

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 20th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. J. Lewis, J. Smith

Aug 27th - MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. B. Richardson, M. Wages

Announcements: Darrell Cunningham

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Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture: Ken Ross

Read Scripture: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Opening Prayer: James Eddleman

Sermon: Ray Pack

Sermon: TBA

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Closing Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Communion:

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J. Venable, P. Love, G. Phifer
 G. Cooper, W. Ferguson, S. Lewis

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Greet: Stennis & Mary Lewis

Greet: Billy & Betty Landers

Nursery Att: A.M. Debi Helton

Nursery Att: A.M. Celeste Rose

P.M. Leah Wages

P.M. Tianna Richardson

Aug 20th - EVENING WORSHIP

Aug 27th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Opening Prayer: Gaylon Cooper

Sermon: Ray Pack

Sermon: Singing Night

Closing Prayer: Mike Wages

Closing Prayer: James Eddleman

Communion:

Communion:

K. Ross, M. Wages

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Aug 23rd - WED BIBLE STUDY

Aug 30th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas

Opening Prayer: Freeman Kidder

Opening Prayer: Ray Pack

Devotional: Jeff Lewis

Devotional: Freeman Kidder

Closing Prayer: James Eddleman

Closing Prayer: Jeff Lewis

Weekly Record

6 AM Worship	8
Sun. Morning Bible Study	87
Sunday Morning Worship	124
Sunday Evening Worship	91
Wed. Bible Study	97
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Sowing and Reaping

Many years ago two young men were working their way through Stanford University. At one point their money was almost gone, so they decided to engage the great pianist Paderewski for a concert and use the profits for board and tuition.

Paderewski's manager asked for a guarantee of \$2,000. The students worked hard to promote the concert, but they came up \$400 short. After the performance, they went to the musician, gave him all the money they had raised, and promised to pay the \$400 as soon as they could. It appeared that their college days were over.



"No, boys, that won't do," said the pianist. "take out of this \$1,600 all your expenses, and keep for each of you 10 percent of the balance for your work. Let me have the rest."

Years passed. Paderewski became premier of Poland following World War 1. Thousands of his countrymen were starving. Only one man could help, the head of the U.S. Food and Relief Bureau. Paderewski's appeal to him brought thousands of tons of food. Later he met the American statesman to thank him. "That's all right," replied Herbert Hoover. "Besides, you don't remember, but you helped me once when I was a student in college."

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the Spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life. And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith" (Galatians 6:7-10).

It is amazing isn't it that what we give often comes back to us? Paul gives us an insight to the process. There is a law that whatever we sow, we will reap. He also says it comes back to us in like fashion. If we sow good, good will come back to us. But if we sow evil, evil will come back to us. "Those who plow

iniquity and sow trouble reap the same" (Job 4:8). The fruit of our actions won't always come quickly. But all things remaining equal, the produce will come eventually, and it will be what we planted. There is no escaping that law.

We see it demonstrated every day. The youth who has begun a life of trouble sows trouble and he reaps trouble. When it happens, he is often surprised and confounded. In contrast there is the youth who sows good things and he reaps good things. It is not always that one gets the breaks and the other doesn't, it is the law of sowing and reaping at work. There should be no surprises when it works.

But there is another aspect to this law of sowing and reaping — we reap more than we sow. If that was not the case, what farmer would sow a crop? That principle is graphically stated by Hosea: "They sow the wind and reap the whirlwind" (Hosea 8:7). Paderewski reaped much more than he had sown. He planted the seed of a few hundred dollars that helped two young men. He reaped millions of dollars that helped an entire nation!

Jesus said: "Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). What Jesus was talking about was not our money, although that certainly could be included, but was such things as forgiveness, love, mercy, goodness and the like... the intangibles of life. When we sow, we will reap more than we have sown!

Again we see the principle in action daily. The youth who sows a life of trouble soon has more than he can handle. The one who sows good things likewise had more good things coming to him than he can handle.

But there is a fourth principle in this law. Even though yesterday's actions are irreversible, tomorrow's are not predetermined. We cannot change what we planted yesterday, but we can sure change what we are sowing today. Again we have seen this principle demonstrated time and time again. We all know the youth who has been sowing bad seed (we sometime call it sowing wild oats) who begins to sow good seed and then in turn reaps the good harvest. We also know of those who have made the turn in the other direction as well.

So, what does it all mean? Surely it ought to make us ask the question; "What am I sowing?" Because what we sow will determine what we reap!

Michael D. Greene

Sunday Sermons

AM - Attention Please: God is Calling - 2 Chronicles 7:13-14
PM - Help My Unbelief - Mark 9:21-24

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold and Doris Davis,
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sammy Puckett, Rachel Epperson,
Ted Lingren, Billy Landers,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Iva Hopper, Tom Crow,
Bill and Gladys Gowan,
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,
Margie Montgomery,
Margie Whitehead, Helen Avent,
Louise Buck, Gwen Smith,
Jorita Richardson,
Jerry Crabb, Jeanette Morris

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle,
Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,
Bethany Tims, Nancy Anderson,
Donald & Christa Smith

Cards to Send This Week

Jerry Crabb
520 North Church Street
Jackson, TN 38301

Jeanette Morris
184 Old Pinson Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Happenings

South Jackson

8/20

Men's Business Meeting at 3:30 PM

8/26

Youth Devo at the home of Paul & Brenda Hatcher. Starts at 5:30 PM.
Please bring chips & desserts.

Area Events

Numerous area events are posted on the bulletin board.

Pantry Item

Peanut Butter

We Rejoice

We rejoice as Carley Turner was baptized into Christ last Sunday Evening. Carley is the grand daughter of Sharon Turner.

Darrell Cunningham requested prayers to keep his temper under control on Wednesday.

What Does Your
Temper Reveal
About Your
Personality?

