

Upcoming Events

Today	Fellowship meal following the AM services.
Today @ 2PM	Third Sunday singing at the Red Hill church of Christ.
March 17th- 21st @7PM each evening	Gospel Meeting at the Red Hill church of Christ with different speakers each night.
March 24th-27th	Gospel Meeting at the White Oak church of Christ with Larry Acuff speaking. See bulletin board for details.
March 30th	Ladies Day at the Graysville church of Christ. See bulletin board for details.
April 13th @ 12	Fruit Basket making party and activites for kids. Sign up sheet on bulletin board.

It's not at all surprising that a society which rejects God's guidelines finds itself sinking into a moral and ethical abyss (cf. Prov. 14:34). But, it does go to show that no one wants to reap the harvest from sowing the seeds of sin. However, there is no way to avoid it (Hos. 8:7; Gal. 6:7-8). Our challenge is to live lives of consistency, exemplifying the benefits of respecting and adhering to God's standards. Jesus calls such modeling "salt" and "light" which highlights God's existence and relevance in our world (Mat. 5:13-16).

We cannot keep others from being cheaters and liars, but we can show them a powerful alternative!

Neal Pollard

Article may be found at Neal's blog:
<https://preacherpollard.com/2019/03/14/the-bible-and-the-college-cheating-scandal/?fbclid=IwAR053ZlzfV4z8YEUJKjH8wf2dbpiWchHstr-wzF19MFwDvxeUApKt7KErXA>

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Service Times

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

The Bible And The College Cheating Scandal

One of the nation's biggest news stories last week involved a college admissions scam that included several high-profile people, including at least two Hollywood actresses. A California man, Rick Singer, spearheaded a scheme to bribe coaches and administrators at such colleges as Yale, Stanford, Georgetown, USC, and other prestigious universities. The bribes bought these privileged High School students extra time to take the SAT and ACT, make fake athletic profiles, and substitutes to take their entrance exams for them. This has proven embarrassing for both the colleges and those breaching this most basic of ethical codes (via Foxnews.com, Madeline Farber).

Someone observed that there is a bit of irony and hypocrisy in all of this. We feel outraged at this glaring lack of honesty and ethics, but students who attend these (and other) universities have been taught for decades that there is no such thing as absolute truth and an objective standard of right and wrong. Are we surprised when people live out the consequences of such world views? Remove a measurable, immutable standard, and anything goes! It disgusts us to see such values in action, but people of influence in our society have been pushing such values for a long time.

In addition to its answers to all of life's crucial questions, the Bible lays down an ethical code that is universal and logical. Its rules are blind to nationality, economic status, gender, age, or any other category one falls into he or she might appeal to as an exception. In fact, those who have more have greater expectations made of them (see Luke 12:48). The Judgment Day will be eminently impartial. No one will manipulate the results. No one can sidestep heaven's requirements for salvation without an eternal consequence. Just because one is religious leader does not mean that they are above the law of Christ. Again, there are higher standards for those who are in positions of leadership (Jas. 3:1; Heb. 13:17; 1 Tim. 4:16; etc.).

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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 had knee replacement surgery Tuesday; Judy Yates has test upcoming concerning her path of treatment.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Ginger Mills and her family, her grandmother passed away last week in Oklahoma.

Monthly Fellowship Meal

We will have our monthly fellowship meal TODAY following the AM services.

Scripture Reading Service

TONIGHT, will be our monthly Scripture Reading service. Men please come prepared to read.

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 3/10/19

Attendance: AM 78; PM 63; Wed.54; Contribution \$1,664

Happy Birthday!

Sawyer DeBord (20th)

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.