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Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

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Thanksgiving Proclamation

by
President George Washington

Whereas it is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor— and whereas both Houses of Congress have by their joint Committee requested me to recommend to the People of the United States a day of public thanksgiving and prayer to be observed by acknowledging with grateful hearts the many signal favors of Almighty God especially by affording them an opportunity peaceably to establish a form of government for their safety and happiness.

Now therefore I do recommend and assign Thursday the 26th day of November next to be devoted by the People of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the good that was, that is, or that will be— That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks—for his kind care and protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation—for the signal and manifold mercies, and the favorable interpositions of his Providence which we experienced in the course and conclusion of the late war—for the great degree of tranquility, union, and plenty, which we have since enjoyed—for the peaceable and rational manner, in which we have been enabled to establish constitutions of government for our safety and happiness, and particularly the national One now lately instituted—for the civil and religious liberty with which we are blessed; and the means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful knowledge; and in general for all the great and various favors which he hath been pleased to confer upon us and also that we may then unite in most humbly offering our prayers and supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations and beseech him to pardon our national and other transgressions— to enable us all, whether in public or private stations, to perform our several and relative duties properly and punctually—to render our national government a blessing to all the people, by constantly being a Government of wise, just, and constitutional laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations (especially such as have shewn kindness unto us) and to bless them with good government, peace, and concord—To promote the knowledge and practice of true religion and virtue, and the encrease of science among them and us—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a degree of temporal prosperity as he alone knows to be best.

Given under my hand at the City of New York the third day of October in the year of our Lord 1789. Go. Washington

Jerusalem, A Type of the Church (Conclusion)

Garland Elkins

A CITY OF WORSHIP

The exclusiveness of the New Testament church is seen in the authorized acts of worship that are set out in the New Testament. We cannot have just anything in our worship and still please God. The component parts of worship are stated by Christ in John 4:24. They involve:

Worshipping the right object—"God;"
 Worshipping with the right attitude—"in spirit;"
 and,
 Worshipping according to the will of the Lord
 —"in truth" (John 17:17).

Prayer is another item of worship in the Lord's church (Acts 2:42). Christians are told to "continue in prayer" (Co. 4:2) and to "pray without ceasing" (1 The. 5:17). Prayer is to be addressed to God, not to Mary or to some saint; and prayers are to be prayed in the name of Christ (Eph. 5:20).

The congregation in the days of the apostles gave their contributions on the first day of the week as the Lord had prospered them (1 Cor. 16:1-2). This was a free-will offering. Although the tithe is not bound upon the church of the New Testament, many Christians give more than the ten percent. The New Testament church is not bound by the Old Testament law of tithing (Heb. 7:12). The Lord's church does not resort to raffle contests, socials, and other such methods of raising money for the church. Such was not done by the congregations under the direction of inspired men of the first century, and those who do such things today are not identical to congregations of the first century.

The church of the first century sang as an act of worship (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). The early Christians were limited to vocal music—that is, singing. They did not use organs, pianos, banjos, guitars, or other mechanical instruments in their praise to God. They sang—they did not play. Any church today that employs such mechanical instruments in its worship is not identical to the New Testament church. The true church of Christ now limits its music to singing, as did the church of the first century.

The early church, in addition to engaging in prayer, teaching, giving, and singing, also partook of the Lord's supper on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7).

Jesus commanded his disciples to partake of the supper (Mat. 26:26-28). Paul mentions the same thing in 1 Corinthians 11:24-25. It is, therefore, clearly revealed that the Lord commanded his people to eat of his supper. Not only so, but the Lord's people are

commanded to assemble (Heb. 10:25). This command implies that some day is necessary. There could not be an assembly without some time for the assembly on some day. But what is the connection between eating the Lord's supper and the assembly? Simply this: The disciples ate the Lord's supper when they assembled (1 Cor. 11:20). This was not an eating at home, but when they came together into the assembly to worship—"when they came together into one place" (v. 20). Therefore, Christians came together for the purpose of eating the Lord's supper (1 Cor. 11:33). "And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight" (Acts 20:7).

No one can scripturally partake of the Lord's supper on any day other than "the first day of the week," yet there are those who take it on a Thursday, or on some other day of the week. When they do so, it is without any Bible authority. The Bible plainly teaches it must be done on the first day of the week.

CONCLUSION

The Bible teaches that salvation is in Christ (2 Tim. 2:10). To be in Christ is to be in His church (Gal. 3:26-27; 1 Cor. 12:13; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 20:28; Acts 2:38; Eph. 1:7; et al). The Bible teaches that it is impossible for one to "cross the line" into salvation without "crossing the line" into Christ. The Bible also teaches that it is impossible for one to "cross the line" into Christ without "crossing the line" into the church (Gal. 4:26).

In short, the Bible teaches that there are no Christians outside of the church for which Jesus died. When one obeys the gospel, being baptized (as a penitent believer) in the name of Christ (that is, by His authority), the Lord adds him to the church. He never fails to do this (cf.: Acts 2:41; 1 Cor. 12:13).

