

FAITHFUL

1 Corinthians 4:1, 2

Let a man regard us in this manner, as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. In this case, moreover, it is required of stewards that one be found trustworthy.

What is the standard to which God holds his servants? If you are worried about that, I have some good news. The standard is not perfection. Perfection is a standard that has been achieved only by Jesus Christ.

While we might unreasonably expect perfection out of our fellow Christians, God looks at it another way. The standard to which he holds us is that we be trustworthy. A synonym for that is found in the KJV. "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found **faithful**."

A faithful person is one who does his best to do what God asks and be what God expects. He keeps his word and fulfills his duty. A faithful person is one upon whom you can depend. A faithful person loves God (Deuteronomy 6:5) and his fellow man (Leviticus 19:18). He honors his wife and is a real father to his children. He is a servant simply because he loves the Lord and wants to be like Him.

On Monday this church lost a very faithful servant. Bob Hoover was, for a number of years, a faithful deacon. He led his family in a godly way. Observing his life, it was easy to see that he followed his Lord. We have no reservation in saying "blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them" (Revelation 14:13).

--Ron Harper--

It's Not How Hard You Get Hit

“But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men...’”

Acts 5:29

“It ain’t about how hard you hit. It’s about how hard you can get hit and keep moving forward... how much you can take and keep moving forward.” This quote comes from Sylvester Stallone in his role as Rocky Balboa, world champion and famed boxer. He’s right. It doesn’t take long to realize that life will knock you off your feet no matter how careful and protective you are. You simply cannot stop life. There are several things that can knock us down like the loss of a job or relationship, the loss of a loved one, the freak accident fender bender on the way to work, the lack of sleep over who you will ask to the Fall Formal. From major to minor life situations, we can lose our focus when life knocks us out.

In a similar way, Peter and the apostles had been beaten in a very literal way. Constantly throughout the first eight chapters of the book of Acts, we find the apostles and the early church on highs and lows. This was a low moment for Peter and John. The Jewish council of the day was trying everything in their power to stop the preaching of the gospel. They beat Peter and John and threatened to take their lives, but it was not how hard they could hit, it was how hard they could get hit and keep moving forward. Peter and John never lost sight of the goal—spread the kingdom of God.

Peter speaks up and tells the Jewish council, “We must obey God rather than men!” This is a bold statement as the Jews earnestly thought they were doing the will of God. In today’s world, how much more are we willing to obey God rather than men? Our obedience to God is what keeps us moving forward.

Joshua Houston

PRAYER REQUEST:

Shirley Bibb, Opal Jones, Dan & Lorene Stephens, Wayne Mobbs, Marie Fleming, Lorene Maddox, Selma Boyd, Jeanie Young, Oleta Bullard, Mabel Robertson, Janneil Brown, Sue Reeves, the Hoover family, Lois Arnold, Nora Fann, Louise Smithson, Louise McKnight Peggy Gilbert, Bessie Bowman, Melody Carpenter

SHUT INS:

Rita Reed, Mabel Robertson, Houston Henry, Oleta Bullard

NURSING HOMES & ASSISTED LIVING:

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ADAMS PLACE: Nora Fann*, Nell Jernigan*

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STONES RIVER MANOR: Margaret Davidson*, Jeweldean Hall*, Virgie Leonard*, Ernestine Taylor*, Laura Wiser*, Lillian Whitworth, Edna Vance*

MILITARY:

Tony Berry

The **Senior Saints** meal is rescheduled for **Saturday, September 10th** at 4 pm at the Bell Buckle Café. Please sign the list in the foyer, if you plan to attend.

- We extend sympathy to the family of **Bob Hoover**; he passed away on Monday, August 22nd. Funeral service will be held today at 2 p.m. at Woodfin's. Memorial donations may be made to the Food Box Program at Salem Creek church of Christ.
- We extend sympathy to the family of **Dorris Frizzell**; he passed away on Monday, August 22nd. He was the brother of Peggy Gilbert. Funeral service was held on Thursday, August 25th at Woodfin's.
- We rejoice upon the baptism of **Melanie Martin** on Thursday, August 25th.
- **Youth Devo** on Sunday, September 4th at the home of Andy & Lisa Mitchell.
- If you are interested in playing in a **golf outing** on September 30th and October 1st please sign the list in the foyer. Questions? – see Pancake McKnight or Keith Short.
- The **Tennessee Children's Home** fall food and supply drive have begun and the truck will be in our area on Friday, September 30th. See Mike Bowman if you have any questions.
- Christmas boxes for students at the **Nicaragua Christian School** are available in the foyer along with a printed list of items and instructions. All completed boxes are due on October 1st.

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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
 Larry Benson
 Michael Bowman
 Craig Buckner
 Joe Byars
 Rick Corum

Bob Hoover
 Andy Melton
 Brian Melton
 Alan Pepper
 Wendell Wilson

FOR THE RECORD

August 21, 2016

Sunday	AM worship	216
	Bible classes	172
	PM worship	133
	Contribution	\$6,061.40

Wednesday	PM Bible classes	150
Wednesday	AM Ladies Class (Sept-May)

GREETERS

*Please be at the door
 15 minutes prior to services!*



August 28

Jim & Pat Davidson

September 4

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 as often as you have opportunity!

We were honored by your presence!