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Schedule of Services

Sunday
 Bible Class 10:00 AM
 Morning Worship 11:00 AM
 Evening Worship 6:00 PM
Wednesday
 Bible Class 7:00 PM



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| AM Service | | PM Service | | AM & PM Services | |
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| Song Leader | Michael Hawkins | Song Leader | Clint Smith Jr | Announcements | Leon Stocksdale |
| First Prayer | Hayward Blanton | Bible Reading | Robby Stocksdale | Lord's Supper | Joe Sweeney |
| Second Prayer | Clint Smith Sr | Selection | 20 | Offering | Greg Blanton |
| Scripture | John Keaton | Prayer | Ernie Marshall | Usher | Jerry Montgomery |
| Sermon | David Wright | Sermon | David Wright | Count Offering | Art Patrick |
| Lord's Supper | | Closing Prayer | Irvin Williams | Assist Count | Harold Tincher |
| Message | Jerry Casey | <i>If unable to serve please call: Art Patrick 502-819-9481 Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i> | | | |
| Attendant | Hank Tincher | | | | |
| Attendant | Art Patrick | | | | |
| Closing Prayer | Harold Tincher | | | | |

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Longing For Home

By Patrick Hogan

The last six weeks of the year bring a real concentration of holidays. At last two of those holidays generally involve family time when folks look forward to either being back home or having family members from somewhat distant locations come back home. The reunions are usually anticipated and enjoyed.

With such thoughts in mind, perhaps we should focus on the ultimate homecoming. In John 14:1-3 Jesus told His disciples, "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also."

What a glorious thought! Jesus will come again to take His people home to the Father's house!

While there may be things we do not fully understand about Heaven, this much is certain - a place described as the "Father's House" must be a truly wonderful place to be!

To live eternally in the presence of God and Jesus, who gave Himself for us, will be far more joyful than we can comprehend.

As we enjoy family reunions let us be reminded of that great Homecoming. Let's make sure that we are preparing for that day when Jesus will return to take us to the Father's House where we can be with Him forever!

- Patrick Hogan serves as a minister and elder of the Shady Acres Church of Christ, in Sikeston, MO.

The Shell of a Man

David Wright

“The Old Rugged Cross Made the Difference” is a provocative song written by Bill and Gloria Gaither. “Twas a life filled with aimless desperation,” the first stanza begins, “Without hope walked the shell of a man; Then a hand with a nailprint stretched downward, Just one touch then a new life began.” The phrase “shell of a man” captures the empty feeling experienced by sinners. Paul reminds the Ephesians that at one time they were “separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world” (Eph. 2:12). Without Jesus life is meaningless, but then he comes inside and changes everything.

However, empty feelings may return with a vengeance after the novelty of salvation wears off. This is sometimes the result of distress. A Christian may feel hopeless due to the death of a spouse, a disabling injury, a betrayal, or an unwanted divorce. Even Paul, distressed by intense persecution, was “so utterly, unbearably crushed” that he “despaired of life itself” (2 Cor. 1:8). Usually, positive feelings return as a painful situation improves or as adjustments to loss are made.

But sometimes Christians feel empty because they are living empty lives. They strive after all the things the world offers—money, popularity, selfish pleasure—only to discover that they have chased the wind and grabbed a big fistful of thin air. Life is utterly meaningless without God at its center, and that goes for Christians too. The book of Ecclesiastes closes with this exhortation: “Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man’s all” (12:13, NKJV).

Sermon

Matt. 6:9-15

Parable of the Unforgiving Servant (a.m.)

Peter the Fisherman (p.m.)

¹⁵ Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, ¹⁹ addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, ²⁰ giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Ephesians 5:15-20

Memory Verses

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God”

(John 1:1)

“In him was life, and the life was the light of men” (John 1:4)

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, RUBY BLESSITT, MARTIN BONNEY, Ruth Bumpus (Polly), MARAH CASEY, JAYNE CRAVENS, Dennis Davis (Debbie), JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), Gwen Hardy (Deb), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, Elise Jackson (Christine), Alice Jenkins (Ann), Charles & Marlyn Jenkins (Ann), James Jones Ministry, Arletha Kenty (Nathan), Josephine King (Polly), MERLE & JOYCE KNUCKLES, FRANCES LAWTON, SUE LINNE & Rhea, Estin Martin (Jean), POLLY MCCLINTOCK, JERRY & SONJA MONTGOMERY, Carol Mousty (Ann), Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Serving in the Armed Forces: Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Bible Brain Twister

I once made a remark about the hidden books of the Bible. It was a lulu, kept people looking so hard for facts, and for others it was a revelation. Some were in a jam, especially since the names of the books are not capitalized, but the truth finally struck home to numbers of readers. To others, it was a real job. We want it to be a most fascinating few moments for you. Yes, there will be some really easy ones to spot. Others may require judges to help them. I will quickly admit it usually takes a minister to find one of the 17, and there will be loud lamentations when it is found. A little lady says she brews a cup of tea so she can concentrate better. See how well you can compete. Relax now, for there really are the names of 17 books of the Bible in these sentences. One preacher found 16 books in 20 minutes. It took him three weeks to find the seventeenth one.

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