

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Clay Morris

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Alan Blaylock, Bill Rinehart,
Joseph Barry

Prayers

Rodney Ellis, Jack Calvert

WEDNESDAY EVENING

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Rodney Ellis

Song Leader

Alan Blaylock

Prayers

Daniel Allgor, Joseph Barry

Invitation

Jack Calvert

**“Above all, keep loving
one another earnestly,
since love covers a
multitude of sins.”**

(1 Pet 4.8)

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Mike Davis
Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 P.M

Wednesday

Bible Study7:00 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

Think On These Things

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“Finally, Brethren...”

Bryan Garlock

Brethren, I've wanted to write something to you all, but there's so much I could say that I don't know what to say. So, I'll let Scripture speak for me.

“Finally, brethren, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.” (2 Cor 13.11)

“Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore

take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, and also for me, that words may be given to me in opening my mouth boldly to proclaim the mystery of the gospel....” (Eph 6.10-19)

FAMILY TALK

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

If you are able and willing, the Garlocks could use a helping hand to load the truck! The truck will be at the house around 1:45.

“Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord.” (Phil 3.1)

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.” (Phil 4.8-9)

“Finally, then, brethren, we ask and urge you in the Lord Jesus, that as you received from us how you ought to walk and to please God, just as you are doing, that you do so more and more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.” (1 Thess 4.1-2)

“Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you,

and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.” (2 Thess 3.1-5)

“Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. For ‘Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.’ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for

doing good, if that should be God’s will, than for doing evil.” (1 Pet 3.8-17)

I love you all! BG

How A Christians Is Like A Tree John Edwards

The Bible likens Christians to many things. This writing is a look at how we are like a tree. It is written, “And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither” (Psalm 1:3).

A TREE IS PLANTED. The Psalmist declared, “And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water” (Psalm 1:3). Christians have also been planted. Paul wrote, “For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the like- ness of his resurrection” (Romans 6:5).

A TREE IS ROOTED. A tree is anchored by its roots. Chris- tians are “Rooted and built up in him (Christ)” (Colossians 2:7). The Christian who is not rooted properly will fall away when the storms of life beat upon him (Luke 8:13).

A TREE GROWS. Nature demands that a tree grow and God demands that a Christian grow (1 Peter 2:2; 2 Peter 3:18).

A TREE IS FRUITFUL. The tree “bringeth for his fruit in his season” (Psalm 1:3). The Christian must bear fruit to the glory of God (John 15:1-8).

The Average Forrest Moyer

“If a man stand with one foot on a hot stove and one foot in a freezer, some statisticians would assert that, on the average, he's comfortable.”

Which reminds me of some who seem to feel that they can come to church on Sunday and yet live like the devil during the week. They say that they are, on the average, pretty good people. Yet he cannot be “comfortable” any more than the man with his foot on the stove and the other in a freezer. He is the double-minded man who is unstable in all his ways. He has only enough religion to be miserable, but not enough to go to heaven.

Our Lord does not prefer an “average.” He wants His people to be either “cold or hot.” The “average” (in this case, lukewarmness) nauseates Him, and He will spew out of His mouth those who are lukewarm (Rev. 3:15,16). Brother, you had better get all the way on the Lord's side now lest you spend eternity with the Devil.