

Those to Serve

August 24		August 31	
Morning Worship		Morning Worship	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Ford	Opening Prayer	Loyd Wilson
Song Leader	Kevin Odom	Song Leader	Greg Fabian
Communion		Communion	
Presiding:	Charles Huckabee	Presiding:	Bob Williams
John Genaro	Brian Pack	Kevin Scarsdale	Chris Lindelof
Bob Williams	Gheath Alatrash	Russell Genaro	Jeremy Brown
Phil Godwin	Josh Hamilton	Dwight Ramsey	Ross Genaro
Closing Prayer	Tex Greene	Closing Prayer	Von Knight
Nursery		Nursery	
Tracey Mauney	Laurie Huckabee	Donna Russell	Julee Genaro
Evening Worship		Evening Worship	
Opening Prayer	David Smith	Opening Prayer	Brian Pack
Song Leader	Dwight Ramsey	Song Leader	Bobby Parker
Communion	D. Blair & C. Anderson	Communion	C. Huckabee & B. Russell
Closing Prayer	Eddie Ray	Closing Prayer	Claude Anderson
Nursery	Jalyn Wick	Nursery	Michelle Griffith
Both Services		Both Services	
Ushers (*indicates head usher)		Ushers (*indicates head usher)	
* David Blair, Claude Anderson, Eddie Ray, Kevin Scarsdale, James Taylor		* Charles Huckabee, Bill Russell, Dal Randle, Craig Willeford, Elijah Sandoval	
Announcements	Paul Cartwright	Announcements	Paul Cartwright
Video Camera	Tim Godwin	Video Camera	Kyle Huckabee
Welcomers		Welcomers	
Clifford & Nina Layton		Derek & Tracey Mauney	
Chris & Ginny Lindelof		Greg & Linda Fabian	
Building Lock Up	Eddie Ray	Building Lock Up	Kevin Odom
Wednesday 8/20		Wednesday 8/27	
Song Leader	Bob Williams	Song Leader	Bob Williams
Opening Prayer	Von Knight	Opening Prayer	Von Knight
Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale	Closing Prayer	Kevin Scarsdale
Devotional	Lynn Adams	Devotional	Lynn Adams

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Worship Times:

Sunday

Bible Study9 am

Morning Worship.....10 am

Evening Worship.....6 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Bible Class.....7 pm

Wednesday Bible Study...7 pm

ELDERS

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David Blair – Building & Grounds
Chuck Huckabee – Finances
Chris Lindelof—Benevolence
Kevin Odom – I.T.
Eddie Ray – Education & Missions
Mike Turner— Worship Services

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EQUIPPING THE SAINTS FOR THE WORK OF SERVICE, BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

A LESSON BY PSALM

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I've been reading and thinking about the 15th Psalm which only contains five verses. It begins with a question asked of the Lord and then ends with the answer. It is one of the great teaching passages in Scripture. Yet, these days it has fallen into neglect. The reason isn't surprising, the question asked and its subsequent answers are not all that endearing to the advocates of modern day church pop culture.

(1) **O Lord, who may abide in Your tent? Who may dwell on Your holy hill?** A literal interpretation of "abide" cannot be reconciled with "your tent" if we understand "tent" to mean the tabernacle (KJV) or the sanctuary (NIV) because it was not permitted for anyone to actually live in the tabernacle. So the meaning of the question has to do with acceptance. Who will the Lord accept? Since the tent/tabernacle/sanctuary was the place where ancient Israel came to worship God, the acceptance has to do with the worshipper. David is asking the Lord who is an acceptable worshipper. What follows that question is a study of the character of those who are acceptable.

(2) **He who walks with integrity, and works righteousness, And speaks truth in his heart.** It may be that the second verse is a smaller part of the greater listing of things that are included in the psalm, but it seems to me that it is best understood as the summary answer to the question. The next three verses would then be an expansion of its thoughts. Thus the definition of integrity, the works of righteousness and truth from the heart are illustrated in verses 3 through 5.

