Salem Creek church of Christ

OUR MISSION

Matthew 28:19

Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Those are not my words, they are the words of Christ. How, then, can I be a "Christ follower" and not take them seriously? Jesus was, of course, speaking directly to His apostles. That does not mean that those words apply to no one else. In the very next verse He said "teaching them to observe all that I commanded you." One of the things He commanded was "go make disciples of all nations."

It was a self-perpetuating thing. His apostles were commanded to go make disciples and to teach them to observe everything they had been commanded. There can be no doubt as to the mission of the church. It is to go and make disciples of all nations.

Janie, David, and I have been blessed to have a special opportunity to return to a place where we, along with Marie, spent two years of our lives. Those were very special years and the time we spent in New Zealand will always hold a special place in our hearts.

Thank you for supporting us in this endeavor to take part in the mission Christ gave to His church. We look forward to speaking the Word of God to a large group at the Easter Weekend Family Camp in New Plymouth. After that, we will preach in meeting in Palmerston North and Hamilton. Please pray for the success of these efforts.

--Ron Harper--

I'm Tired

"Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." Matthew 11:28

I'll be honest. I struggle with how transparent I should be in my articles, sermons, and even in our own personal relationships. However, I feel that, in many cases, openness and honesty is the best policy. That being said, people always told me while I'm young I could do anything. I can work three jobs seven days a week and still go run a marathon just for fun. I'm learning that the people who told me these things (or still tell me these things) are liars.

I do get tired. We all do. Sometimes I get so tired I feel like I could sleep standing up and still perform my job. Some of us have even felt so tired that it exhausted us to breathe. Tired is tired no matter what the cause.

As Jesus is teaching in Matthew 11:28, he says something that should comfort all of us. "Come to me...and I will give you rest." This world is a crazy place. It is full of chaos and whirlwinds. Thankfully, Jesus offers rest.

Anyone who performs strenuous physical labor on a regular basis will tell you that your body must have rest to repair itself. If you continue to tear the muscles in your body, no repair is made, and injury is likely. The same is true in our spiritual life. Labor is good and brings forth profit, but we all get tired.

Maybe you are physically tired. Have you tried to slow down and enjoy the peace of God? Maybe we are tired of carrying sin. Have we asked Jesus to forgive us? Maybe we are tired of hurt and strife. Have we given our problems over to Jesus? He is the only way we will receive rest.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ken & Barbara McPeak, Selma Boyd, Odell Grissom, Sue Reeves, Ernestine Taylor, Laura Wiser, Nell Jernigan, Narene Davidson, Mary Williams, Shirley Bibb, Gladys Davidson, Glenda Stiles, Theresa Mears (Glenda Stile's sister)

BATTLING CANCER:

Carolyn Thomas
Vance Benson
Cal Seccombe-friend of Glovers
Tonya Pearson-friend of Glovers

SHUT INS:

Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Oleta Bullard, Houston Henry, Dan Stephens, Richard Jones, Wayne Mobbs, Carolyn Thomas, Mabel Robertson, Louis Wilson, Melba & Jeanie Young

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

*MEMBERS

NHC: Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves*, Ernestine Taylor*

STONES RIVER MANOR: Laura Wiser*, Virgie Leonard*, Margaret Davidson*, Lillian Whitworth

SMYRNA: Geri Melton*

WOODBURY: Jeweldean Hall*

TN VETERAN'S HOME: Edna Vance*

Shirley Bibb is scheduled to have colon cancer surgery on March 29 at St Thomas Rutherford.

Eugene Windrow is scheduled to have back surgery on April 3 at Williamson Medical Center.

Gladys Davidson is improving and can have visits now.

NEWS & NOTES

- A Senior Saints dinner at Bell Buckle Café is planned for March 31 at 5 pm. Today is the last day to sign up.
- There will be no Ladies Bible class this week due to spring break. Class will resume April
- The church office will be closed March 30.
- Robert McKnight's visitation team 1 meets Sunday, April 1 for lunch immediately following classes.
- Please sign up for men's devotionals on the 3rd Monday night of each month. Hosts and speakers are needed. The sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- Bible Bowl is April 2 at MTCS.
- A youth devo is planned for April 8 at Jake and Mallory Wilbanks' house immediately following pm services. Please bring drinks.
- Please check the table in the foyer for events hosted by local congregations.
- The Dorcas Class for Jr. High and High school girls begins Wednesday evening, April 4. This class will meet in room 107 and will be taught by Francille Whitworth, Gayle Glover and Lisa Pickard.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Morning Worship 9:00 am
Bible Classes 10:15 am
Evening Worship 5:30 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Morning Bible Class (Sept-May) 10:00 am Evening Bible Classes 6:30 pm

ELDERS MINISTER

B.K. Ham Ron Harper

Jim Hatfield

Jon Holland <u>ASSOCIATE MINISTER</u>

Andy Mitchell Joshua Houston

Randall Phifer Keith Short

DEACONS

Rick Acklin
Larry Benson
Michael Bowman
Craig Buckner
Joe Byars

Rick Corum
Andy Melton
Brian Melton
Alan Pepper
Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

March 18, 2018

Sunday AM worship 220

Bible classes 160

PM worship 126 Contribution \$5402.00

Wednesday PM Bible classes 136
Wednesday AM Ladies Class (Sept-May) 12

When county schools are closed due to inclement weather A.M. Ladies class will be canceled

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 as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!

GREETERS

Please be at the door
30 minutes prior to service



March 25

Andy & Lisa Mitchell

April 1

Jim & Gayle Glover