



THE FOREST HILL NEWS

Volume 44

June 20, 2017

Number 25



**Forest Hill
Church of Christ**
3950 Forest Hill-Irene Rd
Memphis, TN 38125

Office: 901-751-2444
Info Line: 901-531-8849

www.foresthillcofc.org
office@foresthillcofc.org

Elders:

Anthony D. Callahan
Warren Davenport
Gregory D. Mangrum
Harold D. Mangrum
Keith B. McAlister

Ministers:

Barry M. Grider,
Pulpit Evangelist
Matthew Jones,
Personal Evangelist
Garrett Olney, Youth
Jordan Pugh, Youth

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.

HOME OF THE
MEMPHIS SCHOOL
OF PREACHING
www.msop.org

Missions Supported:

Far East/World Evangelism
Good News Today
Gospel Broadcasting Network
House to House, Heart to Heart
Kakinada, India
Murmansk, Russia
Four Seas Bible College
Truth for the World

Free Bible Correspondence Course
Email: fhbiblecourse@gmail.com

Wednesday 2017 Summer Series “The Way of Salvation”

July 5	“Jesus the Savior”	Billy Bland
July 12	“Salvation Through Hearing”	Robert R. Taylor, Jr
July 19	“Salvation Through Believing”	Keith Mosher, Sr
July 26	“Salvation Through Repentance”	B. J. Clarke
August 2	“Salvation Through Confession”	Bobby Liddell
August 9	“Salvation Through Baptism”	T. J. Clarke
August 16	“Salvation Through Faithfulness”	Dan Cates

Wednesday evenings in the auditorium at 7:00 p.m. for 7th grade and up.



“You Don’t Believe In... Music”

Barry Grider

Ask a non member of the church of Christ what they know about us and the most likely answer you will get is “they believe baptism saves and they don’t believe in music.” Of course, Peter, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit declared, “baptism saves” (1 Pet. 3:21). We do not see any reason why we should disagree with an inspired New Testament penman. However, it is a false statement to say the church of Christ does not believe in music in worship. We do. What our denominational friends mean when they make that charge is we do not sing with mechanical instruments of music nor do we apologize for not using them. Of course, music is not limited to instruments. Singing is also a form of music. New Testament Christians love to praise God through song and they do so in every assembly, albeit unaccompanied by mechanical instruments. This is done because it is the biblical or scriptural way.

When I was a boy, I suppose I heard the following passage quoted by preachers and Bible class teachers as much as any other, “And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him” (Col. 3:17). The meaning is well understood, to do something in the name of Jesus means to do that which is authorized by Jesus. An officer of the law has the right to pull over and ticket a driver who is speeding down the highway. His badge gives him the authority. Religiously speaking the authority for what is authorized in worship comes from Jesus and He authorizes through His word. “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16,17). Whatever the Christian does he must do by faith. Paul wrote, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Rom. 10:17).

Most of our religious friends, including more and more of our own brethren, simply do not have a problem with the use of mechanical instruments in worship. Many appeal to their fleshly desires being satisfied instead of respecting the authority of the New Testament. Some still make the silly argument, “the Bible doesn’t say not to use them.” However, if people operate under such a principle, very few things would be excluded. I understood when my mother sent me to the grocery store to get eggs, bacon, and milk, purchasing everything else in the store was excluded.

The music authorized in New Testament worship is singing. Just before Paul spoke of doing all things in the name or by the authority of Jesus, he wrote, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord” (Col. 3:17). In another passage, he penned, “Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord” (Eph. 5:19). The Bible authorizes both generally and specifically. For example, Jesus said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost” (Mat. 28:19). Notice the command is to go and teach. However, He does not say how to go. One can take the gospel by land, sea, or air. However, with regard to music in the church, the Bible authorizes specifically. The biblical command is to sing. This excludes not only mechanical instruments of music but humming or whistling religious tunes in the worship, as well.

Consider, also, the songs we sing are to be psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. We do not sing the latest pop or country music hits, but, rather, songs that are sacred and reflect our relationship to God. Songs that praise the Godhead, extol Christian living, exhort to greater service, provoke us to a closer walk with God, or remind us of the heavenly home would all be included in that which is acceptable to the One we worship. Just like preaching should be scriptural so our songs should be scriptural. We have no right to sing a religious song if that song is not in harmony with biblical teaching.

Furthermore, a Christian who protests the use of mechanical instruments but does not open his mouth to sing is also guilty of sin. In New Testament worship every child of God is commanded and privileged to sing and the instrument that is used is the heart of man. Jesus said, “God is spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24).

