

**WHERE IS MY MIND?****Romans 8:6**

***For the mind set on the flesh is death, but the mind set on the Spirit is life and peace.***

The choice is simple; we can choose to pursue the things of the Spirit or the things of the flesh. One of those will lead to life and peace, the other to death. That is so "because the mind set on the flesh is hostile toward God; for it does not subject itself to the law of God, for it is not even able to do so" (Romans 8:7). There can be no middle ground, "those who are in the flesh cannot please God" (Romans 8:8).

These ancient words are sorely needed by Christians living in today's world. Our nation has become "secularized" in many ways. In fact, an honest look at history might suggest that it has never been as "spiritual" as some think. While some bemoan the "secularization of America," I suggest another approach to the times in which we live.

We have a golden opportunity to learn some very important lessons. One has to do with the nature of the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is "not of this world." It was not of this world when Pilate asked Jesus about it and it certainly isn't today (John 18:36).

If we are citizens of a spiritual kingdom, we need to take serious spiritual inventory. We need to do some deep soul searching to see if our minds are set on the things of the flesh or on the things of God. We also need to understand the need for commitment to Him. I cannot please God with a mind that is set on the things of the flesh. Where is my mind?

**--Ron Harper--**

## **Who am I?**

### **Exodus 3:1-6**

Dr. Norman Geisler said, "God has the ability to draw a straight line with a crooked stick." I think we would all agree that we as human beings are definitely crooked sticks. Paul makes the somewhat obvious statement in Romans 3:23 when he states, "For all have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God." How is it that God can use someone like us? What are we to him? How can we even compare to the great and awesome God that lives and reigns in Heaven?

To that I simply suggest we open our Bibles. Almost all of the servants God chose, both Old and New Testaments, were broken people with broken pasts, presents, and futures. Just look at Solomon, David, Paul, and Peter. I cannot think about how God uses the broken without thinking about the dysfunctional family of Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. Moses stuttered, Aaron was a wimp, and Miriam was a jealous woman who wanted attention. Yet these three people were given a commission to bring some three million people out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

When we read Exodus 3, we find Moses doing what he had been doing for years. He had a sense of normal. It was just another day with the flock on the mountain. I wonder what Moses was thinking when he spoke to God. Obviously there was fear and reverence but there was also doubt within him and, in turn, in God.

Aaron was the kind of guy that let anyone talk him into doing anything. If you wanted a new god, he would make it and then just say the calf popped out (Exodus 32:24). He stood for nothing and fell for everything.

Miriam was jealous of how much God talked to Moses rather than her. She wanted glory rather than service (Numbers 12:1-9). These three were definitely a dysfunctional family. But God can draw a straight line with a crooked stick. Will we let God use us or will we continue in our dysfunctional walk?

**Joshua Houston**

## PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

### SICK

Laura Wiser

### TAKING TREATMENTS

Lois Arnold, Carolyn Thomas, Janneil Brown  
Rosalie Phifer

### SHUT INS

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta  
Bullard

### PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Clyde & Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene  
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### NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

\*MEMBERS

**ADAMS PLACE:** Nora Fann\*, Opal Jones\*

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Laura Wiser\*, Lillian Whitworth, Louise McKnight\*,  
Martha DeVore

## MILITARY

Please keep **Tony Berry** in your prayers, while  
he is stationed in California at Camp  
Pendleton.

## BUILDING FUND

We have received donations to the  
Building Fund in memory of **Wilburn Laws**  
by the following:

\*Ron Meers

\*Larry & Vicki Covington

## NEWS & NOTES

**Visitation Meal** for team #1 will be today  
after morning Bible classes in the  
cafeteria.

**Men's Devo** Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at  
the home of Jim Hatfield with Andy  
Mitchell leading the devo – starting at 7  
p.m.

**Youth Devo** Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at  
the home of Joshua Houston – starting  
at 6 p.m.

**Trunk or Treat** Wednesday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

*Mark your calendars!* There will be a  
**youth/college retreat** with Florence  
church of Christ on April 1-3, 2016 at  
Camp JOY

## THANK YOU CARDS

We have received a Thank You cards  
from:

\*Cindy Phifer & family

\*Clyde & Bessie Bowman

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Currently meeting at  
 Middle Tennessee Christian School  
 100 E. MTCS Rd.  
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Sunday		
Morning Worship		8:30 am
Bible Classes		9:45 am
Evening Worship		5:30 pm
Wednesday		
Morning Bible Class		10:00 am
Evening Bible Classes		6:30 pm

### ELDERS

B.K. Ham  
 Jim Hatfield  
 Jon Holland  
 Andy Mitchell  
 Randall Phifer  
 Fred Rogers  
 Keith Short

### MINISTER

Ron Harper

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

### DEACONS

Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Bob Hoover	Wendell Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

*October 11, 2015*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>164</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>108</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>116</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$5,125.00</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>11</b>

### GREETERS

Please be at the door 15  
 minutes prior to services!



### October 18

Louise Smithson  
 Robert & Mary Ann McKnight

### October 25

Andy & Lisa Mitchell  
 Drew & Amanda Mitchell

### *To Our Honored Guests...*

We are happy you chose to worship with us today! Please stay after our assembly so that we can get acquainted with you and your family. We invite you to come back to Middle Tennessee Christian School while our new building is under construction.

*We were honored by your presence!*