

Those Privileged to Serve

Dec 3rd- MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. R. Pack, G. Cooper

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

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

Communion:

K. Ross, A. Vaughn, H. Davis
 E. Anderson, T. Williams, C. Richardson

Greet: Billy & Betty Landers

Dec 3rd - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer: Jeff Lewis
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Carleton Kidder

Communion:

J. Venable, F. Kidder

Dec 6th - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Opening Prayer: Jonah Adams
Devotional: Freeman Kidder
Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Dec 10th- MORNING WORSHIP
6 A.M. B. Richardson, M. Wages

Announcements: Gaylon Cooper

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

Communion:

K. Ross, A. Vaughn, H. Davis
 E. Anderson, T. Williams, C. Richardson

Greet: Jeanne Buford &
 Reba Donaldson

Dec 10th - EVENING WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer: Mike Wages
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joseph Johnson

Communion:

J. Venable, F. Kidder

Dec 13th - WED BIBLE STUDY

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

Weekly Record

6 AM Worship	12
Sun. Morning Bible Study	85
Sunday Morning Worship	109
Sunday Evening Worship	73
Wed. Bible Study	76
Contribution	\$ 3121

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The Salvation Army To Give Or Not To Give

(Nearly every year, around this time of the year, I am inevitably asked what my opinion is regarding giving to the Salvation Army. Here are my thoughts below).



I wish you well as you brave the cold winter weather, the agitated shoppers, and the long lines at the check-out stands. Along with these standards for the holiday season has arisen another: donations to the Salvation Army. "Soldiers" in the Salvation Army will be standing at the entrance of nearly every shopping area, ringing a bell, soliciting donations to help the needy.

There is no telling how many millions of dollars are gathered by this organization every year through this avenue of fund raising. It appeals to our sense of benevolence at a time when we are feeling particularly benevolent. Surely there would be no harm in making donations to these tireless workers who are willing to endure the cold winds of December, or is there?

The Salvation Army was founded by William Booth, a Methodist preacher, in 1865. Booth believed that God had called him to minister to the outcast. His philosophy was "Soup, Soap, and Salvation, believing that a person who is hungry or in need of a bath would not be interested in the gospel. In the beginning, Booth intended for the people he reached with the gospel to return to their home churches, but soon found they were unwelcome in their home churches, or unwilling to return to them. Therefore, in 1878, Booth and his wife Catherine, organized the "Salvation Army" as a new church denomination with the Protestant doctrine of Methodism. Booth designated himself as General,

his best leaders as lieutenants, captains, and majors, and faithful converts became soldiers.

Thus, the Salvation Army differs from other benevolent organizations such as "The Red Cross," or "The American Heart Association," in that it is a church, a religious denomination. As a religious denomination, it teaches a perverted plan of salvation by "faith alone." Like all religious denominations, the Salvation Army does some good. But does the fact that the Salvation Army does some good, mean that we should support them? Do the ends justify the means?

Listen to the apostle Paul as he wrote to the Christians at Ephesus..."And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them" (Ephesians 5:11). Should a Christian, a member of the church that Jesus purchased with His own blood, support a man made religious body, which rivals the Lord's church? Should we support by our donations a false religious organization that teaches a false plan of salvation, which if followed, will cause people to miss out on Heaven? Should a Christian support a denomination in their good deeds so that the denomination receives the praise of men, rather than the true church that Jesus built?

Brethren, don't lose sight of this important point. An organization that feeds the stomach but starves the spirit is not truly helpful. I certainly don't question their sincerity or their willingness to help the poor, but they have a zeal for God that is not according to knowledge (Romans 10:2). Instead of doing our benevolence through a false, man-made, religious denomination, why don't we maintain a benevolent spirit, giving as we are prospered to the church, and let Christ be glorified through His church (Ephesians 3:21).

As the little bell is rung in your direction this holiday season, why don't you join me in politely saying, "I do my benevolent work through my local church."

*Steve Higginbotham
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Sunday Sermons

AM - Mature Christian Living - Communication - Mark 15:43
- Ray Pack
PM - SGreat Bible Words - Humility - Ray Pack

Congregational News and Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold and Doris Davis,
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
James Eddleman, Rachel Epperson,
Ted Lingren, Billy Landers,
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Iva Hopper, Tommye Siegler,
Freeman Kidder, Doug Crouse,
Margie Montgomery, Tom Crow,
Margie Whitehead, Helen Avent,
Louise Buck, Gwen Smith,
Jorita Richardson, Barbara Ray,
Jerry Crabb, Jeanette Morris,
Mary Bolen, Shirley Puckett
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Roberta Donaldson

Friends & Family:

Horace Yearwood, Tim Boyd,
Al Stewart, Ruth Cox,
Judy Jennings, Raymond Cagle,
Beverly Martindale, Rosie Love,
Bethany Tims, Nancy Anderson,
Bill and Gladys Gowan,
Loretta Stanfill, John Sawyer,
Jerry Yarbrough, Rick Barnett,
Jere Jennings

Cards to Send

Mary Lewis
15 Oakwood Drive
Jackson, TN 38301

Charles Malone
6140 Highway 100E
Henderson, TN, 38340

Happenings South Jackson

12/8

Adult Holiday Party
See Bulletin Board for More
information
Please bring a 3-5 dollar wrapped or
bagged gift

12/17

Children's Holiday Party

Pantry Item

Cake Mix & Icing

Student Addresses

Although they didn't speak in our Fall
Series Joe Manasco and Drew
Aldridge have spoken for us recently.
Please send the a card of
encouragement

Drew Aldridge
158 East Main Street
Box 177
Henderson, TN 38340

Joe Manasco
158 East Main Street
Box 10199
Henderson, TN 38340