

A LETTER FROM BROTHER LUKEWARM

Dear Preacher,

I found your card on the door when we got home from the park Sunday afternoon. I suppose you had been by to see why we didn't come to church Sunday morning, so I will explain. You see, my mother came to spend a few weeks with us, and we all went to the park for a picnic. We sure had a good time!

Preacher, I saw something I could hardly believe on Sunday as we drove to the park – John Money maker was plowing his cotton. I think that is terrible, don't you? I think you ought to do some preaching about the people who stay away from church to plow on Sunday. And say, I saw Bill Pleasure maker down on the creek fishing. It sure made me feel bad! Maybe you can throw in a point in the sermon that will make him see where he is wrong. I just don't know why people act that way.

Well, preacher, I just thought I'd drop you a line to let you know why we were not there Sunday. Mother will be here about six weeks, then we will be right there every Sunday morning in time for preaching!

Your friend – Lukewarm.

--via Bulletin Fodder--

ASK A FRIEND TO ATTEND

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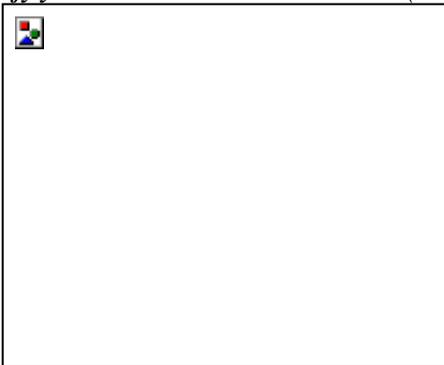
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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship

9:00 A.M.
6:00 P.M.
12:30 P.M. last Sunday of month

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

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"VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME"

"IN GREED WE TRUST"?

Our U.S. currency, whether minted metal or printed paper, carries the national motto, "In God We Trust". Those words are certainly a sublime sentiment. They reflect a deep and abiding faith in God as the supreme Creator of His vast universe (Genesis 1-2). The constitution and other documents from the pens of the "founding fathers" reflect that faith.

But is it an accurate description of the general attitude of the current populace? Reports abound of fraud, embezzlement, and other shady dealings in an effort to accumulate wealth. For money numerous murders are committed, banks are robbed, houses are burglarized, drugs are pushed, and automobiles are stolen.

Covetousness is a problem of long standing. The concluding commandment of the "Ten" was "You shall not covet" (Exodus 20:17; cf. Deut. 5:21). It was not restricted to money, but to "anything – wife, servants, livestock - which belongs to your neighbor". The commandment was often ignored as the examples of David, who coveted Uriah's wife, and Ahab, who coveted Naboth's vineyard, demonstrate (2 Samuel 11-12; 1 Kings 21). Greed, like all other sins, bring forth after their kind. Both eventually committed murder because of their greed! (See James 4:2.)

We would hope and pray that as a nation we do trust in the living God, but the evidence seems to indicate otherwise. Where is the quiet contentment and stable commitment which come from trusting in God? Faith brings faithfulness not fickleness and frivolity. Numerous passages offer assurance, peace, and hope. But there seems to be a restlessness that cannot be calmed. The Psalms are filled with words of comfort and consolation. Read them and see for yourself.

Christians are warned of the dangers of covetousness. Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of covetousness..." (Luke 12:17). It, along with fornication and uncleanness, is "not even be named among (us)" (Eph. 5:3; cf. Heb. 13:5).

Can we say with Paul, "For...I am not ashamed, for I know whom I have believed and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed to Him until that Day" (2 Tim. 1:12, NKJV). He had learned to be content whatever his state (Phil. 4:11). He further reminds us that "godliness with contentment is great gain" while "the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil" (1 Tim. 6:6-10). Moreover, remember the comforting words of Jesus: "Let not your hearts be troubled... Come unto Me..., and I will give you rest..." (See John 14:1; Matt. 11:28).

Edward L. Anderson

REMEMBER TO “SPRING FORWARD” TO DST!

The importance of worshipping God as He directs is emphasized throughout Scripture. John 4:24 comes immediately to mind: “God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.” The second recorded sin is Cain’s disobedient and disrespectful worship (See Genesis 4; Heb. 11:4). It has been said that we become like what and who we worship. There is abundant evidence that it is true! May we never neglect the worship we need so desperately, and the worship God truly deserves (See Heb. 10:25)!

I am sure most of us are aware of the current state-of-affairs in Ukraine. We should be praying for the situation there and for brothers and sisters in Christ in particular. Brother Mark Posey, who was on a mission tour in that country, when the invasion began, is now back in this country. Please pray for all others, especially those of the household of faith, who might be in harm’s way.

The time for the “Ladies’ Day” has arrived. “Daughters of the Heavenly King” is the theme. It is planned for this Saturday, March 12 with registration beginning at 8:30. Kelly Bell, Kelly Edens, and Amanda Scoggins will be the speakers with classes for separate ages. Ladies, make plans to attend and please let Elaine know if you and friends are planning to be present. (See opposite column for more information).

