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The Blessings of Obedience

Christian ethics answers the question, "How should I live?" But Scripture does not leave that command bare. God also tells us why obedience matters. Again and again, the Bible connects faithful living with deep and lasting blessing.

At the center of those blessings is fellowship with God. Jesus did not present obedience as a way to earn God's love, but as the way to remain in it (John 15:10). When we keep His word, we are drawn into shared life with the Father and the Son (John 14:23). Obedience brings nearness, not distance. It deepens daily fellowship, and with that fellowship comes joy—joy rooted in God's presence, not in circumstances (Ps. 16:11; 34:8).

Obedience also allows our lives to reflect God's character. When we walk in love, truth, and integrity, we display something of who God is to the world around us (Eph. 5:1; Matt. 5:16). Ethical living is not only personal; it becomes a quiet testimony that can lead others to glorify God.

Scripture further connects obedience with confidence before God. God delights in those who seek to please Him, hears their prayers, and establishes their steps (1 Pet. 3:12; Ps. 37:23). Though obedience does not remove hardship, it brings freedom from sin's rule and strengthens fellowship among believers (Rom. 6:11–14; 1 John 1:7).

Finally, obedience carries eternal weight. God promises reward for faithful living, reminding us that how we live now matters beyond this life (2 Cor. 5:9–10).

Ethics, then, is not merely about duty. It is about choosing a way of life that leads to closeness with God, freedom from sin, fruitful witness, and lasting reward.

- Freddie Klein

AM – When Sin Filled the Earth - Genesis 6:5–9

Children's Bible Time: Front of Auditorium at 5PM

PM – Avoiding Sexual Sins - Proverbs 6:23–25

Read the Bible in 1 Year:

Sunday - Genesis 46–48, Matthew 13:1–30; **Monday** - Genesis 49–50, Matthew 13:1–58; **Tuesday** - Exodus 1–3, Matthew 14:1–21; **Wednesday** - Exodus 4–6, Matthew 14:22–36; **Thursday** - Exodus 7–8, Matthew 15:1–28; **Friday** - Exodus 9–11, Matthew 15:21–39; **Saturday** - Exodus 12–13, Matthew 16;

PRAYER LIST and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER LIST

Please keep both **Ralph** and **Mary Nell Hogg** in your prayers as he recovers.

Dave Sweeney is gradually improving. Continue to pray for him.

Laura Weathers, Sabrena Sowell's friend, is doing well overall but would appreciate prayers to go home soon.

Sue King is feeling much better.

Todd McCullough had surgery recently. Please keep him and Jana in your prayers as he recovers.

Jimmy Lincoln had a medical test on Tuesday. His results were good.

Continue to Remember: Jerry Breeden, Bill & Wilma Davis, Jim Duty, David Elliott, Joanne Hallford, Beverly Jenkins, Tina Kelso, Richard King, Janice Martin, Matt Shelton, John & Melba Sims, Jimmy Smithson, Dave Sweeney, Tony White, Bobbie Wilhoite

Our Shut-ins: Patricia Marsh

SOS MESH

Please let the office know or contact Mike Pope if you are interested in being part of the SOS Edification Ministry. This ministry sends cards to people in and out of the congregation.

Sign Up Sheets

Be sure to check out the sign-up sheets in the foyer for upcoming Share Group outings, youth events, and the Communion/lockup rotation.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

Michael Richardson will be leading a mission trip to Port Antonio, Jamaica, January 30 - February 7. See Kyle Richardson if you are interested in joining.

VISITORS: Please fill out a card from the back of the pew in front of you and place it in the collection plate so we may have a record of your attendance. ❤

Online Giving Instructions

Online:

<https://donate.stripe.com/6oEcQKgAla0HczS000>

App:

Lightpost App



THOSE TO SERVE

TODAY - SUNDAY

Ushers:

Trey Burns, Joe Burns

Song Leader:

William Morrison

Reader and Opening Prayer:

Marshall Post

Scripture:

Genesis 6:5-9

Preside at Lord's Table:

Ryan Haedge

Serve the Lord's Supper:

Matt Lyndoe, Noah

Oppermann, Trey Post, Tony Tucker

Closing Prayer:

Clint Oppermann

Nursery Attendants:

Julie McDaniel,

Jeri Oppermann

TODAY'S EVENING SERVICE

Song Leader:

William Morrison

Opening Prayer:

David Cost

P.M. Preside Lord's Supper:

Bryan Breeden

Closing Prayer:

Tony Tucker

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2023

Devotional Speaker:

