

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Bible Class

SCRIPTURE

Shawn Thomason

SONG LEADER

Walter Cruz

PRAYER

Carl Cooper

Worship/Bible Study: Opening Prayers

SUNDAY AM

Bill Carothers

SUNDAY PM

Mike Glenn

WEDNESDAY

Carter Lynn

Song Leaders

SUNDAY AM

Steve Tesh

SUNDAY PM

Steve Tesh

WEDNESDAY

Clayton Workman

Announcements: Steve Tesh

Communion: Lead- Mark Roy/Servers: Jake Thomason, James Brown, Mark M. & Adam W.

Security & Greeting: Gene Ruark, Rodney Brown, Alternate: Jim Harrison

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3. "With gracious speech" -- Be sure not to be harsh, rude, or sarcastic in answering people's religious questions (2 Timothy 2:24-26). Be firm, be bold, be convicted, but do not be unkind. Responses like, "I cannot believe that you believe that!" or "How could you not know that?" may sound clever in our minds but they do not sound inviting to the lost. If we are the salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13), let us keep our speech seasoned with salt (Colossians 4:5-6). If we answer with gracious speech they may inquire further and desire to take hold of the eternal grace extended to everyone (Ephesians 2:4-9).

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How To Respond To Biblical Questions

There have always been those who have been interested in Christianity and who have questioned its practitioners (Acts 17:18-20; 25:22; 26:1). We should not be surprised when people question our faith today. When it comes to answering questions about our faith and why we believe what we believe we must be careful and wise. We should be careful because many will not hesitate to "fact check" us and wise because if we are dishonest or inaccurate we may further their skepticism and doubt. Christians are told to be ready to give an answer for the reason we possess our hope (1 Peter 3:15). How can we do this? Allow me to offer three simple responses that we can adopt to answer those who have questions about our faith.

1. "I don't know" -- It may be the case that we are asked something that is beyond our ability to know (Job 11:7). God has revealed himself in the Bible but there are some things we do not know (Deuteronomy 29:29). This answer shows humility on the part of Christians and lets unbelievers know we do not have all the answers, but we know the one who does. It may be the case that we can say we do not know the answer now, but we will research it and study and come back better informed.

2. "The Bible says..." -- By answering questions with "the Bible says" or "It is written" we move things out of the realm of opinion and into the factual. By answering with Scripture we let God do the talking instead of us (1 Peter 4:11). Please do not say "churches of Christ believe" or "my preacher said." Point people to Bible passages and if they want to argue let them argue with God. This response will show that we believe the Bible is the only authority in Christianity (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Point them to the text because it is there that they will encounter God.

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Elders

Todd Hinson
Andy Santiago
Steve Tesh

Deacons

Joe Byrd
Jody Everett
Mark Minor
Mark Roy
Gene Southern
Johnny Spillman
Shawn Thomason
Adam Warner
Keith Warner
Randy Warner

Church Staff:

Wes Garland – Minister
Brooke Garland – Secretary

NCSBS Staff:

Mike Glenn – Director
Tim Canup – Full Time Instructor
Stephanie Ransom – Secretary

Service Times

Sunday

10 AM - Class
10:50 AM - Worship
6 PM - Worship

Wednesday

7 PM - Class

PRAYER LIST / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grace Allen will be having shoulder surgery on Aug 18th.

Wayne Hutchin's memorial service will be held here at Warners on August 30th at 1pm. Please keep Cathy in your prayers.

Welcome Larry and Rowena Hayes to the congregation! Their contact information is in Lightpost.

Teachers, please remove loose items from your classroom today, for the flooring crew. Things on shelves, toys, etc. See the elders for questions or details.

Men, we need helpers to sign up for leading our Pew Packers each month! See Dan Mott for information.

If you have sunflower or bumblebee decorations that you would be willing to loan to the youth group, please see Jessica Knight or Mary Anne Allen. (Also, please bring non-diet can drinks for the youth rally. Put in annex.)

Dorris Cooper is having a few health problems. Please keep her in your prayers.

Gaye Carothers is recovering from covid and now Bill is running a fever. Keep them in your prayers!

Peggy Gaither (Betty Hoots' Aunt) has an inoperable stomach aneurysm. Her prognosis is very dire. Her address is on the bulletin board.

Derek Elam- is heading to boot camp for the Navy. Please keep him in your prayers.

Continual Prayer List

John Ransom, DJ Harrison, Roger Allen, Gary Wadford, Manchel Tesh, Kara Kee, Sherrill Stewart, Don Minor, Mary Burke, Austin Workman, Daphne Pickup, Doug Bowen, Peggy Holder, Karen Snider, Chris Mason, Ryan Snyder, Larry Hayes, Mattie Pharr, Linda Ellison, Scott Gann, Tony Minor, Jonah Longworth, Dora Connor, Kevin Adams, Mike Huey, Carolyn Plunk, Cathy Hutchins, Marsha Patterson & Marie Harper.

Youth Corner

Teens

- Every Tuesday Night- Teen Devo in Annex.

13 & Under

- Pew Packers canceled for today.
- September 19th- 21st Camping Trip. See Allen Cooper for details.

Bible Trivia

Last week: we get patience.

When you let patience have its perfect work, what will you lack? Chapter 1

WELCOME VISITORS

We are thankful that you joined us today! If you have ANY questions, please ask one of us.

If you are interested in a Bible study, we would LOVE to study with you!

PLEASE FILL OUT A VISITOR'S CARD AND GIVE IT TO ONE OF US!

Food Pantry Items for Southwest Elementary

August- Cereal.

A new quarter starts September 3rd. Material will be provided. See Johnny Spillman if you can teach.

**Need Teachers For:
2/3's Sunday Morning
4/5/K Sunday Morning**



UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 5th-7th Youth Rally. Speaker: Greg Dismuke. Theme: Just Be. Potluck meal after AM worship. Please see sign up sheets! Help needed!
- September 14th Wedding Shower for Alyssa Southern. 2-4pm. Registered at Amazon.
- October 17th-20th MADE IN SIX Seminar. See Mike Glenn for details.
- November 1st Chicken Stew/Soups
- November 2nd – 5th Gospel Meeting. Speaker: Brant Stubblefield from Oklahoma.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- August 15th-21st Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, TN.
- September 12th Areawide singing @ Corinth. 7pm
- October 10th Areawide singing @ Highland Acres. 7pm

Wisdom Corner

Read Proverbs Chapter 22

COME STUDY WITH US!

**MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:30 - 4:30PM
CHAPEL MONDAY – THURSDAY
IN THE ANNEX @ 9AM**



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