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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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"Preaching The Gospel To Every Creature:"

OCTOBER 14-15, 2016

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:30 – 6:50 PM	Singing	Andy Ratliff
7:00 – 8:00 PM	"Preaching the Gospel To Every Creature"	B. J. Clarke

SATURDAY

9:00 – 9:50	Lifting up our Eyes: In Taiwan	John Grubb
10:00 – 10:50	Preaching the Word: In China	Billy Bland
11:00 – 11:50	Fields White Unto Harvest: In India	Mark Reynolds
11:50 – 1:10	Lunch Provided/ MSOP World Missions	B. J. Clarke
1:10 -2:00	Bearing Fruit: In The Pacific Islands	Robert Martin
2:10 – 3:00	Elders and World Evangelism	Steve Vice
3:10 – 4:00	Visit Displays	

DISPLAYS LOCATED IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

"And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15).

Christians and Politics

Roger Johnson

It has been frequently said that this year's election is one of the most critical in U.S. history. That may be accurate; I don't know. Of course, I wasn't alive during earlier years in our history, so I am not familiar with the political climate or many of the issues facing our young nation.

In fact, I had not paid much attention to politics until my college years in the early sixties. I remember Harry Truman and Dwight Eisenhower as leaders of our nation, but don't know from personal knowledge the issues that were considered critical during their presidencies. The first president to whom I paid much attention was John F. Kennedy. Since then I have tried to have at least a working knowledge of national and local issues and the people running for office so that I can be an informed voter.

During the past fifty years I have basically been conservative in my views and have voted accordingly. I have not always agreed with every stance of the person running for office or the one for whom I voted, but I have economic, military, and foreign policy other considerations before making decision. I have tried to cast my vote for the person whom I feel would do the country, state, or local community the most good. I have not confined my voting to one political party, but have placed more emphasis on the person rather than the party.

The people for whom I have voted have not always been on the winning ticket, but that is the nature and beauty of our political system in which every legally registered voter has the opportunity of voicing his opinion at the ballot box. Sometimes I have been disappointed in the person elected and at other times have been pleasantly pleased.

Over the years, as I have matured both in age and as a Christian, the basis on which I have evaluated political candidates has changed, however. At one time, I paid more attention to their economic, military, and tax policies, etc. than anything else. I don't mean to diminish these considerations as being unimportant. They are important. I think all of us are interested in the employment rate, economic growth, military supremacy, and entrepreneurship continuing in a positive direction in America. They have a profound impact on world peace, national security, and a general sense of optimism. We live in a nation that has been greatly blessed because these causes have been emphasized by our leaders. For that I am profoundly grateful.

The concerns I have just mentioned, however, are not the reasons for our national greatness. America's greatness is not found in her economic might, her military strength, or her scientific achievements. I have come to realize more convincingly that the foundation for any nation's greatness is based on her respect for God and the moral standards set forth in the Bible. God's word declares, "Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people" (Proverbs 14:34). For that reason I have tried, in the past several years, to pay closer attention to a candidate's moral convictions and the tenor of his life.

What are his views about same sex marriage, homosexuality, abortion, and the sanctity of marriage as presented in the Bible? Is he or she an honest person or do they practice deception and self-justification? Do they respect civil law or circumvent it? Do they pay their taxes or do they look for questionable loopholes? Are they able to exercise self-control over their tempers and sexual urges? Are they "legal thieves" as they rob the general public in order to "line their own pockets"? By their example, are they able to lead us as a nation in the direction of righteous conduct?

A nation will deteriorate from within and eventually fall, if respect for God and his moral standards are not maintained. The noted historian, Edward Gibbon, once stated, that 19 of the 22 civilizations that have arisen collapsed when they reached the moral state that America is in now. That is what concerns me. It seems to me that the voting public would be wise to examine the moral principles that guide the various candidates before entering the ballot box during this election year. It was once observed, "America is great because America is good. When she ceases to be good she will cease to be great." It takes leaders who are good people to establish and maintain goodness in a nation. Give that some serious thought as you enter the voting booth this year.

(from *Magnolia Messenger*, Fall 2016)

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance" (Psalm 33:12).

