

First, we need preaching that informs. People need to know of God and his love for them. They need to know about Christ-His eternal existence with God, His Deity, His birth, life, death, burial, and resurrection. These matters lie at the heart of the gospel (I Corinthians 15:1-4).

People need to be informed of what to do to be saved, including the place of baptism for the remission of sins. Several years ago, Dr. E. Claude Gardner, president emeritus of Freed-Hardeman University, wrote an article in which he said that if we want to baptize people preachers are going to have to preach on baptism. (Could it be that one of the reasons the church is not growing today as it should is because we have become too sophisticated to preach—or to want to hear—sermons on the necessity of baptism)?

Second, we need preaching that convicts. Christ affirmed that the Holy Spirit would “convict the world concerning sin, and righteousness, and judgment” (John 16:8, NASV). He does this through the gospel “which is the power of God unto salvation” (Romans 1:16). Paul sought to convict Felix with reference to “righteousness, self-control, and the judgment to come” (Acts 24:25 NASV). Today we need preaching that will convict people of sin and the consequences of a life of rebellion and disobedience to God. The answer to all the rebellion and immorality that we see in the world lies in a reverential respect for Almighty God and His moral standards.

Third, we need preaching that converts. Jesus said “Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 18:3). Peter exhorted his hearers, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out” (Acts 3:19). To be converted is to be changed from what we are to what God wants us to be. People need to be converted from a life of selfishness and self-centeredness to a life of humility and service, from a life of ungodliness to a life of godlikeness, and from a life of disobedience to God to one of obedience to Him.

Fourth, we need preaching that confirms. Leaving the city of Derbe, {Paul and Barnabas retraced the steps taken on their first mission tour “confirming the souls of the disciples, and exhorting them to continue in the faith” (Acts 14:22). When Paul exhorted Timothy in his work as a preacher to “reprove” (II Timothy 4:2), he used the word in its absolute sense: “to prove again.” Christians need to be taught “to observe all things whatsoever I {Christ} have commanded you” (Matthew 28:20). Obedience to the “first principles” is only the beginning of the Christian life. From the baptismal waters one rises to walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). The “new life”—with its joys, privileges, challenges, and expectations—needs to be explained in preaching that exhorts and encourages disciples to faithfully follow Christ.

*The above is taken from the book “*The Kind of Preaching Needed Today*” by Hugh Fulford, published 2006.

Brother Fulford lists six “aims of preaching”, the following two will be listed in next weeks bulletin.

Richard Lory-CA

C C Booker-(Anthony & Ira Booker's granddaughter) in Vanderbilt
Wiley Marshall-(CHF) & **Faye Marshall**-(Traci Adams) parents
Savannah Patrick-(Marsha Patrick's granddaughter)recovering fr spinal surgery.
Beth Schreiber Fritts (Wesley Parrish's cousin) breast CA
Marsha Simpson-M Burns aunt-broken back
Larry Hayes-Elder @ WCOC-Ca has returned
June Stewart—stage 2 fibrosis of the liver
April Howton-(Sammy Long's dght)-Breast CA
Robert Durham— recovering fr spinal surg
Annette Smith (Carl's wife) stroke
George Hamblin-(friend of Roy DeLoach)
Tessa Estes(Jacob & Lindsey (Baker) **Estes**-now home,
Virginia Tate-(D. Gentry's mom)

Colleen Browning-*recovering fr surgery*
Becky Keele—*CA treatments*
Kenna Rickenbrode-*CA*
Courtney Scott (*cousin of N. Buttrey*)
Gracelyn Darety-*CF*
Beth Campbell-(*Thomas Cook's sis*) *CA* .
Carter Robb (*1 yr old CA-treatments*)

June Dreaden-(*S. Rachford's mom*)
Carolyn Eddings-*taking cancer treatments*
Maggie Wright (*friend of N. Buttrey*)*CA-chemo*
Kim Marlow-CA (*F.Featherstone-dght/Regina's sis*)
Mary Ann Gray-CA-(*friend of N. Buttrey*)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS



Let's have some fun food & fellowship!!!

Our "Church Softball Game & Cookout" will be on
 Saturday, October 7th
 from 4:30-8:30PM @
 Byrum Phy Park & Pavilion

**A sign-up sheet is in the foyer for
 players & spectators of all ages.
 Also a sign-up sheet for food!!!!**

Our **"Fall Family Retreat"** will be held on Oct 20th-22th @Nathan Bedford. It is for All Ages!!! Sign-up sheet in the foyer. Cost will be \$15. per per-

Our hearts are full of rejoicing over
the baptism of
Cassie Fleming & Karolann Ridings
on Sunday!!!
Let us each take time to encourage,
love, pray & help these new babes
in Christ to grow in the truth of
God's love & His will for his
children.