(3a) **He does not slander with his tongue,** The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia defines slander as "... an accusation maliciously uttered, with the purpose or effect of damaging the reputation of another. As a rule it is a false charge (compare Mt. 5:11); but it may be a truth circulated insidiously and with a hostile purpose (e.g.

Dan. 3:8, "brought accusation against)." -- "slander" Orr, James, gen. ed. ISBE

It would be hard to pick a sin that is spoken against with greater intensity than this one. It is always condemned in Scripture and it is always associated with the sins of the wicked. In the New Testament we are told to let **"...slander be put away...along with malice"** (Eph. 4:31). It is listed with a group of sins to be put away, each of which involve the tongue: **"But now you also, put them all aside: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive speech from your mouth."** (Col. 3:8). There are many more passages that could be cited that address this great sin but I will offer one more and then move on. I like this one because it tells us what to do as well as what to avoid: **"The heart of the righteous ponders how to answer, But the mouth of the wicked pours out evil things."** (Prov. 15:28).

(3b) **Nor does evil to his neighbor,** It could easily be argued that the evil referred to here also has to do with the tongue. It is sandwiched between two statements that clearly have to do with sins of speech. But in a broader sense it would include any kind of evil to a neighbor. Greed, lust, jealousy, and hatred are a few sins of the heart that want to be expressed in some form of evil. Whether it is by what we say or by what we do ... evil to a neighbor disqualifies us from being an acceptable worshipper.

(3c) **Nor takes up a reproach against his friend,** To make reproach against another is to make that person an object of shame, scorn or derision. Whether it is simply taking up the topic already broached by another or launching into a reproach against a friend without being encouraged to do so, it is a particularly reprehensible sin. Jesus makes it clear that just being a righteous person will make enough enemies for anyone to cope with. But when the slander, false accusations and questions of character are originating from a brother rather than a nonbeliever, the damage and hurt is devastating. Causing a brother to stumble by the things we say could cost us our soul (Mt. 18:6).



YOUTH EVENTS

JR. & SR. HIGH

J.A.M. 3RD THRU 6TH



Jr. & Sr. high Devo will be on August 31.

J.A.M will resume on September 13th from Noon to 2PM.

Bible Class 2 Yr Old—6th Grade

Sunday morning Bible class lesson will be **God Gives Moses The law (Ex. 20)**. Wednesday evening lesson will be **Joshua Follow Moses as leader (Joshua 1)**.



(4) **In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honors those who fear the Lord; He swears to his own hurt and does not change;** Being godly means to be like God and to hold the same moral views that God does. God despised a reprobate and therefore the child of God must as well. A reprobate is someone who knowingly rejects God's ordinances and is thus driven by self will. No one is born a reprobate but one can become a reprobate by refusing to accept what is known to be and going in the opposite direction (Rom. 1:18-32). Honoring those that fear the Lord suggests an approval that might even expose one to criticism. When others speak evil of a saint, you speak commendations, even at the risk of being condemned. Swearing to his own hurt but not changing simply means that a person's word is their bond. You might make a financial offer to someone and before the agreed upon arrangement can be completed the market changes and suddenly your offer becomes a personal liability. If you honor your word regardless, you have suffered a loss but you have kept your integrity.

(5a) **He does not put out his money at interest, Nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.** The two methods by which Satan most often obtains victory are the sins of the tongue and a lust for money. We destroy others with the things that we say and we also destroy them when our

greed causes their ruin for the sake of our financial gain.

Every single offense mentioned in these few verses were suffered by our Lord. He was slandered, made a reproach, and considered a reprobate by those who actually were. Evil was done to Him in every way possible. Men who swore allegiance to Him went back on their own oaths. His arrest was the payoff for a bribe and His "conviction" was as well. Considering these facts, would it be logical to think that a person committing the very things that once put the Savior on the cross is a welcomed worshipper of God?