The statement that churches of Christ don’t believe in music in worship is false. We believe in music in worship but not mechanical instruments of music. The early church and many religious groups down through the ages have understood the biblical prohibition against instruments of man in worship. The question should not be “why do you not use them?” but, rather, “why do you use them?” seeing they are not authorized by God.

PRESIDE: Jack Braddock
ASSIST: Cole Bennett
 Caleb Hull
 Edison Ray

Cason Grider
 Jagger House
 Andrew Knipple
 Sam Rickles

A.M. OPENING: Paul Connell
A.M. CLOSING: Bob Bergstrom
P.M. OPENING: Lawayne House
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 June 18, 2017

BIBLE STUDY:	330
A.M. WORSHIP:	395
P.M. WORSHIP:	415
CONTRIBUTON:	\$14,766.00

OUR SICK

Aspen White is at home after a heart catheterization.

John Manning is at home recovering from surgery.

Tim Nichols is recovering from surgery, Germantown Methodist.

Audrey Nichols, mother of Tim Nichols, Germantown Methodist.

Andrea Freeman, niece of Lisa Davenport, has been diagnosed with colon cancer. Cards may be sent to 225 S. Forester Dr., Cape Girardeau, MO 63701.

Carol Stover, sister of Helen Sharp, is now in rehab for hip replacement in Union City, TN.

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

OUR SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO:

Phil Houston and family in the passing of his mother, Elsie Houston Johnson, long-time Knight Arnold member.

The family of Joe Heddy, former Knight Arnold member, who recently passed away in Pensacola, FL. There will be a graveside service Monday, June 26 at 11:00 a.m. at the Tiplersville Church of Christ in Tiplersville, MS.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "C" (Danny Braddock) will meet Saturday, July 8 at 5:00 p.m. at the home of Corinne Elkins for a covered dish dinner.

TEAM "D" (Randy Elliott) will receive assignments the week of June 25.

TEAM "E" (Jim Woody) will receive assignments the week of July 2.

UPCOMING EVENTS

YOUNG ADULT DEVOTIONAL Friday, June 23, at the home of Jonathan and Kathleen Beard.

FOUNDATIONS YOUTH CAMP AT MSOP June 24-30. MSOP is requesting all Forest Hill youth who plan to participate in the off-campus activities, please contact Jackie Walker or Joyce Phillips at 901-751-2242 to sign up and/or pay the fee. Thank you.

50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION honoring Jerry & Pati Wright, Saturday, July 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the break room of the education building.

SUMMER SERIES beginning Wednesday, July 5 in the auditorium. Theme: "The Way of Salvation" by various speakers. A complete schedule is on the bulletin board and the front page of this bulletin.

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, June 25.

Check out the new Forest Hill website!

foresthilcofc.org

INFORMATION LINE: 901-531-8849

Last week's solution:

For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:7-8

CORNERSTONE

Unscramble the letters in each word to discover the passage.

HT ROLD SSLEB EEHT, NDA PKEE EEHT: EHT ROLD
 MKEA SIH FECA SNIHE NOPU EEHT, NDA EB USROIGCA
 UTON EEHT: EHT ROLD TLIF PU SIH UTONNNEECCA
 NOPU EEHT, NDA VIGE EEHT PEECA

Solution on last page.

From the Preacher

The apostle Paul instructed, “And the things that thou hast heard among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also” (2 Tim.2:2). The Forest Hill Church believes strongly in training men to preach the soul saving gospel (Rom. 1:16), and for that reason our elders are pleased to oversee the Memphis School of Preaching, which is part of the Bible education program of this congregation. This past Lord’s Day 23 men, having completed their studies in the school, received their certificates of graduation bestowed by our elders and B.J. Clarke, director of the Memphis School of Preaching. Nineteen men received certificates for having completed the two year program. Three men received certificates for completing the World Missions program. One brother received his certificate for completing the MOST program. As an instructor in the school, it has been my pleasure to teach these good men and my prayer is that God will richly bless their efforts as they labor in Christ’s Kingdom.

Presently there are ten brethren ready to enter the summer program of MSOP and 18 more will join them in August. This will make for a very large first year class, and we could not be more pleased. Our prayer is that God will continue to bless our efforts and that more men, along with their good families, will consider the rewarding life of the full time work of an evangelist.

Our Foundations program will begin this coming Saturday. About 200 young men and young ladies will be here for a week of extensive Bible training. It is our hope that through this program a desire will be created within the hearts of these men to preach and/or prepare to be elders in the Lord’s church. We pray that the young ladies will have a strong desire to teach ladies and prepare to be wives of preachers and/or elders. Brethren, pray for us that in all these things God and His Son, Jesus Christ, will be exalted.

Barry

The Forest Hill News
Forest Hill Church of Christ
3950 Forest Hill-Irene Road
Memphis, TN 38125

Address Service Requested