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LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE:	John Connell	Warren Davenport
ASSIST:	Robert Berch	Bob Bergstrom
	Ty Phillips	John Pope
	Jack Woods	Jim Woody

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Francis Fairley
A.M. CLOSING: Gerald Brown
P.M. OPENING: Steve Allmond
P.M. CLOSING: Jagger House

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

RECORD, WEEK of November 20, 2016

BIBLE STUDY:	225
A.M. WORSHIP:	315
P.M. WORSHIP:	220
CONTRIBUTON:	\$15,869

OUR SICK

ILL AT HOME: Beth Billings and Allan Hart.

HOMEBOUND

Bessie Berry	Albert & Ruth House
Ann Castleman	Clarine Justice
Virginia Ditto	Ryan McCullar
Hazel Eskew	Helen Palazola
Tommy & Nell Herndon	Jerry & Betty Robbins
Anita Hopper	James Terry

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, November 27.

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

NEW ADULT CLASSES

Beginning Sunday, December 4
Auditorium: *The Parables of Jesus* taught by Greg Mangrum.
Breakroom Educ. Bldg: Young Adults *The Book of Job* taught by Jonah Wood

Beginning Sunday, December 11
Chapel Hall: *The Sermon on the Mount* (continued) taught by Keith Mosher

Beginning Wednesday, December 7
Chapel Hall: *There's Water in the Plan* taught by B. J. Clarke (this class will study events in every age of Bible history in which God employed water to accomplish his creative and redemptive purpose.)

NOTE OF APPRECIATION

Words fail me to adequately thank you for the many acts of kindness during this difficult time. Those of you who have loved, encouraged, provided the luncheon, prayed and did other Christian deeds, we are greatly appreciative. The flowers from the church and MSOP were beautiful. We are indebted to brethren Sutton, Grider, Clarke, Hixon and Smith for their words of love and comfort. I was never so rich as when I married him, and never so poor when I lost him. Our brightest star has gone out but the memory of him will go on forever.

Corinne Elkins and Family

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "B" (Warren Davenport) will receive assignments the week of November 27.

TEAM "C" (Danny Braddock) will receive assignments the week of December 4.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES' and MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. Breakfast at Cracker Barrel, Nov. 29 at 8:45.

WEDNESDAY EVENING November 23, there will be no regular classes. Everyone will meet in the auditorium for a devotional period.

ST. JUDE TOY DRIVE There is a list in the foyer. During November you may bring donated toys to the church office or see Jackson & Kathryn Greer. Also, checks can be made payable to Forest Hill with memo "St. Jude."

JCs will meet Sunday, December 4, after the morning service in the MSOP breakroom. This month's act of worship focus is on "giving". Please bring a sack lunch.

LADIES CHRISTMAS PARTY Thursday, December 8 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Shaunna Hanel. Please bring a White Elephant gift (wrap something you no longer need). Also bring a favorite dish.

WINTER GET TOGETHER Friday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. All are invited! Please see the sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

DIRECTORY CHANGE: Jonathan & Kathleen Beard, 586 Green Oaks Ln, Collierville, TN 38017.

Last week's solution:
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding: for the merchandise of it is better than the merchandise of silver, and the gain thereof than fine gold. She is more precious than rubies: and all the things thou canst desire are not to be compared unto her. Proverbs 3:13-15

CORNERSTONE
Replace each letter with a different letter to reveal the scripture.
XKDLUIVL DLT RYV DJTT PLXKK ZUD WKUPPUB,
ZTYDLTJ PLXKK RJIYD WT YZ DLT AYZTP; DLT KXWUJ
UR DLT UKYAT PLXKK RXYK, XZM DLT RYTKMP PLXKK
FYTKM ZU BTXD; DLT RKUNC PLXKK WT NID URR
RJUB DLT RUKM, XZM DLTJT PLXKK WT ZU LTJM YZ
DLT PDXKKP FTD Y OYKK JTQUYNT YZ DLT KUJM, Y
OYKK QUF YZ DLT VUM UR BF PXXAXDYUZ.
K = L Solution next week Q = J

December 2016

Coordinating Elder: Warren Davenport

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 <i>Linda McCullar Jonathan Rickles</i>
4 <i>Ashley Callahan</i>	5 <i>Kourtland Brown</i>	6 <i>Lyle Summitt</i>	7 <i>Leah Bean</i>	8 Ladies Christmas Party	9 <i>John Palazola</i> Winter Get-Together	10 <i>Raymond Pipkin</i>
11 <i>Daniel Manning Cindy Owens</i>	12	13 <i>Jerry Robbins</i>	14 <i>Douglas Tibbits</i>	15	16	17 <i>Keegan Brown Eddie Ray</i>
18 <i>Albert House Reggie McHaney</i>	19	20	21	22 <i>Brandi Beavers Brian Everson Ruth House Brenda Sturgis</i>	23	24
25 <i>Linda Knipple</i>	26	27	28 <i>Lesleigh Albritton Patricia Chandler Jacob Ownbey</i>	29	30	31 <i>Kalon Lowe</i>

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