

Destructive Pride

Division was rocking the congregation in Corinth. The apostle Paul pointed out that pride in the hearts of the members was the root of the problem. Paul reminds them that they should not go beyond what is written in scripture, and not rely on their own understanding and man-made teaching **(1 Corinthians 3:18)**. *“Do not go beyond what is written’ Then you will not be puffed up in being a follower of one of us over against the other. For who makes you different from anyone else? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as though you did not?” (1 Cor. 4:6-7)*. People in the church at Corinth were puffed up and full of pride. They had begun thinking of themselves as more important and placing themselves above others. Paul seems to sarcastically say that they are thinking of themselves as rich kings **(1 Cor. 4:8)**. This pride led to divisions, jealousy, and quarreling among the members **(1 Cor. 3:3)**.

Paul reminds them of what true servants of God look like. He describes the lives of the apostles and reminds them that gaining status in this world is not important. *“For it seems to me that God has put us apostles on display at the end of the procession, like those condemned to die in the arena. We have been made a spectacle to the whole universe, to angels as well as to human beings. We are fools for Christ, but you are so wise in Christ! We are weak, but you are strong! You are honored, we are dishonored! To this very hour we go hungry and thirsty, we are in rags, we are brutally treated, we are homeless. We work hard with our own hands. When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it; when we are slandered, we answer kindly. We have become the scum of the earth, the garbage of the world—right up to this moment” (1 Cor. 4:9-13)*. Paul reminds us to keep our focus on our home in heaven and not the things of this world. ~Brad Tolbert

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM
WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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CHURCH OF CHRIST

“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15

April 4, 2021

TAKE COURAGE; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD

As Jesus prepared His apostles for His death, resurrection and eventual ascension to heaven, He shared with them the knowledge that they would face the same persecution that He faced **(John 15:18-25)**. He began with the encouragement, *“Do not let your heart be troubled; ...” (Jn. 14:1)*. He followed with the familiar words, *“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful” (Jn. 14:27)*. No doubt, the apostles were confused and perhaps more than just a little concerned for their own safety and wellbeing as Jesus patiently shared with them what to expect in the next few hours and days.

Our world appears to be in dire straits! Even though somewhat diminished, there is still a fear of COVID. We see in the news the influx of illegal immigrants, the senseless killing sprees, the continued debates dealing with LGBTQ, gas prices soaring, job loss, etc. What has happened to our world!? If all that is not enough, each of us deals with our own personal struggles with family concerns, health issues, and money problems. With everything going on around us, it is easy for our focus to be drawn away from those things most important. We may find ourselves fighting depression, fear, worry, and anxiety.

God’s children need to renew their trust and faith in the Lord! Consider the following:

“Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4).

“Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance” (Jas. 1:2-3).

“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:6-7).

As God’s people, we have a great opportunity to let our lights shine toward Jesus in a very dark world. We need to show our faith in Christ and our longing to be with Him in heaven. We may not be able to change those things going on around us, but we can show the way to Christ and eternal life! Yes, there is tribulation in the world, *“...but take courage; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33)*. ~P. Mowrer

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES—SPRING QUARTER 2021

Sunday Classes:

Adult 1 (Fellowship Hall) Galatians
Paul Mowrer

Adult 2 (Audit) Galatians
Brad Tolbert / Larry Fisackerly

Wednesday Classes:

Adult 1 (Audit) Matthew
Brad Tolbert

Adult 2 (Fellowship Hall) Matthew
Paul Mowrer

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HEART-TO-HEART

Message from the Elders: The Elders have always been and continue to be concerned about the safety of the congregation. Some members have expressed a desire to cancel the need for COVID masks. The Elders encourage the wearing of masks but are no longer making it mandatory.

Our sympathy is extended to **Laura Smith** on the passing of her sister-in-law, **Glennett Price**. Services were held this past week in Russellville.

Kay Crook is under hospice care at Belle View Estates.