IN F.O.C.U.S. Faith, Obedience, Unity, Character, Salvation

Our only youth activity for this past weekend was our RUSH trip at Freed Hardeman University. We took a group of 10 youth and 4 adults on the trip. Once we arrived at Freed on Friday night, we went to campus to register and get everything we needed for the weekend. Afterwards, we headed to eat before heading to our first session of singing and a great lesson from TJ Kirk. After the lesson, Dale Jenkins did some hypnosis on some brave volunteers. We had a great laugh before heading back to our cabin. Saturday was full of great lessons, great singing, great classes, and great fun. It was a busy day spent on campus, but well worth it. Our Sunday started early! We were up at 4:00 a.m. baptizing Cassie Fleming, what a wonderful blessing! We headed back to bed for a couple of hours before getting up, eating breakfast, and heading to worship. On our way home, I was informed by Karolann Ridings, that she wanted to be baptized once we got back to the church building. I cannot think of a better way to end the weekend than with 2 baptisms on Sunday. I am so proud of Cassie and Karolann. They are both great young ladies. Let's be sure to keep them both in our prayers! -

In Christian Love, Keith

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday October 1st 2023

WelcomeMike Burns
Lead Singing.....Mark Forster
1st Prayer.....Keith Grigsby
Sermon.....Jimmy Phy
Lord's Table.....Jim Suddeath
 W. R. Long Wayne Coates
 Terry Parchman Ethan Tummins
 Jack Grigsby Joe Smith
Closing Prayer.....Billy Buttrey
Collect Cards.....Slate Berryman
 & Wayne Berryman
Greeters..... Not at this time
Nursery..... Not at this time
Collect Cups.....Youth Group
Security.....Team #5

Sunday 6PM, October 1st 2023

Lead Singing..... Mark Forster
Prayer.....Wade Tummins
Sermon.....
Lord's Table.....Marvin England
 John Hurt
Closing Prayer.....Carter Howard

Wednesday 6:30 PM, October 4th 2023

Lead Singing.....Jimmy Long
Prayer.....Mark Forster
Adult Class.....

If you are unable to serve...please contact Wade Tummins, in advance. (cell 931-209-6291)

If changes need to be made in scheduling please contact Jimmy Phy.

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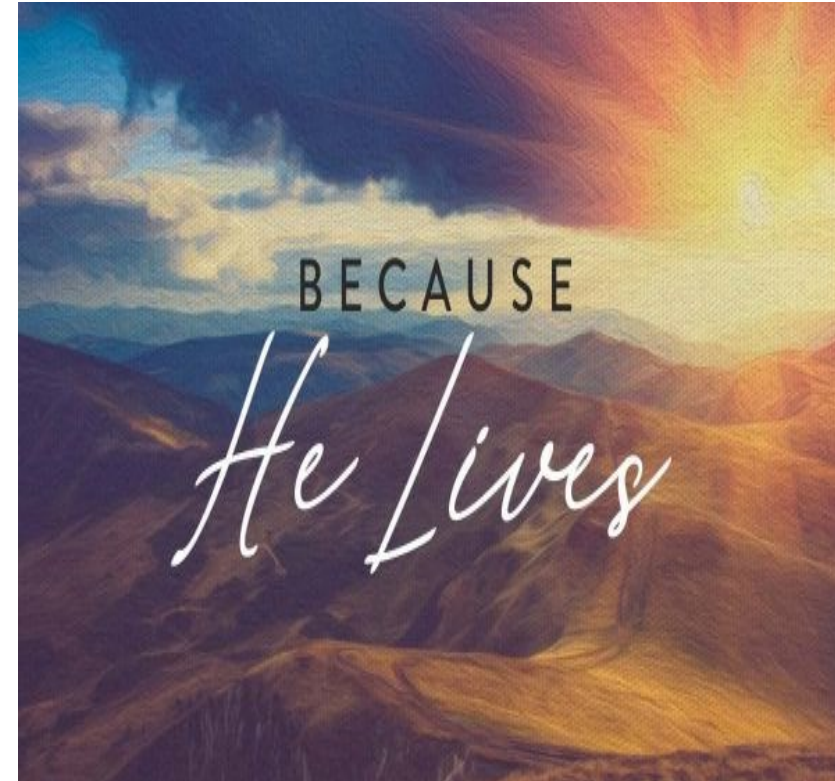


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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:00am
 Worship.....10:00am
 Evening.....6:00pm

Wednesday

Bible Study.....6:30pm

Elders:

James Buckner Calvin Buckner
 Billy Buttrey Bruce Mayfield
 W.R. Long Mike Robertson

Deacons:

Derek Berryman Mike Burns
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