



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST

Family Matters

February 21, 2021

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A SOCIALLY DISTANCED SEATING ARRANGEMENT. THANK YOU.**

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Lessons for Today

AM: Brian Mitchell
"A Faith that Saves"
Hebrews 11:6

PM: Brian Mitchell
"A Faith that Saves"
Hebrews 11:1

THE LIGHTHOUSE

It is a common practice to place peculiar looking structures resembling towers along rocky coasts. At night, these lighthouses shine forth to warn any sea-faring vessels of the dangerous shoals nearby. The light is visible for many miles at sea. During foggy, or stormy weather, because the light is obscured by the elements, most lighthouses also have additional warning devices called foghorns.

The lighthouse keeper polishes and cleans the glass in the tower so the light is always visible. The foghorn is loud and deep sounding so it penetrates the fog. Imagine the terrible danger if the keeper was asleep and the light went out! Imagine the uncertainty if the foghorn was defective, and only produced the warning sound at odd intervals! Or worse yet, imagine that the lighthouse was abandoned, and no longer served as a warning to those afloat! No, the light has to be bright, and the sound has to be clear and sure to guarantee the safety of those who depends on the warning.

To the modern world in the darkness of sin, the church is that lighthouse on the shore sending forth the warning of danger. Without the clear and certain sound of the truth, the lost in the world are destined to crash on the rocks of sin and its consequences. To those we know and love, we are the only thing that can prevent this disaster. WE are their lighthouse.

We are the keepers of the light *Ye are the light of the world... Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven. (Matthew 5:14, 16)*, and must make sure that our signal of danger is clear and certain. We must also make sure that our warning of danger is constant and continuous. We must be like the lighthouse keeper, constantly polishing and cleaning so the warning goes out into the darkness. Notice that the lighthouse keeper is safe on the shore, even protected from the very dangers he warns others about. We do not have to experience the wickedness of the world to warn others of its consequences. Like the lighthouse keeper, we are in a position to see the "rocks" and signal a warning.

In the safe haven of the church, it is easy to think the danger no longer exists, and become lax in our warnings. Changing the definition of sin does not change the nature of sin. Society's acceptance of sinful behavior does not change the nature of sin. The wages of sin is still death, no matter what we think or feel. **(Romans 6:23)**

Tony W. Boyd

Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:00 am
AM Worship: 10:00 am
PM Worship: 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday Class: NA
Sunday AM: NA
Sunday PM: NA
Wednesday PM: NA
Contribution: \$1461
Budget: \$4439

Think on This...

Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

1 Corinthians 15:58

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Tonya Coleman: 02.21
Lindsey Luebbers: 02.24
Dawsyn Walls: 02.24
James Mitchell: 02.25

Serving This Week

Announcements: Randy Seabaugh

SUNDAY

Greeters: NA

Ushers: Cody Naramore/Shawn Myers

PowerPoint: Greg Dowdy

Lead Singing: Dylan Seabaugh

Head Lord's Table: David Selvig

Scripture: Kolten Kluesner

Prayers

AM: Gary Ridenour/Bill Welshans

PM: Nate Crowden/Wally Eck

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Todd Newman

Devo: Dylan Seabaugh

Prayer: Gary Miller

Elder Chair: Gary Ridenour

Communion to Shut-Ins: N/A

Building Lock-Up: Gary Miller



Remember in Prayer

- **Barbara Rushing** remains in Ratliffe Care Center with very little ability to communicate and no movement on her left side. Please also pray for her daughters as they deal with this difficult situation.
- Kim Spraggs' sister, **Julie Kelso** is back at home after a surgery on Sunday to repair a ruptured blood vessel. She will see her oncologist this week for her treatment plan.

News & Notes

- Eva and Jenny will be co-facilitating a Wednesday night ladies class starting in March. The study will be based on the book "Twelve Ordinary Men". It will be a discussion class with some homework each week. Text or call Jenny Newman by **Wednesday, February 24** if you are interested in participating.
- If you are aware of a family that needs assistance with food, please inform Scott Spraggs. Scott is in charge of the **Helping Hands Ministry** which provides food for those in need.
- Anyone wishing to make a donation to the Curtis James Scholarship Fund should make checks payable to Jackson Church of Christ and add "Curtis James Scholarship" in the memo line.

Daily Bible Reading

February 21: Deuteronomy 1-3

February 22: Deuteronomy 4-6

February 23: Deuteronomy 7-9

February 24: Deuteronomy 10-12

February 25: Deuteronomy 13-15

February 26: Deuteronomy 16-18

February 27: Deuteronomy 19-21

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Please help keep our list current: contact the office with updates, to add/remove individuals****

Christine Austin

Thelma Brown

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Colton Friese

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Sharon Giesler

Wayne Graham

Sherry Hooe

Tim Hosey

Betty Jones

Julie Kelso

Isabelle Long

Dorothy Loyd

Jerry Mitchell

Barbara Rushing

Lena Schweain

Ruby Silvers

Sarah Singleton

Phil Swiney

Molly Thomas

Mike Turnbow

Youth News

- A large number of our youth and families are planning to leave Thursday for **CYC** in Pigeon Forge over the weekend. Please prayer for safe travels and an uplifting weekend.
- Dexter's **Inspiration 2021** youth rally is scheduled for **March 12-13** with **Eric Lyons** as the featured speaker. Details and registration information are posted. There is no cost for this event and housing is provided by the Dexter congregation. **All participants are required to sign a release form to attend.**

Attendance

By Rob Albright

Attending Bible classes and worship assemblies is vital for our spiritual growth. But it is also a time when we are encouraging one another. So, we come together not just for our own benefit, but for the purpose of building up one another. If you are not meeting together you are missing the opportunity to encourage others, as well as missing the opportunity to grow spiritually.

The inspired writer of Hebrews recognizes the dual purpose of glorifying God and encouraging one another in our assemblies. Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." [ESV]

We need to be attending Bible classes and worship assemblies to become disciples who grow to be more like Jesus and honor the One who saves us. But, let's not be selfish and forget that our presence in the classes and assemblies is also a time we can help others. As you begin the New Year of 2020 why not make it a priority and commitment to meet regularly for classes and worship assemblies? Think seriously about improving our attendance pattern. May each of us take thought and try to improve our presence and involvement for the glory of God and concern for one another.