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Welcome

We are thrilled to have you join us for services today. We strive to be a loving and friendly family of believers and we hope that you feel welcome. Our aim this morning is to simply worship God in spirit and in truth. We extend an open invitation to join us during any of our weekly services. If you have questions or would like to schedule a Bible study, please contact one of our elders or ministers!

Special Requests

- James Lambert was recently baptized into Christ, and we want to continue to pray for and encourage our new brother in Christ!
- Winnie Craighead passed away this week. Please remember all of her family and friends in your prayers.
- Dale Flatt also passed away this week. Please also pray for his family and friends as they mourn.
- Billy Henry, David Brown's father, had a fall and broke some ribs and punctured a lung, so we ask that you pray for him right now.
- Holly White, a coworker of Kathy Kester, has had her cancer returned and is in need of prayers.
- Chad Anderson's mother, Brenda Anderson, passed away on Friday, please keep this family in your prayers.
- Christine Nabors, Jeff Nabor's mother, also is in the ICU after having surgery this week.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR MINISTERS

While the concept might have originated in Europe, it was William Morrison and John C. Wharton of Nashville who made it become a reality. In 1897, they created the machine which used air and sugar to popularize it. You have eaten it since you were a child and likely call it cotton candy.

There are some interesting parallels between cotton candy and what has happened in the religious world since the Lord established the church. He established the church in a world whose appeal was to the outward aspects of religious life. The pagan world had temples everywhere, and the devotion to the gods worshiped there was popularized by gods who sought to satisfy the fleshly nature of man. They were not designed to change the hearts and souls of men.

Even Judaism in the first century had ignored the greatest commands and focused on sabbath keeping, showy religion and ceremonial rituals. The Lord described them as only having a form of godliness, while neglecting grace and the weightier matters of God's law (2 Tim. 3:5; Matt. 23:23). Christianity was designed to change the heart and then using the truth revealed in the Bible to bring men to God. It was based on the principle that God is a spirit, and we bow before Him with our spirits and souls seeking Him (John 4:24).

But, all that has changed. So much of religion in our land is like cotton candy. Cotton candy looks so great. You can get it in any color or flavor you desire. Our religious world is so divided that you can find any "flavor" of church you want. However, cotton candy has little nutritional value (remember your mom's devotion that you have a balanced diet) and doesn't really give you what you need. America feeds itself on the "sugar and air" mixture of religious cotton candy.

After you eat your two ounces of sugar and air, your body still needs more. Religion without deep Bible knowledge destroyed Israel and is destroying our land (Hos. 4:6). One cannot know the Lord without knowing His word (1 John 2:4). One cannot love the Lord and ignore keeping His word (John 14:15). A child at the fair sees the cotton candy and it tastes so good, but a steady diet of this will destroy his health. This is our land. Religiously, we are feeding ourselves and starving our souls.

What an amazing world it would be if we sought to return to the spiritual food which fed the early church. Cotton candy Christianity is so far removed from the food Jesus gave the early church and seeks to give to us today.



Order of Service

Welcome Blessed Assurance Communion To God Be the Glory Let the Lower Lights Be Burning Scripture Reading Prayer Walking Alone at Eve Sermon Trust and Obey Announcements Dismiss

Weekly Services

Sunday Bible Study9:00AMSunday Morning Worship10:00AMSunday Evening Worship5:00PMWednesday Bible Study7:00PM

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For the Record Bible Study: 92 Morning Worship: 157 Evening Worship: 60 Wednesday Night: 110 Contribution: \$4,291

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Prayer List

Martha Anderson, Wade Jackson, Denzil Thompson, Doris Watts, Louise Richardson, Ella Carter, Helen Maxwell, Ed Nemore, Leon Fletcher, James Loftis, Kea Reagon, Jean Haney, Juanita Haile, JJ Haliburton, Connor Staggs, Bradley Murphy

Cancer List

Debbie Rodgers, Lori Davenport, Steve Higginbotham, Mark Webster, Harold Poindexter, Eugene Montgomery, Areana Spurlock, Tom Hall, Linda Gentry, Herman Sullivan, Francis Jones, Annie Smith, Dink Hargrove, Thelma McBride, Kellie Walker, Marietta Sexton, Brett Wyatt, Ed Nemore Jr., Steven Austin, Holly White

Nursing Homes

NHC – Jimmy Webb Morningside – Liz Tallent, Carson & Mildred Cannon Signature – Bill Ragland & Eddie Ball Bailey Manor – Jewell Flatt

Birthdays

Brent Reecer – 7/11 Deanna Tinsley – 7/14 Easton Aldridge – 7/15 Bruce Skimmyhorn – 7/16

Anniversaries

Congregational Announcements

- Bible Bowl Pals needed! If you are willing to be a secret pal and encourager to a Bible Bowl participant, please sign up on the board in the foyer. We have over 20 participants this year, so we need lots of help! This program will run from mid-July until Bible bowl on September 18. Please see Lindsey if you have any questions.
- There is a sign-up sheet for Bible Bowl teachers in the foyer. Please check out the bulletin board if you're interested and willing to teach!
- Starting in June, there will be a Ladies' Summer Evening Series. The dates will be Tuesday June 22nd, Tuesday July 10th, and Tuesday August 17th. Ladies are invited to meet in the fellowship hall on those dates at 6:30 P.M. until 7:30 P.M. The topic will be "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus." Bring your Bible, finger foods to share, and a friend! There will be a sign-up sheet posted before each to allow preparations for the evening! Hope you can make plans to attend!
- There will be a gospel meeting at the Richmond Chapel congregation from July 25th to 27th with speaker Jack Honeycutt. Sunday night will be at 6 PM, Monday and Tuesday at 7 PM.
- The 2nd summer ladies' class, Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, is coming up, Tuesday, July 20th, here in the fellowship room. There is a sign-up sheet for this event on bulletin board in foyer. Bring your Bible, finger foods to share, and a friend.
- It's time to start thinking about collecting school supplies for our teachers and local schools. Teachers and principals are working on their specific needs, and we will be sharing those with the congregation in the next couple of weeks.
- The last day to turn in supplies for the Baja Mission trip is THIS MORNING! Please place them on the back pew and they will be collected after services.

Youth Happenings

- There will be a Bible Bowl ice cream social on Sunday July 18th from 4:00 to 4:45 PM. This event is for Bible Bowlers, and parents are asked to sign up for toppings and drinks. Ice cream will be provided. There is a signup sheet next to Dylan's office.
- Bible Bowl 2021 will be September 18, 2021. This year we are studying the book of Luke. If you have any questions, please see Sandy, Lindsey or Dylan.
- Please pray for Dylan Wood, Ty Davis, Jaxon Whitson, Aubree Owen, and Ella McHenry as they leave Saturday to head to Mexico to work with the Baja Missions Team.

Senior Happenings

- July 31 The Senior Travelers will be on the road to Brushy Mountain State Penitentiary we will be at the prison by 10:30 eastern time for the tour, museum, eat lunch at The Warden Restaurant and gift shop. \$16.00 per person plus tax. The meal is separate. Fifteen people will be considered a group we will get the guided tour and is \$36.00 plus tax.
- The last day to confirm for the Senor Traveler's Brushy Mountain trip is July 18th, so please get with Kathy Kester ASAP if you're interested in going. She needs to know who is coming in order to arrange a tour!
- Upcoming trips for August include Franklin for shopping in the old part of town and touring the Renaissance Castle, and Bell Buckle for a day of eating, shopping, laughter and fun. Come and enjoy some time with the Senior Travelers!
- Contact Kathy Kester for more information @ 931 260-6515.