

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Announcements**

Cole Meador

**Song Leader**

Jack Calvert

**Lord's Supper**

Clay Morris, Mark Davis,  
Randy Ellis

**Prayers**

Daniel Allgor, Bill Rinehart

**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Announcements**

Jack Calvert

**Song Leader**

Clay Morris

**Prayers**

Mike Davis, Mark Davis

**Invitation**

Willie Standokes

“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”

(Dt 6.5)

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**

Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

**Deacons**

Jon Barry    Mike Davis  
Clay Morris

**Evangelist**

Bryan Garlock

**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**

Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.

**Monday (Zoom)**

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M

**Wednesday**

Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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**GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION**

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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**Sermon from an Old Couple (Unknown)**

Throughout the years, I have heard many wonderful sermons that I have forgotten but one sermon I have seen and it has remained in my heart unto this day. It happened on a Sunday morning while on my way to services at a small congregation in Munich, Germany. It was a cold and windy Sunday in November.

After I got out of my warm bed, I looked through the window that was covered with ice ferns. New, deep snow had fallen during the night and covered the streets of the city. I tried to decide whether I should go to services or stay home and just read my Bible.

I realized that the congregation would miss me, for I was the only song leader they had. On the other hand, I would have to walk half a block to catch the bus to church. Finally I decided to go, but only because I had to lead singing. While I was riding the bus, I noticed two people trying

hard to make their path through the deep snow. I recognized the people and knew where they were going. They were brother and sister Trollman, a faithful couple who attended every Sunday. Brother Trollman was a man in his eighties who had lost his eyesight. His only guidance was his 78-year old wife who was lame in one foot.

They lived in a small two-room apartment and received a small amount of support from the government. Because they could not afford to ride the bus to church, which was about three miles away from their home, they walked the distance every Lord's Day. Here I was, sitting in a warm bus, unwilling to go to church, forced only by my duty as a song leader and there, outside in the cold weather, were two elderly people driven to church by their love for the Lord. I was not able to do anything but blush, ashamed of myself and the weak faith and love I had proven

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

If you have any announcements that you would like to share with the church family, please call/text Bryan at 478.256.0325.

for my Lord. I felt like an evildoer in court being judged by my own conscience.

The elderly couple, without their knowledge and without one word, had taught me a greater lesson than ever could be said in words. Through the influence and example I realized one thing: The only true motive for a Christian to attend services is his strong love for his Maker.

### Things Left in the Pews Greg Gwin

Church members are prone to leave things behind in the pews. We've even known of some folks who drove away from the meeting house before discovering that they left one of their toddlers sleeping in the pew. Anyone taking a turn at cleaning the church building is in for an eye-opening experience. It is amazing to see the things that get left in the pews. For example:

Trash. Candy and gum wrappers, scraps of paper, Kleenexes, and other rubbish frequently get carelessly strewn in the seats. Some of this is accidental, but the volume of trash left in some pews is extraordinary. Everyone could easily help with this by simply 'policing' their area before leaving.

Personal items. Blankets, sweaters, foot stools, children's books and toys, and other such things are common in the pews. We understand the need for some of this, but we'd encourage some organizing and tidiness to make a better appearance and impression — especially on visitors.

While these things are normal, and can easily be tolerated, there are some other things that represent a more significant issue:

Bibles. If you leave your Bible in the pew, it suggests that you don't really use it on a regular daily basis. That's a problem that needs to be fixed immediately. Take your Bible home. Read it every day.

Class materials. Our children's teachers work hard to make the Bible classes the best they can be. They almost always have teaching aids and handouts to send home with the kids. Too often these are carelessly left behind. Please, parents, pay special attention to these things. Gather them up. Take them home. Review the subjects with your children. And, of course, the older kids and adults need to take their books home and study, too! If you leave your class materials in the pew, it's pretty obvious that you are not making any effort to come to class prepared.

God's truth. The most serious of all things that get left behind in the pews is the truth. Too many walk away from Bible classes and sermons without any serious consideration that the things that have been taught need to be put into practice in their daily lives. They are effectively unchanged by the exposure to the essential truths of His Word.

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing." (James 1:22-25, ESV)

Before you leave the pew, make sure that you haven't left anything behind. Think!

### One Preacher Advises Another Greg Gwin

An older preacher was giving some advice and counsel to a younger one. His own preaching work had been marred by several incidents where folks had rejected his teaching, opposed him publicly, and caused him a fair amount of grief and hardship. Still, though, he continued to proclaim the truth, and he encouraged his young friend to do the same.

He warned the young man that there would be times when his preaching would not be well received. People would not like to hear "hard" preaching. They would prefer to listen to things that were more pleasant and less demanding. Teachers that played to their whims and fancies would be more popular. More "positive" and less "negative" preaching would be their wish, and they would insist that it be so.

But despite all this, the older preacher urged the younger one to press on with his work. It wouldn't always be easy, but it was ultimately important.

Who were these two preachers? Where and when was this advice given from the older to the younger? It could have been almost anywhere and anytime, but we have reference to the encouragement penned by the apostle Paul to the evangelist Timothy. Some of the final words Paul ever wrote were these:

"Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables. But watch in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry." II Timothy 4:2-5