Those Privileged to Serve

Feb 26th - MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: Jeff Lewis Read Scripture: Paul Hatcher Opening Prayer: Jeff Lewis Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: J. Venable, J. Orr, G. Phifer J. Eddleman, E. Anderson, J. Adams

Greet: Stennis & Mary Lewis Nursery Att: A.M. Loretta Shaw P.M. Paula Wadley

Feb 26th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: James Eddleman Communion: Walt Ferguson, Marion Thomas

March 1st - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas Opening Prayer: Jonah Adams Invitation: Mike Wages Closing Prayer: Kenneth Moody

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South Jackson Church of Christ 845 Hwy 18 Medon, TN 38356 www. southjacksonchurchofchrist.org (731) 424-9721 March 5th - MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M. R. Pack, G. Cooper

Announcements: Jonathan Orr

Lead Singing: John Smith Read Scripture: Jonah Adams Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: F. Kidder, P. Love, A. Vaughn C. Kidder, M. James, K. Moody

Greet: Joe & Faye Venable Nursery Att: A.M. Melissa Phifer P.M. Leah Wages

Mar 5th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages Opening Prayer: James Eddleman Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Jonah Adams Communion: Mike Wages, Ken Ross

March 8th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages Opening Prayer: Darrell Cuningham Invitation: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder

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Don't Quit, Persevere!

Merriam-Webster's dictionary defines perseverance as "continuous effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failures, or opposition." I would imagine that most of us have struggled with continuing to persevere at times in our lives. Let's be honest. There are circumstances that arise, whether as a child or as an adult, where quitting something is a very attractive option. However, far more often than not, quitting or giving up is the wrong decision, Here are some reasons why:



When I quit, I'm not affecting just me. Most every decision we make has consequences, whether good or bad. When you make a commitment to an event, activity, team, etc. you have made a decision to participate. Sometimes that decision is based on how fun or satisfying we think something might be, how many of our friends are involved, what we think we will get out of it, and so forth and so on. Of course it's not unusual for us to be brought back into reality and find out that in order to achieve what we want, it may take more effort and time than we originally thought, or it isn't as enjoyable as imagined. Yet, if I decide to up and quit, my decision affects others, whether they be teachers, coaches, friends, etc. This also makes them more wary of trusting me the next time I say I am going to do something; why should they believe me if I have let them down before?

Quitting in the "small things" is a stepping stone to failing to persevere in the "bigger things." What do I mean by that? Well, if I am not cultivating a perseverant attitude early on, it is much more likely that I will not see things through in regards to work, relationships, marriage, and living for God. Each one of these requires great effort on my part; each one of these is going to involve me failing or hitting some rough patches. If I have developed a "quitting" attitude, I'll be looking for another job the first time something doesn't go the way I want. I'll be looking for other friends when our relationships hit a wall. I'll be looking to get out of my marriage when the hard times come. I'll be like the seed that has fallen on the wayside, on the rocky ground, or in the weeds (Matt. 13). When my faith is challenged or the cares of the world make living the Christian life tough, I'll easily allow Satan to lure me back into his ways. I must develop the characteristic of perseverance in order to be who God calls me to be.

So, what's it going to be? Whether you are a child, teenager, young adult, or adult, perseverance needs to be a major part of your life as a Christian. Are you willing to pay the price, to face challenges, to see things through the difficult times? I pray that you are, and I ask that each of us helps one another persevere as we journey through life.

Lee Hickerson

Rules For Making Every Visitor Feel Welcome

The Thirty Second Rule

Most guests will make a judgment about us during the first thirty seconds after they enter the building. Greet others with a handshake and a friendly smile as soon as you see them.

The Front-Door Rule

Help people find their classes or a seat in the auditorium. If they have trouble, they may not return.

The Ten-Foot Rule

Greet anyone with whom you are not familiar who comes within ten feet of you. Make eye contact. Be friendly.

The Five-Minute Rule

Take the first five minutes after services to seek out guests and greet them. Encourage them to return and thank them for being here. After you have greeted our guests, you will still have opportunity to talk to your friends.

Our attitude will often determine if visitors return. Do your part to make sure they really feel WELCOME & APPRECIATED.

The Forest Hills News

Sunday Sermons

AM - Be Steadfast and Immoveable - 1 Corinthians 15:58 PM - Singing Night

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Harold Davis remains at General Hospital in room 685.

Many others are sick with cold/flu like things.

Members

Harold and Doris Davis, Ron and Nadine McDonald, Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson, Louise Hopper, Ted Lingren, Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder, Iva Hopper,, Tom Crow, Bill and Gladys Gowan, Teriyaki Anderson

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd, Al Stewart, Hilda Beatse, Ruth Cox, Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle, Tyler and Bethany Tims

Cards to Send This Week

Betty Cooper 201 Ed Moore Road Beech Bluff, TN 38313

Tommeye Seigler 204 N Missouri Street Jackson, TN 38301

Horace Yearwood 420 Canovan Road Medon, TN 38356

The men have requested that no food or drinks be consumed in the auditorium. Water for medical reasons is not included in this request.

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Forrest Cove Devotional 2:30 PM

Area Events

3/5 –3/7 East Jackson Gospel Meeting

3/18 Ladies Day East Jackson church of Christ

3/26-3/30 Memphis School of Preaching Lectureship

> Pantry Item Peanut Butter

New Members

We welcome Tommy and Clara Williams to our church family at South Jackson.

Tommy and Clara Williams 236 Mifflin Road Jackson, TN 38301 731-660-5159 - Home 731-695-3239 - Cell

Directory Pictures

Pictures for new members will be taken after services this morning in the library. Updated pages will be available as soon as we get these pictures done.