Those Privileged to Serve

June 11th - MORNING WORSHIP 6 A.M. J. Lewis, M. Wages

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: Mike Wages Read Scripture: Darrell Cunningham Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Jeff Lewis

Communion: K. Ross, T. Williams, G Phifer E. Anderson, J. Eddleman, P. Love

Greet: Freeman & Sheila Kidder Nursery Att: A.M. Jeanette Morris P.M. Nijerika Green

June 11th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher Opening Prayer: Mike Wages Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Joseph Johnson Communion: Mike Wages, Ken Ross

June 14th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher Opening Prayer: Darrell Cunningham Devotional: Mike Wages Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

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

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

Lead Singing: Mike Wages Read Scripture: Marion Thomas Opening Prayer: Joe Venable Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion: K. Ross, T. Williams, G Phifer E. Anderson, J. Eddleman, P. Love

Greet: Billy & Betty Landers Nursery Att: A.M. Sissy Orr P.M. Melissa Phifer

June 18th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas Opening Prayer: Carleton Kidder Sermon: Ray Pack Closing Prayer: Freeman Kidder Communion: Mike Wages, Ken Ross

June 21st - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder Devotional: Darrell Cunningham Closing Prayer: James Eddleman

Weekly Record

6 AM Worship Sun. Morning Bible Study	17 83
Sunday Morning Worship	127
Sunday Evening Worship Wed. Bible Study	76 72
Contribution	\$ 4280



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Living a Godly Life is a Fight

Living a godly life is a fight. Yes, we can be confident in our salvation and ready to meet our Lord in the sky. But this does not negate the fact that living a godly life is a struggle, a battle, and a fight.

Near the end of his life, Paul wrote to Timothy and said: "But you, O man of God, flee these things and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, gentleness. Fight the good



fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which you were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" (1 Tim. 6:11-12).

Jude exhorted Christians saying: "Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints" (Ju. 3). Christians have the pleasure of serving in the Lord's army and must fight against "principalities, against powers, against rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12). Christians have a God-given command to fight against darkness lest they are overcome by evil.

• Christians patiently persevere throughout the fight. Our battle begins the day that we become Christians and ends the day that we depart from this life. James wrote to Christians who were fighting to do what was right while the rich were cheating them of their wages (Jas. 5:4). James said: "Therefore be patient, brethren, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, waiting patiently for it until it receives the early and latter rain. You also be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand" (Jas. 5:7-8).

• Christians rejoice throughout the fight by prayerfully trusting in God for victory. Paul said: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Th. 5:16-18). And he said: "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness

be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus" (Phil. 4:4-7).

• Christians must fight to the death! We must fight till the day we die. And we must fight, even if the fight requires our own mortal life. Jesus exhorted Christians in Smyrna saying: "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested; and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life" (Rev. 2:10). And Paul never gave up the fight saying in his last epistle: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved his appearing" (2 Tim. 4:7-8).

• Everybody is fighting for something. Jesus said: "he who is not against us is for us" (Lk. 9:50). And James said: "Adulterers and adulteresses! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God" (Jas. 4:4).

Everyone is either for God or against God. Everyone is either a friend of the world or a friend of God. Everyone is either fighting for God or fighting against God (cf. Acts 5:29; 23:9). Everyone is fighting for something. What are you fighting for?

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Sunday Sermons

AM - Jesus, The Reigning One - Acts 2:29-36 PM - As a Good Soldier of the Cross - 2 Timothy 2:3

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold and Doris Davis, Ron and Nadine McDonald, Jean Harber, Rachel Epperson, Ted Lingren, Billy Landers, Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder, Iva Hopper, Tom Crow, Bill and Gladys Gowan, Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse, Shirley Puckett, Margie Montgomery, Margie Whitehead, Sandra Jordan, Andy Vaughn, Betty Cooper, Helen Avent, Louise Buck

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd, Al Stewart, Ruth Cox, Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle, Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,

Cards to Send This Week

Raymond Davis 18 Powell Cove Jackson, TN 38305

Jerry Crabb 520 North Church Street Jackson, TN 38301

Jeanette Morris 184 Old Pinson Road Jackson, TN 38301

Happenings

South Jackson

Today

June 13th Brother Ray will be speaking at Denmark Road

> 6/18-6/22 Vacation Bible School

June 25th Class Promotion Sunday

Area Events

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

Pantry Item Canned Tuna or Chicken

