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Back to School! ***Kevin Cauley***

School starts soon! I can't believe the summer has flown by so quickly. Just yesterday it was Memorial Day (it seems). We wish our children a very good school year. We hope they succeed beyond their wildest dreams. Yet, at the same time, education in secular matters is not the priority. We must recognize the supremacy of the spiritual (Matthew 6:33). Secular education should be tempered by spirituality. Paul said, "I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil" (Romans 16:19).

The world is filled with people who had great education, were successful in life, but died dissatisfied with their accomplishments. This is because the world can never truly satisfy (Proverbs 27:20). We work to gain thinking that the next great thing, accomplishment, or deal will fulfill us. When it finally comes, it lacks the luster that we thought it had, and we move on to the next "next great thing," and the cycle repeats itself. One day, if we're lucky, we will wake up and decide that we must do something better with our life. The unlucky never arrive at that day. Proverbs 14:14 states, "The backslider in heart will be filled with his own ways, But a good man will be satisfied from above."

As we go "back to school" let's not get so wrapped up in our secular education that we forget that the world and everything in it belongs to God (Psalm 24:1). Let's prioritize the spiritual. Let's remember that all the good things that we have come from God (James 1:17), and let's seek to use those things to the glory of God, including our education (1 Corinthians 10:31).

The Duty of the Prophet

Tim Dooley

As we read from the prophet Ezekiel, we should be aware that while God is preparing Ezekiel to prophesy to the rebellious people of Israel, he is also given a profound and dire warning. If the man of God (Ezekiel particularly in this case) fails to warn the sinner of God's judgment then the sinner will be lost and the man of God (Ezekiel) will also be held accountable. However, if the man of God faithfully proclaims God's warning, and the sinner refuses to repent, then the sinner will be lost but the man of God will be justified (Ezekiel 3:18-21).

Let us not however think that this warning is only for the inspired prophets of old. The apostle Paul said "Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences" (2 Corinthians 5:11) While we don't have the right or the authority to condemn sinners, we do have a responsibility to warn sinners from their evil ways and declare unto them the judgments of God. Love the sinner and hate the sin, enough to share the truth of God. This, too, is part of being faithful.

Congregational News & Notes

Prayer Requested

Members

Mary Bolen, Luther & Jo Merritt
Nadine McDonald,
Sandra Epperson, Sue Harris
Fredie Stewart, Cindy Kidder,
Lisa Dukes, Betty Mosely,
Teriyaki Anderson,
James Morris, Troyce Taylor,
Pearl Johnson, Paula Wadley,
Judy Ellis, Jerry Crabb,
Karen Chance
Gaylon & Betty Cooper,
Sammy & Shirley Puckett

Friends & Family

Horace Yearwood,
Beverly Martindale,
Diane Hubbard,
Brandi Rogers, Corey Allen
Kenton Lancaster,
Ruby Malone, Melissa Henson
Caraline Rogers, Justin Puckett,
Jane Washington, Joyce Pack

Today's Sermons

AM - Big Picture Faith
Esther — Faith That Steps into
God's Moment
Esther 4:14

PM - God's Guarantee to
Sinners
John 6:37-40

Happenings

South Jackson

Aug 9th

Pounding Shower for Ian and
Ana Shoemate following
evening services.
Bring items that would stock a
pantry.

August 30th

5th Sunday Fellowship Meal
following AM Service.
PM Worship will be at 1 PM

Cards to Send

Sammy & Shirley Puckett
144 Shadow Creek Lane
Medina, TN 38355

Troyce & Leslie Taylor
80 Fawn Ridge Road
Jackson, TN 38305

Weekly Record

Bible Class	43/3
AM Worship	73/6
PM Worship	44/0
Wed Bible Study	50/3
Contribution	3162
Budget	3600

Those Privileged to Serve

Aug 2 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Read Scripture:
Jeff Bliss
Opening Prayer:
Eddie Anderson
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jeff Dove
Communion: Paul Hatcher
Contribution:
Charlie Richardson

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Greg Long
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Louie LeRoux
Communion: Mike Wages

Aug 5 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Paul Hatcher
Opening Prayer:
Marion Thomas
Devo - Ray Pack

Aug 9 - AM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: Mike Wages
Read Scripture:
Eddie Anderson
Opening Prayer:
Jeff Dove
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Joe Venable
Communion: Greg Long
Contribution:
Jeff Bliss

PM WORSHIP

Lead Singing: John Smith
Opening Prayer:
Joe Venable
Sermon: Ray Pack
Closing Prayer: Jerry Butcher
Communion: Paul Hatcher

Aug 12 - WED BIBLE STUDY

Lead Singing: Marion Thomas
Opening Prayer:
Paul Hatcher
Devo - Ron Clouse

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Service Times

Gospel of Christ - WBBJ	5:00 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