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As Jesus Wept, So Let Us Weep ***Doug Dingley***

We all know “Jesus wept” over Lazarus’ death (Jn. 11:35), but that was not the only time. Jesus, when approaching Jerusalem on that final Sunday before his subsequent crucifixion and resurrection wept as well. He wept over God’s people’s rejection of His word and Him as their Lord (Lk. 19:41-44). And so we who are His ought to weep as well... over those of God’s people today who have chosen, somewhere along the way, that God just isn’t worth ‘giving the time of day’ anymore – and certainly not worth giving a little time out of their Sunday to worship and study with us like they used to.

It’s one thing when non-Christian folks in need call the church building and request benevolence, inevitably telling us they’d like to come visit us some Sun-day because after all, they’ve “been looking for a church.” However, after we’ve rushed \$200 to some local City Hall to help them avoid their disconnect date, or purchased \$50 worth of gas for them so they can go ‘seek employment,’ or gone to Wal-Mart and bought \$50 worth of groceries for them, they seldom if ever seem to be able to ‘find’ us come any given Sunday (despite having been given good directions), and in fact, are more often than not unreachable after that.

I’m slowly and painfully coming to learn after years of this, that that’s kind of ‘par for the course’ when dealing with the majority of the unconverted, unconvicted, unconvinced, and

often uncaring masses at large. But my personal pain over their lost estate and the fact that they care far less about their eternal souls than they do about their electric bills or bellies (See: Phil. 3:18-19), is greatly and grievously intensified the moment we start talking about our beloved and fallen-away brethren who don't seem to want to 'remember' when and where we worship God together anymore either (SEE: 2 Ptr. 2:20-22; Hebs. 10:19-31)!

Let us weep for the loss of all of those brethren as we know who once were faithful and here but have chosen to no longer be. For those who impenitently choose to no longer assemble to worship with the saints on this side of eternity, have actually, whether they know it or not, ultimately made their choice – which God will also absolutely honor – to not be with His saints for all eternity either.

Yes, let us weep as Jesus wept... and for those like for whom He wept as well... For one day they will weep as well... and their 'day' will never end (See: Matt. 25:1-46).

Welcome to Our New Members

David Briley - Michael Briley and Charlotte Dill

Their contact information is on the bulletin board.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Harold Davis, Mary Bolen
Ron and Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Jordan, Fredie Stewart,
Cindy Kidder, Garmelia Ellis,
Roberta Donaldson, Lisa Dukes,
Doug Crouse, Norma Cogdell
Margie Montgomery, Sue Harris,
Betty Mosely, Teriyaki Anderson
James Morris, Freeman Kidder,
Andy Vaughn, Pearl Johnson,
Ken & Paula Wadley, Judy Ellis
Charles & Ruby Malone,
Phillip Mulins, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance, Mary Lewis,
Sheila Greer, Helen Morris

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Allen Thompson, David Briley,
Gladys Gowan, Diane Hubbard,
Shirley Bolin, Brandi Rogers,
Jeanette Manley, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster, Glenn Lovell,
Marilyn Ferrell, Justin Puckett

Today's Sermons

AM - Jesus Wept
John 11:28-37

PM - Hallelujah! Praise
Jehovah!
Psalm 148:3

Happenings

South Jackson

August 20

Men's Business Meeting
Following AM Services

Cards to Send

David Briley
175 Lesters Chapel Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Ken Wadley
400 Harts Bridge Road
Jackson, TN 38301

Weekly Record

6 AM	5
Bible Class	56/0
AM Worship	76/0
PM Worship	53/38
Wed Bible Study	53/16
Contribution	4913

Pantry Item

Apple Sauce

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 13 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - M. Wages, J. Smith

Lead Singing: John Smith

Read Scripture:

Charlie Richardson

Opening Prayer:

Joe Venable

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Marion Thomas

Communion: Greg Long

Contribution:

Costel Gimphu

Aug 20 - AM WORSHIP

6 AM - R. Pack, R. Clouse

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Read Scripture:

Costel Ghimpu

Opening Prayer:

Greg Long

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Joe Venable

Communion: Marion Thomas

Contribution:

Jonathan Orr

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Ken Ross

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Paul Hatcher

Communion: Greg Long

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Mike Wages

Sermon: Ray Pack

Closing Prayer: Ken Ross

Communion: Marion Thomas

Aug 16 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Mike Wages

Opening Prayer:

Marion Thomas

Devo - Ray Pack

Aug 23 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher

Opening Prayer:

Ray Pack

Devo - Marion Thomas

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Service Times

Early Worship	6:00 AM
Gospel of Christ - Fox 16	9:30 AM
Sunday Bible Class	9:30 AM
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 AM
Sunday PM Worship	5:00 PM
Midweek Bible Study	6:30 PM