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VISIT US SOON!

Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship..... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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Unity Is Possible (Part 2)

Phil Sanders

Unity is possible when people pay careful attention to the teaching of Jesus and are willing to die to themselves. Actively listening to Jesus means putting away my value filters, my opinions and my assumptions and totally fixing my eyes on the Lord. Loving the Lord means dying to self so we can live for Him (2 Cor. 5:14-15). People can and will see the Scriptures alike when they consciously die to themselves and truly regard Jesus as Lord in their hearts (1 Pet. 3:15). The body of Christ has but one head, and the body can be unified when every member submits to the head.

Unity is possible when brethren devote themselves more to the teaching of the biblical text than they do to their opinions, traditions or desires. The Lord's church is not a democratic republic where every person can vote on what we believe. The Lord's church is a kingdom with only one king, one lawgiver and one judge. We are slaves to our Lord and citizens to our King. When the King speaks, we listen instead of arguing with Him. The Lord's church has no first amendment when it comes to the commandments and instructions of God.

When challenged by some judaizing Christians who distorted the only gospel for a different gospel, Paul declared that such teachers are "accursed" (Gal. 1:8-90, "severed from Christ," and "fallen from grace" (5:4). What they believed mattered to the unity of the church; their error was a serious challenge to the purity of the church. Paul could not remain silent and allow a doctrinal error to attack the whole church. He believed brethren devoted to Christ could control their thinking and "adopt no other view" (vv. 7-10). When brethren allow error to go unchecked, one can be sure a more serious division is inevitable.

Some say unity of the faith is impossible because everyone approaches the Scriptures with their own biases and preconceived ideas. But is this the whole story? The glory and grandeur of Scripture and creation is that our free will allows us to put away erroneous notions and overcome our biases. Though Paul was sure John Mark was not suitable for his ministry in Acts 15:37-39, he found him to be useful to him for service in 2 Timothy 4:11.

To suggest we are so blind we are unable to remove prejudices and false assumptions that arise from our experiences is ultimately to deny that God has granted us the ability to learn, to repent or to change our hearts. We can test ourselves and our thinking. Are Paul's words impossible to keep? "But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil" (1 Thess. 5:21-22).

Intellectual honesty requires us to admit our presuppositions and acknowledge our temptations to bias. While no one has absolute knowledge of all things but God, we are not mistaken or deceived when we affirm the things God affirms and deny the things God denies. By faith we can confidently say with Scripture we "know" certain truths to be correct (e.g., Rom. 8:28; 2 Cor. 5:1; Heb. 11:3; 1 John 5:13).

(from Gospel Advocate, Feb. 2016)

2016 YOUTH DAY

FOREST HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST

MARCH 26, 2016



9:00 -9:30 Registration	11:30-12:30 Lunch
9:30-10:00 Singing (Stephen Sutton, song director)	12:30-12:45 Singing
10:00-10:35 “Faithful Love in Marriage” (Steven Ford, Benton AR)	12:45-1:20 “Jesus Christ: Our Example of Faithful Love” (Josh McCrary, Ripley, MS)
10:45-11:20 “Faithful Love in the Church” (Jonathan Burns, Pulaski, TN)	1:20-1:30 Closing Remarks
	1:30-5:00 Fun & Games

His faithful love endures forever. Psalm 106:1

Forest Hill Church of Christ Adult Classes Spring Quarter, 2015

<u>Location</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Topic</u>
<u>Sunday Morning</u>		
Auditorium (A)	Greg Mangrum	Hebrews
Chapel Hall (E)	T. J. Clarke	God and Suffering
Break Room (E)	Robert Berch	<i>The Domino Effect</i>
(Young Adults)	Daniel Manning	
<u>Wednesday Night</u>		
Auditorium (A)	Barry Grider	II Corinthians
Room 201 (E)	Don Walker	The Old Testament in the Gospel of John
<u>Tuesday Morning</u>		
Ladies Class (A)	Celicia Grider	<i>Heart's Bouquet</i>
Men's Class (A)	Barry Grider	<i>Jesus Christ: The Master Teacher</i>

(A) Auditorium Building
(E) Education Building

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE: Isaac McLaurin Lyle Summitt
ASSIST: Steve Allmond Jagger House
 Lawayne House Raymond Pipkin
 John Pope Brandon Tibbits

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Phil Houston
A.M. CLOSING: Nick Aubrey
P.M. OPENING: Dennis Woods
P.M. CLOSING: Paul Davenport

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK OF February 21, 2016

BIBLE STUDY: 220
 A.M. WORSHIP: 285
 P.M. WORSHIP: 215
 CONTRIBUTION: \$14,415.00

OUR SICK

Carolyn Jones, scheduled for surgery Tuesday, February 23 at Methodist Hospital Germantown.

