

Upcoming Events

March 10 th -13 th	Gospel Meeting at the Dunlap church of Christ with Steve Wiggins speaking.
March 16 th	Ladies Day at the Crossville church of Christ. See bulletin board for details.
March 17 th	Fellowship meal following the AM services.
March 17 th @ 2PM	Third Sunday singing at the Red Hill church of Christ.
March 17 th - 21 st @7PM each evening	Gospel Meeting at the Red Hill church of Christ with different speakers each night.
March 24 th -27 th	Gospel Meeting at the White Oak church of Christ with Larry Acuff speaking. See bulletin board for details.

The Old Law, while not binding upon the Christian, is very valuable unto us today. Paul stated, *"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope"*(Rom. 15:4). God shows us in the Old Testament that ignorance of His law is no excuse!

We must come to understand that sin is a serious matter, whether it is intentional or unintentional. John describes the depraved condition of a person who sins by stating, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God..."* (2John 1:9). How tragic to not have God in our lives! This is the state we will find ourselves in should we sin. We should strive to learn of the Lord and follow continually and faithfully in His Law.

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Service Times

Sunday Morning10:00AM
Bible Study
11:00 AM
Worship
Sunday Evening6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Study7:00PM

Sins of Ignorance

Some today have the idea that ignorance is bliss. They feel if they are uninformed about something being against the rules, it is a valid excuse to eagerly participate in the activity. Then they feel as if they are not responsible for their actions. Tragically, this attitude has infiltrated religion as well. Many do not want to learn that something is wrong because then and only then would they feel guilty in partaking in such sins. However, ignorance of the law is no excuse; this holds true in civil matters as well as matters of religion. Citizens are responsible for learning civil laws and abiding strictly to them. It is no different with God's laws

The apostle John defines sin by stating, *"Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law"* (1John 3:4). Any law of God that is violated results in sin, regardless if the violator was aware that such actions were forbidden.

God has never allowed sin to go unpunished. In the very beginning, God punished Adam and Eve for their sin of disobedience (c.f. Gen. 3). As one reads throughout the Old and New Testaments sins were either punished, or punishment is pending judgment. There is no free pass on sins that have not been forgiven!

God shows the possibility of a person committing a sin through ignorance within the Law of Moses. Consider His words, *"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them"*(Lev. 4:2).

God has made provisions to cover or forgive sin. Under the Law of Moses there was a provision for sins of ignorance. God speaks of such provision to the leaders and common man in Leviticus chapter four. Please note, *"And if any one of the common people sin through ignorance, while he doeth somewhat against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and be guilty; Or if his sin, which he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: then he shall bring his offering, a kid of the goats, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned"*(Lev. 4:27-28).

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Prayer Request

Glenda Swanger; Jean White Smith; Leona & Jimmy Roberts; Irene Melton; Roberta Collier; Steve & Julie Neely; Mildred Gilbert; Barbara Angel; Kate Walling; Mike White; Stanley Guinn; Dora Swafford; JoAnn Beach; Mary Harp; Barbara DeBord; Joyce Mears; Herb & Alice Hale; Belle Smith; Katherine Webb; Jack Pendergrass and Craig Mills.

Sick/ Updates

Lloyd Forsythe scheduled to have knee surgery Tuesday in Chattanooga; Dean Thompson (Leigh Ann's mother) recovering from hip surgery.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to the family of Harley "Pete" Smith; to the family of Rubel Clayton.

Mid-Week Memory Verse

Our memory verse for mid-week Bible Study is 1 Cor. 16:13.

Monthly Fellowship Meal

We will have our monthly fellowship meal next Sunday, March 17th, following the AM services.

5th Sunday Q & A

If you have Bible related questions please give those to Dale for the 5th Sunday PM questions and answer lesson.

Women's Monthly Schedule

Prepare Lord's Supper for March: Ambria Mills

For The Record week of 3/3/19

Attendance: AM 83; PM 60; Wed.54; Contribution \$1,860

Happy Birthday!

Hoyt Hale (10th), Jamie Lewis (13th)

Happy Anniversary!

Curt & Ambria Mills 15th)

Children's Bible Class

Children's Bible class begins tonight at 5:45.

Note: If there are any updates or additions please let Dale know.