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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:20 a.m.
Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned in whatever state I am, therewith to be content. Philippians 4:11

I have just finished viewing the key note address given by Don Blackwell at the "Polishing the Pulpit" lectureship. Brother Blackwell is the minister at Southaven Church of Christ and the executive director of the Gospel Broadcasting Network. On May 6 while 4-wheeling, he had an accident where he severed his spinal cord which placed him in a wheelchair. I started this article with two verses that came to mind from the several verses that were quoted. I call your attention to the second verse Philippians 4:11. In my opinion this verse characterizes brother Blackwell's attitude and spirit concerning his present condition.

This address was one of the most uplifting and faith affirming sermons I have heard.

Here is a man faced with what some would characterize an insurmountable challenge. Someone described brother Blackwell as being confined to a wheelchair but in brother Blackwell's case I don't believe he is confined at all. He shows the faith conveyed in Isaiah 40:31, ...the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; Brother Blackwell, a tremendous servant of the Lord.

Congrats go out to Scott Shepherd's brother, Jay Blount, who was awarded the Civil Purple Heart Award Tuesday, August 20 in Jackson, Mississippi. The ceremony was conducted and the medal award by U.S. Senator Cynthia Hyde Smith from Mississippi. We appreciate his service to our country. This medal is the highest civil defense medal. Jay is only the second Mississippian to receive this medal.

Thank You Jay

Ron Wallace

Is Homosexuality Really Sinful?

Bradley Smith

There has been a growing movement in the last several years that homosexuality is just an alternate lifestyle, and just as normal as not being a homosexual. Children are being indoctrinated with books such as, "In Our Mothers' House", "Prince and Knight", "Heather Has Two Mommies", and "Daddy's Roommate." They are being taught from an early age that it is "okay to be gay." Is this the case? We know that popularity is not the ultimate guide to truth, so how can we know for sure if homosexuality really is sinful? We can look to the Ultimate Guide, the Bible, to find our answer (Psa. 119:105).

The first instance of homosexuality shown in the Bible is in Genesis 19. In verse 5, the men of Sodom plead with Lot to bring his visitors out, "...that we may know them." Without being overly graphic, the men of Sodom did not simply want to welcome them to the area. If we examine Genesis 4:1, we see what this word, "know" means. What was the result for Sodom? Were they rewarded because of their actions? No. God rained down fire and brimstone upon them and they were utterly destroyed (Gen. 19:24-25). Some may try to tell you that the sin of Sodom was not being hospitable. After examining the text, does this seem to be true?

What about some New Testament passages that speak about homosexuality? Jesus quotes from Genesis 2:24 when He says, "And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh?" Additionally, in Romans 1:26-27 we read, "For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did **change the natural use into that which is against nature**: And likewise also the men, **leaving the natural use of the woman**, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working **that which is unseemly**, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet." The last passage we will examine is 1st Corinthians 6:9-10. "Know ye not that the unrighteous **shall not inherit** the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor **effeminate**, nor **abusers of themselves with mankind**, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God." Both the effeminate and the abusers of themselves with mankind are references to homosexuality. This passage plainly teaches us that one cannot be a homosexual and go to Heaven. Leviticus 18:22 calls homosexuality an abomination. Revelation 21:27 tells us that anything that "worketh abomination" will not enter into Heaven. We have seen from this article that homosexuality is, in fact, sinful. It is our prayer that anyone involved in this lifestyle will repent of it before it is too late (2 Pet. 3:9). God wants all to be saved (1 Tim. 2:4), but we must follow His will.

September 2019

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<p>1 Jer. 22-24</p> <p><i>Promotion Sunday</i></p> 	<p>2 Jer. 25-27</p> <p>OFFICE CLOSED</p> 	<p>3 Jer. 28-30</p> <p>*Tracy Smitherman</p>	<p>4 Jer. 31-33</p>	<p>5 Jer. 34-36</p> <p>*Jack Smith</p>	<p>6 Jer. 37-39</p>	<p>7 Jer. 40-42</p> <p>Comm. Prep.- Betty Taylor</p>
<p>8 Jer. 43-45</p>	<p>9 Jer. 46-48</p> <p>*Alma Jackson</p>	<p>10 Jer. 49-52</p>	<p>11 Lam. 1-3</p>	<p>12 Lam. 4-Ezek. 1</p> <p>*Loraine Fowler</p>	<p>13 Ezek. 2-4</p>	<p>14 Ezek. 5-7</p> <p>Comm. Prep.- Betty Taylor</p>
<p>15 Ezek. 8-10</p>	<p>16 Ezek. 11-13</p> <p>**Ransom & Virginia Reaves (58)</p>	<p>17 Ezek. 14-16</p>	<p>18 Ezek. 17-19</p>	<p>19 Ezek. 20-22</p>	<p>20 Ezek. 23-25</p> <p>**Carl & Christine Allen (16)</p>	<p>21 Ezek. 26-28</p> <p>Comm. Prep.- Ron & Karen Wallace</p>
<p>22 Ezek. 29-31</p>	<p>23 Ezek. 32-34</p> <p>*Betty Taylor</p> <p><i>Autumn Begins</i></p> 	<p>24 Ezek. 35-37</p>	<p>25 Ezek. 38-40</p>	<p>26 Ezek. 41-43</p>	<p>27 Ezek. 44-46</p>	<p>28 Ezek. 47-48</p> <p>Comm. Prep.- Ron & Karen Wallace</p>
<p>29 Dan. 1-3</p>	<p>30 Dan. 4-7</p>	<p>SEPTEMBER COMMUNION SERVICE John Chaney Carl Allen Ron Wallace Arthur Winbush Larry Pike McArthur Frison Melvin Hammond Stanley Wallace Alternate: Ed Lyon</p>			 <p>Pictures will be made in the large meeting room each Sunday in September to update our hallway picture board.</p>	<p>*BIRTHDAY **ANNIVERSARY</p> <p>If your birthday or anniversary does not appear on our calendar, please contact the church office</p>