Donnieta White; John Conditt; Duane Hesson; Billy Woodard; Tammy Bush; Jerry Glenn; Bentley Cowan; David Lipe; Louie Gray West; Taylor & Spencer Keaton; Paulette Blackburn, Emily Allen; Will Gregory; Rick Blankenship; Debby Flatt; Ken Miller; Tom Brown; Alicia Haynes; Joey Black; Joe Kemp; Susanne Tisdale; Tim Smith; Pattie Birdwell; Mary Ellen Lawrence; Donna Kemp; Ray Hobbs; Wes Stafford; Sawyer Cole; Richard Rhoten; Buddy & Jan Chaffin; Earl Carter; Jennie Burnett; Arnold Rich.

NURSINGHOME/ASSISTED/LIVING/SHUT-INS: Lovell Chaffin; Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Frances Glosser; Ricky Branham (SCH&R); Loneta Bains (Pavilion); Hattie Branham and Pat Paysinger (Shut-ins).

"God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labor of love..."

IN THE MILITARY: Jana Watson, Ann Carter's grand-daughter (Army); Randy Carter's sons and Lacey Crockett's brothers, Derek (Army) & Landon Carter (Coast Guard); PFC Samuel Burton (USMC), Darlene Fariss' grandson; Benjamin Gentry (USMC); Cameron Huff (USMC); Derek Brothers (Army National Guard--now in the Middle East), Ruby Fisher's grandson-in-law.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY/ANNIVERSARY LIST: Dusty Whitaker; Jasmine King (5); Teddy Spivey, David Maberry (6), Lola King (8), Susan Law; Amanda Cowan (9), Mia Whitaker (10), Jessica Grim, (11); Caroline Dillard (12) Alex Richmond, (13); Taylor Swann, Mary Cross, (19); Jessa Klamm (26); Julie Wright, Aubrey Hicks (27); James Rowland (28). Buford & Brittany Birchett (9/06/2014) Conner & Morgan Dodson (9/08/2018).

SYMPATHY: Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family of Clarence Deloach in the recent passing (8/15/20), of his beloved wife, Eddie Deloach.

BATES' VISIT: It was good to see Jerry and Paula Bates again! They were with us Sunday evening to report on their mission work in India and other countries. Jerry's report was refreshing and most encouraging. They left some good reading materials to be picked up and read. Thanks, Jerry and Paula!

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November, 2:00 PM (to be resumed when permitted); *Virtual Bible Bowl:* September 12; *Virtual Run for Don:* September 19; *Retreat:* October 9-11.

COIN CANS FOR PCH: A staffer from Potter's Children Home came by last week and picked up coin cans which you had filled with change/bills. Thank you for your love and support of a good work.

WHAT WILL YOU SAY IN "THAT DAY"?

Jesus said, "Many will say to me in **that day**, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (Matt. 7:22-23). Jesus knows our works, our motives, and our hearts. He cannot and will not be deceived. Any "explanation" or excuse offered for a lack of faithfulness will be just as futile as those here mentioned. If they are of no value then, there's no need to use them now. *Edward L Anderson*