

Those Privileged to Serve

April 30th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Announcements: Darrell Cunningham

Lead Singing: Ray Pack
Read Scripture: Kenneth Moody
Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper
Sermon: Harrison Moran
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion:

J. Johnson, P. Love, W. Ferguson
 K. Ross, T. Williams, B. Landers

Greet: Ken & Paula Wadley
Nursery Att: A.M. Sissy Orr
 P.M. Jeanette Morris

April 30th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson
Sermon: Parker Pearce
Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder
Communion:
 Darrell Cunningham, Ray Pack

May 3rd - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Clay Young
Opening Prayer: Jeff Lewis
Sermon: Ben Coleman
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

May 7th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. R. Pack, G Cooper

Announcements: Mike Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture: Costel Gimphu
Opening Prayer: Ken Ross
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion:

F. Kidder, C. Richardson, J. Cogdell
 C. Kidder, L Merritt, J. Orr

Greet: Tommy & Clara Williams
Nursery Att: A.M. Paula Wadley
 P.M. Paula Lewis

May 7th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer: Jeff Lewis
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder
Communion:
 Marion Thomas, Walt Ferguson

May 10th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer: Darrell Cunningham
Devotional: Jeff Lewis
Closing Prayer: Jonah Adams

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Make Melody Where?

Some have asked that if we are to sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs then why would it not be right to sing with instruments of music since the Jews used them in their worship to God. It is obvious that the psalms (particularly Psalm 150) commanded the use of eight instruments—trumpet, lute, harp, timbral, stringed instruments, flute, loud cymbals and clanging cymbals—so why would the way they worshipped be wrong for us to worship?



This question seems so valid but, while it might at first seem right, a closer examination shows that it is flawed reasoning. If it is true that because the psalms validate instrumental music, look at what else they validate. The psalms also speak of incense (Psa. 66:65; 141:2), but would this make them proper for worship in the Christian age? The psalms sanction burnt offerings (50:8; 51:19; 66:13) and the offering of rams, bulls and goats (Psa. 66:15), but who would reason that because they are approved in the psalms they can be part of Christian worship? The psalms also talk about the Sabbath (heading of Psa. 92) and the rest God provides, but who would say that simply because they are mentioned in psalms they can become part of our worship. Yet, all of these stand or fall together. If the mention of instruments authorizes them, then it would also authorize the other aspects of Judaism.

A study of the music mentioned in the psalms and the music mentioned in the New Testament shows a remarkable contrast. The Jews were told to sing and to make music using instruments and also which instruments they were to use. Look at these words from the psalmist. "Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings" (Psalm 33:2). "Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm" (Psa. 98:5). The singing and melody of the Old Testament came from the harp.

Now look at the instructions about singing and the instruments involved in Christian worship. "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord" (Col. 3:16). "Speaking to

yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord" (Eph. 5:19). The Old Testament instruction was to "make melody with an instrument of ten strings" but the New Testament instruction is to "make melody in your heart."

Judaism often focused on the external aspects of worship and service. Christianity has its focus on the internal aspect of our worship. Let us worship Him in spirit and truth in the way He has given for all men in the New Testament, not in the way given to the Jews in an Old Covenant. Think about it.

*Dan Jenkins
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Distractions on the Road ***Greg Gwin***

Surely you've seen them— those drivers who are so busy talking on their cellular phones that they sit through a green light or ignore some other important traffic situation. The 'topper' to this is when you see a driver talking on the cell phone AND eating a sandwich - all while driving a car.

Driving is a serious activity that demands our devoted attention. Things like cell phones and sandwiches tend to distract us, making driving even more dangerous. When two or more such distractions are added together watch out! The likelihood of an accident is significantly multiplied.

Now, make a spiritual application. The problem is that we too often allow ourselves to be distracted by the things of this world. When that happens, a spiritual accident is sure to follow.

And, we're not just talking about the sinful things that can distract us. Certainly, there are plenty of those. Wickedness abounds in our society and we are confronted with multiple temptations everyday. Constant vigilance is necessary. But, more than this, there is danger that we will get so busy with our day-to-day affairs that we forget what our main pursuit is supposed to be. Our jobs, our families, our recreation and a host of other things— not sinful in and of themselves - can crowd God out of our lives.

Add two or three such distractions and you are simply a spiritual accident looking for a place to happen. Be careful! Stay focused. "Reach forth unto those things which are before" and "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil. 3:13-14).

Sunday Sermons

AM - Harrison Moran
PM - Parker Pearce

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold and Doris Davis,
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson,
Ted Lingren, Leroy Carnal
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Iva Hopper, Tom Crow,
Bill and Gladys Gowan,
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,
Shirley Puckett, Margie Montgomery,
Margie Whitehead, Doug Crouse

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle

Cards to Send This Week

Bonita Staggs
63 Colorado Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Freida Phifer
165 Bellemeade Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Special Thanks

Thanks to Clay Young who will be leading singing Monday thru Wednesday nights during our meeting.

I would like to express my thanks to Joe Venable and Eddie Anderson for filling in for me last week. (WRP)

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

Potluck Meal following AM Services

4/30-5/3

Spring Gospel Meeting
"Dare to Be Different"
Brochures are on the table
in the foyer.

5/7

VBS Organizational Meeting
4:00 PM

Area Events

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

Pantry Item Canned Corn

Sunshine Basket Needs

Please bring any type of silk artificial flowers to be used in this good work. Old flower vases would be appreciated as well.

Ten ways to love

*Listen without interrupting. (Proverbs 18)
Speak without accusing. (James 1:19)
Give without sparing. (Proverbs 21:26)
Pray without ceasing. (Colossians 1:9)
Answer without arguing. (Proverbs 17:1)
Share without pretending. (Ephesians 4:15)
Enjoy without complaint. (Philippians 2:14)
Trust without wavering. (1 Corinthians 13:7)
Forgive without punishing. (Colossians 3:13)
Promise without forgetting. (Proverbs 13:12)*