LORD'S TABLE

PRESIDE: Wayne Sanders Marv Sowell
ASSIST: Leoto Boitshwarelo Warren Davenport
 Kevin Knipple John Pope
 David Richardson Billy Rodgers

PRAYERS

A.M. OPENING: Lyle Summitt
A.M. CLOSING: Adam Maund
P.M. OPENING: Paul Davenport
P.M. CLOSING: Randy Elliott

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

RECORD, WEEK of October 9, 2016

BIBLE STUDY: 255
 A.M. WORSHIP: 310
 P.M. WORSHIP: 225
 CONTRIBUTION: \$15,780

OUR SICK

Virginia Ditto, St. Francis Hospital, room 558.
Allan Hart, Methodist Hospital Germantown.
Juniper Wren Stacy, newborn daughter of MSOP graduate, Jeff Stacy and wife Meghan, in serious condition in Pensacola, FL.

HOMEBOUND

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

REQUESTED PRAYERS: Shaunna Hanel and John Pope.

PLACED MEMBERSHIP: Robert McConnell, 6150 Fox Ridge Dr, Memphis, TN 38115, (901)606-3453.

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO former Knight Arnold member, Danette Delaney, in the passing of her father, evangelist Virgil Hale, who passed away last week.

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, October 23.

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

CHILDREN'S CLOTHES CLOSET needs your help. We have names of 17 children needing fall and winter clothing. If you can help by providing gently worn clothes, please see Marsha Beliew.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION

Dear Christian Family,

It is hard to put into words the appreciation we have for our family at Forest Hill. You have been kind and encouraging with your visits, cards, food and prayers throughout Velton's hospitalization and rehab. We are grateful for each of you and love you all!

In Christian love,
 The Trimms, Callahans & Knipples

Dear Forest Hill,

Thank you so much for the cards, calls and prayers during the passing of my brother, Doug. Your kindness and concern is very appreciated.

In Christian love,
 Don Grisham

HEARTS & HANDS

TEAM "B" (Warren Davenport) will meet Thursday, October 20 at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Warren & Lisa Davenport. The food will be provided.

TEAM "D" (Randy Elliott) will meet Sunday, October 30 after the morning service in the fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

MONEY MANAGEMENT (9 Week Course) each Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the education building.

FALL YOUTH RETREAT October 14-16 at Chickasaw State Park. Please see Jordan Pugh for details.

MSOP WORLD MISSIONS SEMINAR "Preaching the Gospel to Every Creature," October 14-15. See front page for a complete schedule.

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL, Southaven Church of Christ, Monday, October 17, 7:00 p.m.

LADIES EVENING BIBLE STUDY Tuesday, October 18 at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

FALL FAMILY NIGHT Friday, October 21.

BABY SHOWER honoring Melissa Brown, Sunday, October 23 after the morning service. Gift cards suggested or you may contribute to the money tree.

LADIES DAY at Forest Hill Saturday, November 12.

Last week's solution:

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee. For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising. Isaiah 60:1-3

CORNERSTONE

Replace each letter with a different letter to reveal the scripture.

QVF SREN JSFDD QVFF, MHN XFFL QVFF QVF SREN
 TMXF VKD AMGF DVKHF CLRH QVFF, MHN JF
 IEMGKRCD CHQR QVFF QVF SREN SKAQ CL VKD
 GRCHQFHMHG F CLRH QVFF, MHN IKOF QVFF LFMGF

N = D

Solution next week

L = P

The Johnson Amendment

Barry Grider

Perhaps no one person wielded more influence and power in American political life during the 1950's and 1960's than Lyndon B. Johnson, both as Senate Majority leader and later as President of the United States. In 1954, while facing reelection to the Senate from the state of Texas, Johnson encountered opposition from a non-profit organization which endorsed his opponent in the primary. Johnson exacted revenge by helping to pass what became known as the "Johnson Amendment." The senator's amendment to section 501(c) of the federal tax code put new restrictions on religious and charitable institutions. If you wanted to be tax exempt, according to this measure, non-profit groups could not be involved in partisan politics, or else such groups risked having their tax exempt status revoked.

Of course, this has primarily been utilized by the left to target what are deemed conservative churches (those that oppose candidates who are pro abortion, gay marriage, et al). Those groups who have a liberal bent are usually given a pass not only to endorse candidates but to have those politicians come in and speak from their pulpits. The Johnson Amendment was just another attempt by the government to restrict religious liberty which is guaranteed by the first amendment to the constitution. However, for the past 60 years it has basically gone unchallenged until this year. The Republican nominee for president has actively campaigned against the Johnson Amendment and vowed to revoke such if elected. I pray that such restrictions of religious freedom at some point in our future will indeed be revoked. Regardless let us continue to take a stand for what is morally correct, despite the opposition that may come our way, knowing "we ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29).

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