ILL AT HOME: Sherry Brown, Don Grisham (cataract surgery), Anessa McLaurin, Dorothy Mosher, Cecil Sowell and Avis Terry.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry Albert & Ruth House
 Irby Cole Clarine Justice
 Hazel Eskew Ryan McCullar
 Tommy & Nell Herndon Helen Palazola
 Anita Hopper

INFORMATION LINE: 531-8849

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Brandon Tibbits.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, February 28.

LEGACY ESTATES worship service each Sunday afternoon 3:00 p.m. conducted by Forest Hill.

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "A" (Paul Connell) & TEAM "F" (John Connell) will meet Sunday, February 28 after the morning service for a covered dish luncheon.

HEARTS & HANDS Reorganization Luncheon Sunday, March 13 after the morning service. **Zone 5** is responsible for set-up and clean-up.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' CLASS and MEN'S CLASS meet each Tuesday morning at 10:00 a.m.

SENIOR SINGLES will meet Saturday, February 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Belmont Grill, 9102 Poplar Pike, Germantown, TN.

JCs ASSEMBLE Saturday, February 27 at noon in the fellowship hall for a Lego building competition.

BRIDAL SHOWER honoring Kayla Johnston, bride-elect of J.D. Conley, Sunday, March 6 after the morning service in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond.

YOUTH DAY Saturday, March 26. Theme: *Faithful Love*.

50th MSOP LECTURESHIP March 27-March 31. Theme: *Preach the Word*.

VBS June 6-8.

YOUTH CAMPAIGN to Chalmette, Louisiana, June 11-17.

FOUNDATIONS June 25-July 1.

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET There is a donation box outside the church office to collect new and gently used children's clothing for Hopeworks. Please see Patsy DeShields for more details.

N.B. HARDEMAN LIBRARY
 is open each Sunday afternoon from 12:45-1:15.

Last week's solution :
The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose. It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. Isaiah 35:1-2

CORNERSTONE
 Unscramble the letters in each word below to reveal the passage of scripture.

NDA EHS SIDA UTON TMHE, LLCA EM TON ONMIA, LLCA EM RMAA: ROF EHT MAYTLIHG THHA TLEDA YVRE YTTRLIEB HWTI EM. I WTNE UTO ULLF, NDA EHT ROLD TAHH UTROHGB EM OMHE NIGAA YTPME: YWH TNHE LLCA EY EM ONMIA, ESNIGE EHT ROLD ATHH TTSIIFED TASNIGA EM, NDA EHT GYTMLIHA THHA DEFTLIFCA EM?

Solution next week

CANNED Coca-Cola Products
are needed for Lectureship & Youth Day.
 These include Coke, Diet Coke, Sprite and Dr. Pepper.

NORTH SIDE GREETERS
 Warren and Lisa Davenport (Front)
 Jerry and Lynn Manning (Side)

March 2016

Coordinating Elder: Greg Mangrum

SOUTH SIDE GREETERS
 (Front) Jason and Leah White
 (Side) John and Rebecca Connell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<i>1</i> <i>Tony Callahan</i>	<i>2</i> <i>J. D. Crowe</i> <i>Allan Hart</i> <i>Nancy Price</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> <i>Lisa Howard</i>
<i>6</i> <i>Caleb Berch</i>	<i>7</i> <i>Adam Maund</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i> <i>Lynda Hobbs</i> <i>Carol Mangrum</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>
<i>13</i> H & H Reorganization <i>Brandon Grieves</i>	<i>14</i> <i>Titus Esene</i> <i>Nicole Stafford</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>17</i> <i>Melinda Braddock</i>	<i>18</i> <i>Caleb Myers</i>	<i>19</i> <i>Justin Bean</i> <i>Judy Conley</i> <i>Loeto Boilshwarelo</i>
<i>20</i>	<i>21</i>	<i>22</i> <i>Meagan Clarke</i>	<i>23</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Gene Gordon</i>	<i>25</i> <i>Eli Myers</i> <i>Dianne Callahan</i>	26 YOUTH DAY <i>Toni Ellis</i>
<i>27</i> [_____]	<i>28</i> <i>Helen Palazola</i> _____	<i>29</i> <i>Holy Myers</i> Lectureship	<i>30</i> <i>Mary Sharp</i> _____	<i>31</i> <i>Hazel Eskew</i> _____]		

****Birthdays are in Italics**

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