

Those who serve

Lords' Supper: 5/19

Front South

Neil Stidolph
Colton Allen
J. D. Allen

Back South

Ricky Threadgill
Gene Threadgill
Larry Thompson

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Sunday PM

Wednesday PM

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:
Wednesday

Song leaders:

Sunday AM
Sunday PM
Wednesday PM

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Collection Counting

Paul Murphy / Jeff Day / Kyle Day

Front North

Rob Stidolph
D. J. Stucky
Perry Walker

Back North

Dale Ash
Gary Barger
Weldon York

Kenneth Helm
Dewayne Henegar
Sid Carruth
Doug Jones
Luke Norman

Tim Norman
Barry Lehtinen

Jason Hackler
Jason Hackler
Jeff McPherson

James Hunt

Our Records

Bible Class.....133
AM Worship.....213
PM Worship.....153
Wed. Bible Class 5/15.....168
Contribution.....\$6,079

Sermons

AM The Cares of the World
Luke 14:33
PM Women in the Church
1 Timothy 2:9-15

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Seniors 2013

Our graduating high school seniors this year are: Melissa Burnett, Savanna Haynes, Maddie Hochdorf, Daniel Hughes, Caleb Norman, and Austin Parrish.



We congratulate them as they complete this milestone and move on to the next season of life’s journey. We wish them well and pray that they might continually strive to be closer to God and grow in service to their Savior.

Elders
Sid Carruth
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
George Sowell

Evangelist
Kevin Rhodes

Service Times
Sunday: Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 5:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Second Worship Service, 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Class 7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. (Sept.—May)

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Seeking God's Glory - Part One

By Kevin W. Rhodes

The phrase “To God be the glory” has reasserted itself recently into Christian vernacular, especially through social media venues. Sadly, this has produced some ironic tendencies. A person will offer a long statement about what he has done recently in the cause of Christ and then add “To God be the glory,” as if that automatically makes it so. It reminds me of the old unspoken southern axiom that you can say anything you want about a person as long as you append it with “Bless his little heart!” This matters greatly. We do not glorify God simply because we include it as a tag line on emails, facebook posts, and tweets. Why would we ever think something like glorifying God could require so little? Rather, those who follow Jesus make God, God's will, and God's purpose their focus—not by announcing it, but by living it.

Near the end of His earthly ministry, some of Jesus' apostles approached Him about some Greeks who sought Him. Jesus responded, “The hour has come that the Son of Man should be glorified” (Jn. 12:23). He followed this statement with a brief illustration speaking of the necessity of His death and a call for others to follow. Then He said, “Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? ‘Father, save Me from this hour’? But for this purpose I came to this hour. ‘Father, glorify Your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, saying, ‘I have both glorified it and will glorify it again’” (Jn. 12:27-28). The connection between these two statements regarding glorifying, separated by only a few verses, offers a powerful lesson for those who wish to follow Jesus. The Son of God tied His personal glorification to fulfilling the mission for which He came to earth. The time for the Gentile world to know Him depended upon His death, burial, and resurrection—the means by which He Himself would be glorified. The Word that became flesh (Jn. 1:14) put God's glory on display in His life by carrying out God's will, and that included going to the cross (Phil. 2:5-8).

Therefore, disciples glorify God by doing those things that both show we see His greatness and that make others see it too. In the introduction of the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Mt. 5:13-16). While we rightly point to this passage in emphasizing the nature of a good example, the final phrase highlights an important consideration. We should not spend our time pointing others to what we have done for God. We should simply live for God in such a way that people can tell we live for God. God is not glorified by the report; God is glorified by the positive spiritual effect made possible by the life.

If you wish to bring glory to God, you should not worry about what other people think about you. Indeed, this falsely places importance on men. Instead, worry about what God will think about you and value that. The apostle Paul wrote, “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10). A disciple of Christ cannot spend any time and energy trying to please both men and God. A disciple of Jesus should have made that decision already. When we submit to men because we value their opinions or fear their actions, we cannot possibly glorify God. However, by defying men and boldly doing God's will regardless of their protestations, we may lose their good opinion, but God will be glorified. “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell” (Mt. 10:28).

News and Notes

Among our sick

- Juanita Baxter is in Huguley Hospital for tests.
- Kathryn Cashion is room 226-B at Walls Hospital.
- James Henslee will have surgery on his eye for glaucoma and cataracts on Monday, May 13th in Fort Worth.
- James Mayden is in room 103 at Texas Rehab Hospital by Harris downtown. He has a blood clot in his leg.

Sympathy

- We extend our sympathy to the family of former member Ruth Ledbetter. The funeral was last week.
- We extend our sympathy to Patty Andrews in the passing of her husband Al who lost his battle with cancer last week. Al and Patty supported the Open Forum for many years. They attended the Centerville Road congregation in Garland.

Bridal Shower

Sunday, May 26th, the ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Nichole Crain, bride elect of Brandon Doyel. Selections are at Target and Wal-mart.

Please Note

- Wednesday, May 15th, Ladies Bible Class will be dismissed for the Summer. Class will resume September 4th.
- Saturday, May 18th, the Elders, Deacons and Preachers' breakfast will be at 8:00 AM at Sunrise Grill with a meeting at the building following breakfast.
- Sunday, May 19th, we will have a sandwich supper honoring the graduating seniors. Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips and dessert will be provided.
- Wednesday, May 29th, we will be singing in the annex. There will be no classes.