(5b) **He who does these things will never be shaken.** There is nothing that can destroy a person who walks in integrity, works righteousness and speak truth in his heart! That person belongs to God, is honored by God, is acceptable as a worshipper of God and therefore enjoys the protection of God. Sickness, imprisonment, loss of wages, rejection and death may be endured: Christianity is not an immunization against the troubles of this life – but the soul that belongs to God cannot be shaken from His grasp. However, one must choose to so walk, so work and so speak in order to enjoy this great blessing and comfort.

Keep studying, D. C. Brown ©2008

August Birthdays

22	Robbie Alatrash	22	Laurie Maxcey
24	Jaden Wick	26	Charlie Layton
27	Wanda Knight	30	Josh Hamilton

September Birthdays

3	Dillon Wick	4	Kristen Alatrash
5	Jan Lemoine	6	Pete Griffith
7	Cooper Gartrell	9	Amanda Parsons
13	Teresa Turner	14	Chuck Huckabee

August Anniversaries

29	Ben & Susan Lenamon	31	Ed & Wilma Koob
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September Anniversaries

5	Bill & Wanda Kirby	16	James & Laone Taylor
16	Bobby & Angela Parker	30	David & Brenda Blair

KEPT IN PRAYER

Betty Bazzy, Wayne Dees, Cooper Gartrell, Becky Hopkins and Bill Westmoreland as they continue to struggle with health issues.

Rick Stone remains in Methodist Hospital, Jones Tower Room 1123, with complications from pneumonia and his MS.

The family of **Voyce Drachenburg** who passed away last Friday. Services were held Tuesday.

Kerry Lemoine, son of Jan Lemoine, will undergo cancer surgery on Friday at M.D. Anderson.

Lauren Murphy has been returned to T.I.R.R. She will see an orthopedic specialist in the near future to determine the measures to relocate her hip.

In Continuing Need: **Our Members:** Betty Bazzy, LaRue Case, Cooper Gartrell, Dorothy Kirkland, Ed & Wilma Koob, Janice Lemoine, Claudia Martin, Dwight & Andra Ramsey, Elaine Rawlings, Jennifer & Chase Shelton, Rick Stone. **Shut-In:** Varnell Allison, Katie Barnes, Leonard

Dunford, Louise Farmer, Rossie Gilbert, Rebecca Morganthaler. **Others:** Timothy Anderson, Alexander & Elias Barahona, Elton Bennett, Justin Britt, Delta Burner, Bobby Chenuault, Hazel & Doyal Childress, Margaret Clayton, Michael Dykes, Dee Grigg, Fred & Florence Henshaw, William Kay, Kerry Lemoine, Jeanette Leonard, Margaret McKinney, Pat Miller, Lauren Murphy, Clairette Pool, Katy Ramsey, Betty Rosenberg, Bing Scherzer, Lance Smith, Brett Statham, Kay Taliaferro, Alan Walker, Adam Wilson, Elaine Wilson.

Thank you so much for your continued prayers on Lauren's behalf. We couldn't make it through these very trying times without prayer.

In Christian love,

The Nudelman & Murphy families

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Gary Adams** is the contact elder for August. If you would like to schedule a meeting with the elders, please see Gary.
- **Parents Meeting With Paul** will be Sunday, August 24th, following evening services in the Annex. Child care will be provided in the classroom wing during meeting.
- **Meals On Wheels** week is coming up August 25—29. If can you help, please contact Leah Bateman.
- **Blood Drive for Cooper Gartrell** was very successful. Out of the 23 people who attempted to donate, 15 units were received.

A New Class Is Starting!

I have been asked to begin an informal Bible class which will meet in our home beginning at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, the 9th of Sept. These classes will meet around the table and will cover a variety of topics.

The first assignment I have been given will be to teach a short class on how to fully utilize some of the Bible tools we already have and to acquaint us with others. The skills taught in this class will be useful to every student of the Bible. Plan to come!

You can bring a desert—or *not*—and we will have a good time. Please let me know of your interest so that I can plan accordingly. We will also set a regular time to meet for future classes in that first session. DC