Freddie Klein

Song Leader:

William Morrison

Opening Prayer:

Steve Ellis

Closing Prayer:

John Cottrell

Sound for 1/11 Week:

Kyle Richardson

Projector 1/11 Week:

Blake McDaniel

THE RECORD

Last Sunday (1/11/2023)

Morning Worship 129

Sunday School 83

Evening Worship NC

Wednesday Night (1/11/2023) 64

Contribution Last Sunday: \$10,420.00

Contribution YTD: \$20,911.00

Contribution Goal YTD: \$21,000.00

PREPARE COMMUNION - JANUARY

Beth Lincoln

COLLECT COMMUNION CUPS - JANUARY

McDaniel Family

BUILDING LOCK-UP - JANUARY

Warren Family

MONTHLY ELDER CHAIRMAN - JANUARY

Clint Oppermann

ANNOUNCEMENTS and UPCOMING EVENTS

Please contact the church office to schedule an event.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Church Wide

Jan 22nd - Share Group Outing, Tullahoma BBQ

Jan 25th - Teacher Appreciation Lunch

Jan 25th - L2L practice, 2:30pm

Feb 1st - Maury County Wide Devo at Highland Church of Christ

Feb 6th - KFC bowling at Tenn Pin Alley, 5:30pm

Feb 7th - Valentines Banquet

Feb 20-22nd - CYC

Teacher's Appreciation

Join us on January 25 after Bible class as we recognize our Bible class teachers and introduce training for our new Bible Study Guide for All Ages curriculum. The main dish will be provided, with a sign-up available for others to bring sides or desserts.

Valentines Banquet

The Share Group is invited by the youth group to the Valentines Banquet on February 7th. If you are interested in going, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

Magi Boxes

For the month of February, the Dorcas Ladies are requesting donations of the following items: soap bars (no Irish Spring), toothbrushes with holders, soap containers, and bandages.

SHARE GROUP

If you're 55 or better, we'd love for you to join our Share Group! We enjoy monthly outings filled with food, fun, and fellowship. Come connect, laugh, and make memories together.

For more information, contact Joyce Alley or Cherie Warren

Tullahoma BBQ

The Share Group is going on an outing to a Tullahoma BBQ on Jan 22. We plan to leave the building around 10am. If you are interested in going, there is a sign up sheet in the foyer.

MISSIONS MEMO...

Mac Graham • Littleton, NH

In addition to church planting efforts and evangelism in Littleton, New Hampshire, Mac Graham, helps lead the Lancaster Church of Christ. Please pray for these efforts and for many open hearts and minds so more individuals in New Hampshire can learn the Good News about Jesus Christ.

Between the two churches, Mac helps lead two worship services on Sunday, Bible studies on Wednesdays and Thursdays and a personal evangelism class on Fridays.

Mac reports: "Recently we began a work called Monday for the Master. This event is intended to get the congregation more involved with evangelistic efforts and it's working!

We've done door knocking with House to House, written get-well cards that we hand deliver, and other things, for example, last week we got together and hand wrote thank-you cards for the entire police and fire departments here in Littleton and put Gift cards in each one. These included information about the church and a business card for contacting us.

These are an attempt to make certain that each of them knows we exist and to build good will. We have a conversation with whoever we can while doing so and strike up friendships so that we might be able to study the Bible with them.

Monday for the Master has been a benefit both in the evangelistic efforts themselves and also in increasing the confidence to do evangelism in some of our members."

Recently, Mac has started working towards his master's degree through online studies which will enhance his knowledge and equip him for future opportunities in ministry.

Mac is the son of Colin Graham, a missionary in Northern Ireland also supported by Southern Hills.



YOUTH NEWS



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 1st - Maury County Wide Devo
at Highland Church of Christ

February 7th - Valentines Banquet

February 20th-22nd - CYC

This year the cost for each participant will be \$100. This covers housing, food and registration. Please contact Cy with any questions you may have.

Lads to Leaders Practice Schedule:

Today - No practice

Jan 25th - 2:30pm

Feb 1st - 2pm

Feb 8th - 2pm



UPCOMING EVENTS

February 6th - KFC will be going bowling at Tenn Pin Alley! The cost for dinner and activity is \$20 dollars. We will ride in the bus from the church building to the venue. We will be leaving the building at 5:30pm.

TIMES of SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP - 9 AM
BIBLE CLASS - 10 AM

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP - 5 PM

WEDNESDAY EVENING SERVICE - 6 PM
Classes for all ages

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