

Times of Services

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Worship only

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

Study and Worship Opportunities

Notice: (Due to the concerns for the COVID -19 virus, services are temporarily limited to worship on **Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m.**
Wednesday Bible Class - 7:00 p.m. with an auditorium class only.

News and Notes

- **Home Bound Members:** Mike Butler, Willena Woods, Joyce Manasco.
- **Prayer Requests:** Frank Butler.
- **Others to Remember:** Steve Coburn, Wade McCrary, Jim Ratcliff, Jerry Paschall, Elbert Logan, Mike & Marion Butler, Lee Gallop. Willena Woods is at Windsor Place Room 205.
- **Sick:** Allen & Carolyn Jones' daughter-in-law Leisha suffered two strokes and is undergoing therapy in Columbus.
- **Deaths:** We were all saddened to know that Wayne Logan, brother of Elbert Logan, passed away on June 25th. Also we were sad to learn that Marion Butler's sister, Tammy, passed away due to COVID 19 on August 7 in Greenville, MS.
- **Moving** – We are sad to see Lindsey Villamor and her four children moving back to Tennessee. They have been a blessing and an encouragement to us all. We wish them well in their new home.

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Removing the Boundaries

"The princes of Judah are like those who remove a landmark; I will pour out My wrath on them like water" (Hosea 5:10).
The removal of a neighbor's landmark constituted trampling on the rights of others. "You shall not remove your neighbor's landmark, which men of old have set, in your inheritance which you will inherit in the land that the Lord your God is giving you to possess" (Deuteronomy 19:14). It was regarded as reckless and contemptible. In this context Jewish nobles and higher officials were guilty of this treachery.

The people of Israel had also sinned. She had turned from God, and given themselves to the worship of idols. The prophets compared the sin to harlotry (verse 7). Israel was full of pride and vain confidence. She had abandoned the important landmarks of serving Jehovah and keeping his law. Even today civil and religious leaders of our nation promote immorality in the name of tolerance and political correctness. Our national leaders have removed the boundary stones. They have broken down important moral guidelines, and the people have followed.

First, God's inspired word, the Bible, is God's moral code of conduct. Because it comes from God, one cannot find a better moral compass. Sadly, the values of family, community, and personal moral behavior taught in the Bible have been rejected.

But, an even more fundamental moral landmark is the existence of God himself. With the rise of industrialism in America, men decided that they alone could create a utopia here on earth, thus concluding they didn't need God. They decided that God was dead. God was gradually removed from every institution of our society – Government, schools, and churches.

The removal of these two important fundamentals, Scripture and God, has led to an age of so called tolerance. We live in a world where there are no longer distinct boundaries between right and wrong. We ask concerning certain worldly pleasures – "where is the harm?" Instead of asking – "where is the good?"

In the midst of such moral turmoil, God's people must maintain a steadfast faith in the unseen Ruler. We must trust in God who shapes all events for His purpose. We must: "Rest in Jehovah, and wait patiently for him" (Psalm 37:7).

George Slover, Moment with the Master, 7-21-20

Warnings

A dozen sirens wailing a warning of a coming tornado cannot save the lives of those who do not heed. Warning that a dam is beginning to break under the pressure of floodwaters cannot save a city of ten thousand living directly below the dam if they do not heed and seek higher ground. The blaring of the horns of a train bearing down on an intersection cannot save motorists who ignore it and are smashed by trying to cross the tracks. Is there no grace? Is there no mercy? Yes! The warnings are the form of deliverance from peril, but grace and mercy do not profit those who do not make use of them.

God has spoken! He has offered good things and warned mankind of mortal peril. He has set in place a way of salvation from spiritual death and eternal punishment through His gracious gift through Jesus Christ. He

has said that all who believe Him, heed His Word, and obey His Son's commandments will be delivered from certain death in sin and will be given eternal life (Hebrews 5:8, 9; Matthew 7:21-24; Mark 16:15, 16; Romans 2:5-11).

But God's warnings have not profited those who have not heeded His commands to stop, to flee from peril, to seek the safety in Christ. Many warners tell their hearers that belief alone will save them, that they are saved before they obey the warnings or even without obeying the warnings; therefore, the warned ones feel safe though their destruction is imminent (I Thessalonians 5:1-3). Many people isolate themselves from God's warnings by refusing to read His Holy Scriptures, by refusing to listen to the Truth presented by means of radio, by refusing repeated invitations to attend the assemblies where the Truth is taught, and by refusing even to discuss the Scriptures with Christians who are seeking to help them.

Neighbor, God's warning is ever-present. Are you reading it, listening to it, and obeying it unto salvation? The way that leads to life eternal must be taken and traveled (Matthew 7:13, 14).

Gilbert Alexander

Preacher Search

We were given the opportunity to meet and hear Darrell Powell, evangelist from Yoakum, TX , July 31- August 5. Many of you showed outstanding hospitality and cordiality. For that we are all thankful. Darrell and Dolly said they were overwhelmed by it all.

We now have the task of determining if we will extend an invitation to Darrell to come and work with the East Columbus congregation. Brandon Cline and Ed Williams are on the pulpit committee and they wish to hear from you for your impressions and recommendations. Please make your thoughts known to us this week as a decision will be reached as soon as possible. Thank you in advance for your input.

Please be prayerful that we can make the best decision possible and that we can advance the work of God's Kingdom here. EW