Mandy Tolbert's mother, **Christine Riddle**, is recovering from a broken ankle due to a fall last week.

Rusty Rabb's sister, **Judy Holly**, is recovering following a double mastectomy this past Thursday.

Pam Beard is scheduled for a heart procedure Thursday, April 8.

The **WFC** will be taking lunch each month to a different department on the **UAM** campus beginning Thursday, April 15. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer to help with food and preparing the meal. If you have questions, please see **Brad Tolbert** or **Pam Beard**.

A **Memorial Service** for **Linda Rabb** is scheduled for Friday afternoon, April 16, beginning at 2:00 in the church Fellowship Hall.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Today! - Worship livestreamed at 9:00

Bible classes @10:00

Happy Easter!

Apr.15 - WFC luncheon - UAM @ 11:00

Apr.16 - Memorial Service for Linda Rabb @ 2

Apr.17 - Men's Breakfast @ 6:00

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Lyndell Baker...Pam Beard...Tony & Judy Beard.. Kay Crook...Larry Fisackerly...Paul Mowrer...Rita Stiles...Jeremy Wilson...Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Betty Henry...Betty McGuire...Bob & Pat Turner.. Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Mollie Aldridge...Corey Bryant...Bradyn Curtis.. Noah Draper...Tucker Koonce...Matthew May... Neil Rampy... Christian Stepanovich... Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Ava Brown... Grace Coburn... Edna Deell... Sue Doshier...Naomi Ensey...Mike Frost..Terry Gibson.. Judy Holly.. Ronnie Light...Royce Morgan..Allan Morris..George Nickolson...Christy Rice...David & Loyce Ray... John & Christine Riddle...Kelsy Robinson (boy due in Apr.)...Eddie Russell...Homer Shirey...Chelsea Smith (girl due in Apr.)...Tess Smith...Joel Thompson...Cherice Webb...Paula Wilson ...William Woods...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Today!		David Wilson
April	6	Terry Boykin
	11	Angela Stewart
	12	Lydia Meier
	14	Colton Knight
	21	Cordell Stewart
	22	Carolyn Ashcraft
	24	Margaret Harris
	27	Joel & Valerie Thompson

Card of Thanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you all for the food, calls, texts, and cards received during Jeremy's surgery and recovery. We appreciate all the thoughts and prayers sent our way.

Love,

Jeremy, Rachel, Olivia, & Caroline Wilson

God Must Love Giggles

A second-grade school teacher observing her little charges on the playground thought, "God must love giggles." He wants us to be joyful.

As Christians, we have so much to be happy about. Our sins are washed away, a new life in Jesus Christ, and a hope for eternity (**Acts 2:38**). In this world, many things pull people down, but the Lord brings us back up.

"Make a joyful shout" could be translated, "Shout for joy" (**Psalms 100:1**). It means to "Shout with the force of a trumpet blast," a shout of joy that comes from the very depths of your being (**Luke 19:40**).

Let God hear your giggles, shouts, and prayers.

*~ House to House, Heart to Heart
Jacksonville church of Christ, Jacksonville, AL*

April Daily Bible Reading Schedule

5	2 Samuel 20-22
6	2 Samuel 23-24
7	1 Kings 1-4
8	1 Kings 5-7
9	1 Kings 8-10
10	1 Kings 11-13
11	1 Kings 14-16



Attendance

Bible Class	
Sunday AM Worship	85
Sunday PM Worship	
Wed. Evening	81
Contribution	\$

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MISSIONS

Truth for Today
In Search of the
Lord's Way
Ghana Radio

NURSERY

Communion Preparation

Apr. 11	Gwen Ellis
Apr. 18	Gwen Ellis
Apr. 25	Shirley Fisackerly
May 2	Shirley Fisackerly

Ladies April Duties

Cards:	Jessica Pettigrew
Food:	Shirley Fisackerly Stacy Usry