

Upcoming Events

Today	Bible Bowl at Stevens Gaps. Questions will cover Ezekiel 22-24.
April 26th-28th	Lectureship at the East Ridge church of Christ. See bulletin board for more information.
May 4th	Ladies Day at the New Harmony church of Christ with Darlent Nichols speaking. Registration & breakfast begin at 8AM.
May 5th-9th	Gospel Meeting at Wheeler Hill with Eddy Craft speaking.

Occasionally, we may fail to take the high road. It is evident that we will not live a perfect, sinless life before the Lord. We do have the opportunity of forgiveness for our sins. Note the words of John, *"If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:8-9). Acknowledging our faults and confessing of our sin is taking that high road. It truly takes much effort to humble ourselves enough to admit that we were wrong in certain actions or inactions (c.f. James 4:17).

The high road is the narrow road. Only the narrow road lead to eternal life, *"Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it"* (Matt. 7:13-14). Are you taking the high road?

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Service Times

Sunday Morning10:00AM

Bible Study

11:00 AM

Worship

Sunday Evening6:00PM

Wednesday Bible Study7:00PM

The High Road

Undoubtedly, we have all heard a statement that speaks of taking the “high road.” I can remember my mother encouraging me many times to choose the high road in life. Many times, when we are young, we do not understand the full importance of such a decision. The term road in the phrase means the path or way that we chose to live. So, to take the high road means we must take the honorable and moral action even when it is not the popular or easy thing to do. When a person chooses to take that path, it is certainly the high road.

Often, we think of such terms without the slightest consideration that it is biblical instruction as well. As Christians we are to always choose the proper way of live; a way of life that is in harmony with the teaching of the Word of God. This means that we are not to stoop to the lower standards of the world, but take the high road to heaven! Jesus encouraged to live such lives by stating, *“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust. For if ye love them which love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the publicans so? Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect”* (Matt. 5:44-48).

Those with worldly attitudes certainly want to get even and get ahead of those who are considered to be their enemies and even their competitors. Christ’s teaching is clear when we are mistreated, we suffer it and continue without the attitude of getting even or payback.

The reasoning for this is simple; God will punish those who do evil. If we stoop to the level of the world around us, we are living and doing evil. We will stand before the Lord in judgment one day. We must be certain that we have done all that we can in this life to be holy, *“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy”* (1Pet. 1:15-16).

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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; Mike White; Stanley Guinn; Dora Swafford; JoAnn Beach; Mary Harp; Barbara DeBord; Joyce Mears; Herb & Alice Hale; Belle Smith; Katherine Webb; Jack Pendergrass; Craig Mills and Harold Deweese.

Sick/ Updates

Billy Joe Hitchcox in ICU at Erlanger following a heart attack is in critical condition at this time.

Mid-Week Memory Verse

Memory Verse for mid-week bible study is 2 Cor. 4:17.

Singing Service

Tonight, will be our singing service. Men please come prepared to lead singing.

Gospel Meeting

Our spring gospel meeting will be May 5th-9th with Eddy Craft speaking. Please be planning for the week. There are flyers and postcards on foyer table. There is a sign-up list for lunches on bulletin board. There will be a fellowship meal following the AM services.

Graduates

Congratulations to all those who are graduating this spring. There is an invitation to attend Bledsoe County High ceremonies from Scout posted on bulletin board. If you have any graduates that you would like recognized please bring picture and info for the bulletin board.

Birthday Celebration

There will be a 95th birthday celebration for Joanna Beach Saturday, May 4th from 1-4PM. Location 204 Forest Lake Farm, Pikeville TN.

Help us send her 95 birthday cards!

Women’s Monthly Schedule

Prepare Lord’s Supper for April: Gail Forsythe

Prepare Lord’s Supper for May: Brenda Anderson

For The Record week of 4/21/19

Attendance: AM 107; PM 62; Wed. 52; Contribution \$2,316

Happy Birthday!

Elyssa Coleman (30th), Lloyd Forsythe (May 3rd), Herb Hale (May 4th)

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.