A visit makes a world of difference (See Matt. 25:36). It might determine to which “world” a soul goes for eternity! Josh Brown does an excellent job coordinating our visitation program. There is an emphasis on contacting newcomers to the area. Contact Josh and let him know you are willing to assist. If we will but “lift up our eyes” and look upon the fields, opportunities for good will be before us (See John 4:35).

A big THANK YOU to all who brought food and stayed for our Fellowship Meal following the morning worship and Bible study periods February 27. The soups, stews, and chili were excellent with a great variety from which to choose. The sandwiches and desserts (some of which were furnished by some of our very young), were great! Special thanks to those who “set up” and “cleaned up”!

Please note the schedule change for this year’s Gospel Meeting with Gary Hampton. The new date is **September 18-21**. We look forward to Gary and Teresa being with us again. Please pray for them and begin now to work for the meeting.

Barbara and I thank you for your love and concern already being shown prior to her knee surgery this Monday (3/14). Please keep us, the surgeon, and all who assist in your prayers. I hope to see you Sunday morning. “I was glad when they said to me, ‘Let us go into the house of the Lord’.” (Psalm 122:1) *Edward L. Anderson*

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: Jerry Driver, Amanda Hicks’ Dad, underwent successful back surgery last Tuesday. Barbara Anderson is to have knee replacement (3/14). Donna Cowan, daughter of Don and Betty Carter, is dealing with heart problems. Brenda Bowman was unable to be with us Sunday. Richard Bowman seems to be doing well after pacemaker placement. Mary Jo Hackett is dealing with severe back pain and saw a specialist last week. Jimmy Key suffered a light stroke last week. Jay Klamm suffered a broken toe Sunday afternoon. Jenna Harville is still feeling poorly (head /throat chest). Michelle Allen was back with us Sunday. Lola King is able to be with us. Delores West, wife of Charles, is now under hospice care. Faye Maberry was back with us Sunday. She requests prayers for a brother, James Nunley (cancer), and a niece Brenda Brawner (liver disease). Janice Hicks is still unable to be with us and needs our prayers. Remember Barbara Jenkins and Sally Russell who are still unable to be with us. Jerry and Mary Phillips are about the same. Remember Patricia Brooks; Drew Gallagher; Barry and Teresa Harville; Scott Bane(cancer); Ciera Haffner, Brenda Aikens (cancer); Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Wayne Hall (stroke); Brenda Forrest; Bea Davis; and Gary Vinson (cancer).

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Wilma Richardson; Judith Newberry; Mary Lou Smith; Ricky Branham; (SCHR); Lonetta Bains, Robbie North, Jane Whitley, Mrs. Jack Billington (Pavilion); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).

IN THE MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter’s granddaughter (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).

SYMPATHY: To the Morris family in the passing of Nick’s mother, Teresa Morris, whose celebration of life was Sunday; to the family of Leah Silcox, niece of Candace Richmond and Larry Silcox, whose memorial service was February 26; to the family of Jeremy Stafford, brother of Chris and Barbara Jenkins’ nephew, who recently passed away in a logging accident.

VISITATION /GREETING PROGRAM: Josh Brown has a list of several newcomers and shut-ins. If you wish to help with new assignments, welcomes, and calls, please contact him.

THANK YOU: A “Thanks You” note was recently received and read from Kim Bray on behalf of her mother, Janet Rose.

RUN4DON: The Run4Don Committee is now accepting 2022 Scholarship applications from graduating seniors. Contact Josh Brown or Jeremy Hassler for more information.

EVENTS CALENDAR: *Smith County Health Care/Rehab Center Devotional:* First Sundays of February, May, August, November (as permitted by covid regulations), 2:00 PM; *Fifth Sunday Pavilion Devotional:* May 29, 2:00 PM; *Coffee/Fellowship:* First and third Thursdays, 6:30-8:00 AM; *Ladies Day:* March 12, with Kelly Bell, Kelly Edens; and Amanda Scoggins; *Youth Unite:* April 24, 5:00 P.M.; *Vacation Bible School:* June 6-9; *JSCYC:* July 17:23; *Annual Friday Night Singing:* August 5; *Gospel Meeting:* Gary Hampton preaching, September 18-21.

E/D/P MEETING: All elders, deacons, and preachers are reminded of the monthly meeting this Sunday afternoon (3/13), at 4:30 PM.

PHOTOS: If you have photos of church related activities you wish to share, please give them to Justin or upload to the link of the church Facebook page.

AREA EVENTS: Gordonsville church of Christ will host a “Fortifying Your Faith” seminar with Dr. Brad Harrub, March 18-20. See posted flyers for time of sessions and other details; Southeast Lectureship (Knoxville), “A Call for Clarity in a Chaotic World”, April 24-27, 2022 (Program posted).

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LADIES’ DAY

Saturday, March 12, 2022
9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Theme:

“Daughters of the Heavenly King”

Speakers/Teachers:

Kelly Bell; Amanda Scoggins; Kelly Edens
Classes for Princesses of all ages!
Registration begins at 8:30 AM
A Catered Lunch Will Be Provided

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