

## ***DO WE DO WHAT WE CAN DO?***

***Mark 14:8***

***She has done what she could; she has anointed My body beforehand for the burial.***

That almost sounds like this devout lady was in such a sad state that she could hardly do anything. If you are quoting that verse, you can use a certain voice inflection to make it sound like “awe, poor thing, there wasn’t much she could do but at least she did what she could.”

I see her in a completely different light. I believe that she did something truly great. She brought a vial of very costly perfume and used it to anoint the Lord. There is nothing in Mark’s account to indicate that she was poor or that there was little else that she could do. As some noted, this perfume could have been sold for a lot of money.

What did she do with it? She did not sell it; she poured every drop on Jesus. Every time we learn from this verse, we fulfill the words of Jesus (v. 9). But what do we learn? I would answer that question with another question. Do we do what we can do for Jesus?

Regardless of who we are, there are things that we can do for Jesus. Our faithfulness to Him extends well beyond just “coming to church.” Faithfulness defines the way we live every day. Did I make the opportunity to encourage someone today? Did I feed some hungry person? Did I minister to a shut-in person? Did I speak a kind restoring word to someone struggling with sin? Do I do what I can do for Jesus?

**--Ron Harper--**

## ***Torpedoes That Sink Our Fellowship***

### ***Part 1: Negativity***

***“Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice!” Philippians 4:4***

The church was designed by Jesus Christ to be composed of many members. Fellowship is the bond that holds Christians together within the body of Christ. However, this bond can be broken and has been broken in many ways by many sources. Rather than being the unified body of Christ, the body has been broken and divided. In this next series of articles, I am going to explore why.

#### Reason 1: Negativity

Oh negativity... We've all encountered it. Some have encountered it more than others. Some have encountered it so few times that the idea seems foreign. Thoughts of negativity can be as heavy as cement while releasing that negativity can make you feel light as a feather. Negativity is a repellent tending to push people away. It causes us to become filled with doubt and pain. It clouds our perspective and makes us feel empty and alone, though we are surrounded by those who love us.

When I would show cattle, I would walk out of the show ring and everyone would comment on how good of a job I did—even if I was awarded last place. Then, one person would comment on everything I did wrong and how awful my show-stock looked. One little comment overshadowed all the other positive comments and ruined the remainder of the show and sometimes even my whole week. I couldn't get my mind off the negativity, which caused me to carry a negative demeanor. That is when I realized there is a difference between constructive criticism and putting down. We should be willing to help each other constructively. That's what Paul did in Galatians 2:11-14 when he corrected Peter.

If we are in Christ, we have every reason to rejoice. Paul tells the Philippians to rejoice always! We should not ignore that command.

Sure, things will go wrong and there will be negative moments. However, we should remember that fellowship implies that there is a bond among believers. When things get rough and we become negative, let's remember Paul's words in Galatians 6:2, “Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.”

**Joshua Houston**

## PRAYER REQUESTS:

Selma Boyd, Ernestine Taylor, Margaret Taylor, Odell Grissom, Nora Fann, Louis Wilson, Kay Jennings, Harry Summer, June Jernigan, Carolyn Thomas, Kenneth Tucker, Sue Reeves, Laura Wisner, Evelyn Leeman, Marvin Miller

## SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard, Tommy & Shirley Bibb, Dan Stephens, Melba & Jeanie Young

## NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

### **\*MEMBERS**

**ADAMS PLACE:** Nora Fann\*

**NHC:** Lizzie Bush, Sue Reeves\*

**STONES RIVER MANOR:** Margaret Davidson\*, Ernestine Taylor\*, Laura Wisner\*

**SMYRNA:** Geri Melton\*

**WOODBURY:** Jeweldean Hall\*

**TN STATE VETERAN'S HOME:** Edna Vance\*

**COMMUNITY CARE OF RUTHERFORD COUNTY:** Virgie Leonard\*

## NEWS & NOTES

- **VBS meeting tonight** after evening service.
- **MYM at Lascassas** tomorrow at 7pm. Sign-up sheet is in the foyer.
- **Picture Day** - today after Sunday school in the auditorium for new members who haven't had their picture made and anyone desire to update their picture.
- A **Church picnic** is planned for Saturday, June 10<sup>th</sup> at Pavilion 6 Barfield Crescent Park from 4 – 8pm. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please see Larry Benson if you have any questions.
- Our **Youth** will be conducting the evening service on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>.
- **Girls' Night Out** at Walter Hill on Friday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm. More information posted on the bulletin board.
- **Fosterville Church of Christ** invites you to their **VBS** starting Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Classes for all ages. More information posted on the bulletin board.
- **The Domestic Violence Shelter** is looking for light blankets and washcloths. If you wish to donate any, you may coordinate with Jeff Milstead and he will assist in gathering them for shipment.

There will be a baby shower for

**Amanda Mitchell**

on Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup>

1:30-3:00pm

She is registered at Target, Babies R Us,  
and Amazon.com



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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

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

### MINISTER

Ron Harper

### ASSOCIATE MINISTER

Joshua Houston

### DEACONS

Rick Acklin	Rick Corum
Larry Benson	Andy Melton
Michael Bowman	Brian Melton
Craig Buckner	Alan Pepper
Joe Byars	Wendell Wilson

### FOR THE RECORD

*May 28, 2017*

<b>Sunday</b>	<b>AM worship</b>	<b>236</b>
	<b>Bible classes</b>	<b>192</b>
	<b>PM worship</b>	<b>157</b>
	<b>Contribution</b>	<b>\$6,650.00</b>

<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PM Bible classes</b>	<b>150</b>
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<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)</b>	<b>0</b>
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### *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*



### June 4

Dean Thompson    Louise Smithson

### June 11

Keith & Margaret Short