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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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"Welcome hither..."

John Parker

In Shakespeare's The Winter's Tale, King Leontes receives a visit from the son of his best friend, from whom he has been separated for years. In joy of seeing the young man he says to him; Welcome hither,

As is the spring to the earth. Spring will be coming to us soon and will be welcome to all of us. And like Leontes, we welcome as well those we love. The early church also demonstrated that welcoming spirit.

Acts 2:46 "So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,"

Visitors to our services are always most welcome. Let's do what we can to invite people to worship with us.

Mt. Juliet Church of Christ, Mt. Juliet, TN

"Nobody Wears Shoes"

Ken Thomas

Two men were assigned to sell shoes to a remote backward people. As they sent in their reports, one man explained his lack of success with the complaint with this excuse: "Nobody wears shoes here." The other man reported his success in glowing terms, and then said, "This is the best territory I ever had! Nobody wore shoes before I came, but now they do!"

Why the difference? The potential customers were greatly alike, but the salesman had differing attitudes. Rather than lamenting that no one will buy genuine Christianity, let us see the great void that needs to be filled in people's lives, and take the gospel to a lost and dying world. Love will find a way to reach the lost.

I thank God for brethren who are searching for ways to reach the lost. There are people who are searching; will you be the one who takes the time to teach them, to encourage their interest, or even to give them a ride to services?

Jesus said, "Look on the fields; for they are white already for harvest."

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Those Privileged to Serve

AM Service		PM Service		AM & PM Services	
Song Leader	Michael Hawkins	Song Leader	Clint Smith Jr	Announcements	Jerry Casey
First Prayer	Irvin Williams	Bible Reading	Daniel Tincher	Lord's Supper	Joe Sweeney
Second Prayer	Ron Iverson	Selection	37	Offering	Robby Stocksdale
Scripture	Clint Smith Sr	Prayer	Ernie Marshall	Usher	Harold Tincher
Sermon	David Wright	Sermon	David Wright	Count Offering	Art Patrick
Lord's Supper		Closing Prayer	David Blackwell	Assist Count	Marc Owens
Message	Caleb Hamblton	<i>If unable to serve please call:</i>		<i>Do not be slothful in zeal,</i>	
Attendant	Haydn Blanton	<i>Art Patrick 502-819-9481</i>		<i>be fervent in spirit,</i>	
Attendant	Marc Owens	<i>Harold Tincher 812-288-5956</i>		<i>serve the Lord. Rom 12:11</i>	
Closing Prayer	John Keaton				

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The Secret Teachings of Christ

David Wright

Churches with a cult mentality keep some of their doctrines secret. Representatives knock on the door and share some of their group's beliefs, but they are trained to answer certain questions evasively. If pressed for an explanation of this practice, a Mormon or Jehovah's Witness will point to the example of Jesus.

When Christ told the parable of the sower, his disciples understood that he was not giving a farming lesson. They wanted to know what the parable meant. Jesus replied, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God; but for others they are in parables, so that seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand" (Luke 8:10). Did Jesus mean that his true church would keep the uninitiated from learning spiritual secrets?

Not quite. On trial Jesus was questioned about his teachings. "I have spoken openly to the world," he answered. "I have always taught in synagogues and in the temple, where all Jews come together; I have said nothing secretly. Why do you ask me? Ask those who have heard me, what I said to them; they know what I said" (John 18:20-21). Jesus had come not to conceal but to reveal. He cherished no secret doctrines. Everything he taught was accessible to the general public.

Why, then, did the Lord speak in parables? He explained his reason by quoting from the book of Isaiah. The prophet had warned that refusing to see what was plainly visible and understand what was clearly heard would lead to a hardening of the heart (Isa. 6:9-10). Jesus spoke in parables to protect his audience from the great spiritual peril of rejecting his teaching (Luke 8:9-10).

However, the new truth espoused by Jesus (the secrets/mysteries of the kingdom) has long since become the old, old story. True disciples of Christ feel no need to hide their religious beliefs or practices. Everything they know can be stated in the pulpit for even visitors to hear or posted online for all the world to read.

Sermon

Gen. 2:15-23

Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen? (a.m.)

What It Means to Be Lost (p.m.)

11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 8:11-18

Prayer List: Chandra Akers (Marla), Tina & Randy Balentine (Jean), LIZ BLANTON, MARTIN BONNEY, Dallas Bratcher (Debbie T.), Ruth Bumpus (Polly), JAYNE CRAVENS, JANICE DIMMITT, MYRNA DIMMITT, PATTY DIMMITT, ALMA FAYE DORMAN, MILDRED ELLIOTT, Zachary Ferguson, Lillian Foster, Diana Fulks (Norma), FRANK & MARY HARRIS, DOUG & JUDY HAWKINS, Pricilla Hudkins, ALLENE HUSTON, RON IVERSON, 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, Gary Peyton (Jean), Jerrie Phillips, CHRISTINE RHOTON, Cindy Roeder (Christine), Sam Sellers, Wendell & Betty Smith (Polly), FERN TINCHER, ERNESTINE TURNER, NORMA WILLIAMS, Fulton Wilson (Ann)

Military Service: Matt Bartram, Joey Blanton, Stephen Blanton and Scott Viers

Hamburg Pike Happenings

The next "Monday Night for the Master" meeting is March 18th at 6 pm. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend. Joe Brothers will be making his third presentation in the series "Taking the Gospel to the World on Our Street." The message for Monday evening is entitled "A Congregational Strategy: No Degree Required." The theme for our meal is Mexican.

Saturday March 16th we will have a Youth Group outing at Puzzle's Fun Dome in Louisville. We encourage all kids to enjoy the fun, please see Clint Jr. for details.

Kid's Day is Sunday, March 17, the morning message is entitled "'Why Does God Let Bad Things Happen?'" A pizza lunch and games will follow the a.m. service. Caleb Hamblton, our prospective summer youth minister, will teach a class for grades 5-12 that morning.

Clint and Ashley's Fellowship group will meet Sunday March 17th after the a.m. service. Their group will make cookies and help with Kid's Day.

Clint and Debbie's Fellowship group will meet Sunday March 24th after the a.m. service.

We want to express our appreciation for the spring flower arrangements in the auditorium. Every quarter Teresa McClintock uses her artistic talent to make our house of worship more appealing. Thank you, Teresa!

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