

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Bible Class

SCRIPTURE

Today: Al Lawson

Next Week 9/27 Shawn T.

SONG LEADER

Larry Hayes

Allen Cooper

PRAYER

Jim Harrison

Tim Canup

Worship/Bible Study: Opening Prayers

SUNDAY AM

DC Mock

SUNDAY PM

Dan Mott

WEDNESDAY

Bill Carothers

Song Leaders

SUNDAY AM

Larry Hayes

SUNDAY PM

Gene Southern

WEDNESDAY

Walter Cruz

Announcements: Mark Roy

Security & Greeting: Gene Ruark, Joe Byrd. Alt: Jim Harrison

Communion: Lead: Allan Knight Servers: Bradley Byrd, Allen Cooper, David Shoaf & Brandon Roy

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Do you see my point? It’s not that Christianity is too harsh, too narrow, too judgmental, too irrelevant; it’s because Christianity commands “LOVE” and love is hard to obey. That’s why Christianity is so offensive to some people. It’s because the two greatest commands of Christianity, which undergird all of it, are to love God and love our neighbors as ourselves...and some people just don’t want to do that.

Give it some thought.

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Why Christianity is So Offensive

By Steve Higginbotham

The real reason so many people find Christianity offensive – and why they want nothing to do with it – may not be what you think.

I’m convinced the one thing so many people find offensive about Christianity is “LOVE.” Yes, “love.”

You see, it’s because of love that Christians must be willing to forgive (Matthew 18:21-22). But many people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians must bless and treat their enemies with kindness (Romans 12:20). But many people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians must rid their lives of racism and prejudice (James 2:1,9). But many people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians confront sin and sinners (Proverbs 27:6; Ephesians 5:11). But many people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians practice church discipline (1 Corinthians 5:4-5). But many people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians make great monetary sacrifices for the kingdom’s sake (Acts 4:32-37). But many people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians give others the benefit of the doubt and don’t judge their motives (1 Corinthians 13:4-7). But some people don’t want to do that.

It’s because of love that Christians commit themselves to absolute allegiance and obedience to all that Jesus commands (John 14:15). But some people don’t want to do that.

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Elders

Todd Hinson
Andy Santiago
Steve Tesh

Deacons

Joe Byrd
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

Kathleen Warner will collect the current encouragement boxes after morning worship to encourage our young adults who are away. She will send them out this Monday! Everyone's thoughtfulness is such a wonderful reminder to these special young people that their Warner's Chapel family remembers them, prays for them, and loves them.

Please pray for Andre Gil's family (Andy Santiago's uncle). Andre passed away last Friday in Puerto Rico.

Cameron & Bailey Gilliam had their baby, Theodore James. He was born by C-section. Mother and baby are doing fine. Please keep them in your prayers.

Todd Hinson experienced a sudden vision change, which turned out to be a retinal hemorrhage. It required emergency laser surgery to repair the tear. Please pray for quick healing and for no permanent vision loss.

Manchel Tesh is doing much better. She is now in rehab. Please continue to keep them both in your prayers. No visits for the time being.

Please continue to keep Rick & Karen Clemmons in your prayers. See Nancy Cruz about the meal train if you have any questions.

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, Peggy Holder, Linda Ellison, Mike Huey, Cathy Hutchins, Marie Harper, Tony Minor, Tim Allen, Ernie Kirkland, Rick Clemmons, Jim Harrison, Brian Queen, Becky Allen, Eddy Craft, Betty Doss, Janie Beulin, Harold Hinson & Karen Bennett.

Youth Corner

Teens

- Every Tuesday Night- Teen Devo in Annex. See Allan Knight for details.

12 & Under

- Pew Packers today @ 5:30 PM
- September 30th Homeschool Science Fair Projects.

Bible Trivia

Last week: They are moth-eaten.

What are the rich people's gold & silver like? James 5:3

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

September: Laundry/Household items: laundry soap, Clorox wipes, dish soap, hand soap, tissues, etc.

The Way-Seeker group (our kids 12 and under) will assemble the donated items for the "Blessing Bags" right after our AM service. It should go quickly. We will meet downstairs in one of the classrooms. Thank you to everyone who donated! Members, please pick up a bag tonight to hand out to someone in need!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 18th – 20th NCSBS Lectureship. More details later.
- September 24th- Ladies Scripture Writing/Coffee Meeting. 1 PM in Annex.
- September 27th Fellowship Meal after AM service.
- November 7th Chicken Stew/Soups
- November 8th – 11th Gospel Meeting with Doug Burleson.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

- September 20th – 23rd Gospel Meeting @ Highland Acres. Speaker: Jacques Pettit.
- October 9th Highland Acres areawide singing @ 7 PM.
- October 10th Ladies Day @ Oak Forest. Speaker: Sheila Butt. Theme: Excuse Me. Please register.

September Birthdays

20th Karen Hill
21st Doris Cooper
23rd William Roy

September Anniversaries

20th Cannon & Shannon Harper

More to come!



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CHAPEL MONDAY – THURSDAY
IN THE ANNEX @ 9AM