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SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY ACTIVITY

SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Worship service at Culpepper.....1:30 p.m.
Worship.....5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study and Devotional...7:00 p.m.

THURSDAY

Bible Study at Culpepper.....1:30 p.m.

ORDER OF SERVICES

May 28, 2017

A.M. Services

Announcements - Billy Sharp
Lead Singing - Mike O'Guinn
Opening Prayer

Communion

Sermon - David Looney

Closing Prayer

P.M. Services

Sermon - David Looney

(Please meet in the library as soon
as possible after Bible Study.)

Our Elders

David Dement
Billy Sharp

Our Deacons

Steve Elrod
Mike O'Guinn

Our Minister

David Looney

Mission Work

Eastern European Mission
Haiti
India (Jerry Bates)
India (Purpose and Vision)
Paragould Children's Home

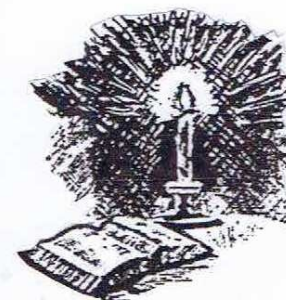
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May 21, 2017

Budget. \$2,900.00
Contribution..... \$3,910.00
Attendance..... 62

The Bulletin...

May 28, 2017



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"Where Christ is our Lord and the Bible our guide"

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105
Jesus said, "...I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in
darkness, but shall have the light of life." John 8:12



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WHAT IS CHOKING YOU?

Weakened By the Cares of Life

There are a number of things that happen in life they may cause us to change the direction of our lives. Often the response when life takes an unexpected turn is “I just don’t have time for this!” When life takes an unexpected turn, what do you do? Some choose not to accept those changes that life throws at them, while others choose to get educated and informed and meet those challenges one day at a time. Through observation at Culpepper Place those who reject changes in their lives or refuse to participate deteriorate very quickly. Those residents that come to grips with the changes in life and reach out to others seem to be thriving with the curves that life has sent their way.

Over the next few weeks, the bulletin articles will cover a wide array of topics and we shall explore these themes in the hopes that the information will be helpful and encouraging to you no matter what is faced in your life. Notice again the title “What is Choking You?”

There is no worse feeling than when something goes down our esophagi in a way that one chokes violently and it seems to take forever to catch the breath. There have been times choking has caused one to think that they were going to lose their lives on a sip of water or a morsel of bread.

How are we choked? One is choked when the focus is on the cares of the world more than on dedication and service to God. When a person refuses to read the Word of God daily he/she is ill-equipped to face the twists and turns of life. Just as weeds will choke out the necessary nutrients in the soil and destroy the good plants and cause them to die; so it is with the Christian who refuses to commune with God in prayer and the study of His Word. One will only thrive and help others to flourish to the extent that he/she has prepared in life.

One is choked out of his/her time. All individuals have the same 24 hours in a day. Why do some thrive and find success while others have such difficulty? Could it be in the way that the time is used by the individual? Through television and social media much time is wasted that could have been productive had a person not lost his/her focus. Note what is said in Ephesians 5:15 – 16 “ See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil” (KJV).

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News & Notes

OUR SICK

Jowe Albrecht
Patsy Brown
Winnie Crews
Steve Elrod
Betty Harder
Ronnie Harder
Glenda Kirk
Sam McJunkin
Yvonne Meyers
Evan Rasberry
Ron Rasberry
Johnnie Sparks
Frances Williams
Ed Williams
Bill Yow
Elizabeth Yow

SHUT-INS

Charles Neal
(7210 Atterbury Cove E., Southaven, MS 38671)

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 28 - Devotional at Culpepper, 1:30 p.m.
May 28 - Birthday/Anniversary Celebration after p.m. service.
June 1 - Bible Study at Culpepper, 1:30 p.m.
June 3 - Cabin on the Hill - Noon till.....
Meat will be provided, side dishes potluck.



Visitation

Don’t forget to pick up a visitation card in the library after the evening service. It only takes a few minutes to send a card or make a call . . . a little longer for a visit . . . but it brings much joy to those who are unable to be here.

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One is choked out of Spiritual Growth: A person who remains fixated on the worldly matters has little time for Bible study and prayer. Instead of filling the void in life with the cares of this life or the problems of this life fill it with dedication to God and proper preparation through prayer and study. Remember the warning given in Hebrews 5:12 “For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat” (KJV). Those who never mature spiritually are in for difficulty in life. The reason, there is not a spiritual underpinning that secures them in place to face the storms of life.

Some are choked and weakened when refuse to support all the services of the church. God has done so much for all of us, why then do we reject the opportunity to assemble and worship with the saints? Your empty seat says to others something was more important to me today. Your empty seat says I do not value my relationship with other Christians. Your empty seat is a discouragement to others who are striving to live the Christian Life to the best of his/her ability. Your empty seat says your values are in worldly things more than spiritual things.

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