

SERVING IN WORSHIP

March 10, 2019
Sunday Morning Worship

Call to Worship
Matthew 20: 20-28

Nathan Graves
Song Leader

Larry Miller
First Prayer

Barry Phillips
Presentation

Barry Carey
Lord's Table

Dwight Mullett * Doug Driver
Brandon Graves * Steve Tomlinson
Speaker

Johnny Felker
Prayer & Announcements

Michael Pittman
Usher: Dennis Blanton

Sunday Evening Worship

Call to Worship: Psalm 3: 1-8
Barry Phillips

Song Leader
Ralph Brown

First Prayer
Dwight Mullett

Speaker
Johnny Felker

Lord's Table
Walter Culbreth

Prayer & Announcements
Michael Pittman

Usher: Dennis Blanton

Remember in Prayer The Sick

Amy Hall, Heather Blanton's sister, is currently at home undergoing cancer treatments. Her health continues to slowly decline. Cards can be sent to Amy Hall, 550 E. 7th Street Salem OH 44460.

Frankie Patterson remains at the Vanco Manor Nursing Home and Rehab facility (813 S. Dickerson Rd. Goodlettsville, TN 37072) She seems to be slowly adjusting to life there.

Brian Mitchell, Eva's husband, is home now and continuing with physical therapy. Cards can be sent to: Brian Mitchell, 320 N. Shawnee Blvd., Jackson, MO 63755.

Derrick Pittman, cousin of Barry Phillips, underwent surgery for kidney cancer. We are waiting on news of what treatments will be needed.

Neal Smith, a former member here, continues to suffer from several medical issues. At last report he was still in the hospital. Their address is in the back of the directory if you would like to send a card.

Barbara Johnson, sister-in-law of JoAnn Steele was to have colon cancer surgery this past Wednesday, but it has been delayed for a few weeks.

Let us continue to remember our ailing church & family members, and our shut-ins, with our fervent daily prayers.

Shirley Miller (Larry's mother), Dennis Stepp (Dennis Blanton's brother-in-law) Ernestine Reed, Janett King, Clara Burkett, David Smith, Chelsea Gilliam(a friend of Betty Copley), Susie Kaiser, Susie Martell, (friend of Shirley Ford), Paige Toxey, Elbert Jacks (Brandon Graves' grandfather), Jason Cummings (Amy Pittman's brother), Judy Cannizzaro, Keith Barclay (a friend of Betty Copley's), Vernice Sharpe (Shirley Ford's sister), and Marty Haselden, Carol Badacour's sister-in-law, and Barry Carroll, Sue King's brother-in-law.

News & Notes

Group 3 will meet today in the Library after morning service.

—BIRTHDAYS—

12th: Susie Kaiser

15th: Hannah Thrall

ELDERS: Doug Driver, Johnny Felker

DEACONS: Ralph Brown, Mark Claypool

Perry Heights Weekly Bulletin

“...let us consider how we may encourage one another”
Heb. 10:24

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Service Times:

Sunday Bible Study at 9:00 A.M. Worship 9:55 A.M. & 6:00 P.M. Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 P.M.

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Three Keys to Happiness

Yesterday I caught just a bit of the Today Show and a segment they're doing on happiness. They were interviewing an author whose name I missed and then revealed the happiest places in the world.

The author said there were 3 factors to happiness. (1) How much pleasure you have in your life. (2) How much pride you have in your life and (3) If you're fulfilling your purpose in life.

Denmark was then revealed as the happiest country in the world. Why? One of the reasons is because Danes ride bikes. There are more bicycles in Denmark than people.

Wanna be happy? Now you know how.

We live in a world obsessed with happiness. There are thousands of books on Amazon advertising how to be happy. Among them are “The 100 Simple Secrets of Happy People.” “The 18 Rules of Happiness.” “9 Habits of Maximum Happiness.” “How to be Happy, or at least less Sad”.

Our culture looks at pleasure, pride, and possessions as leading to happiness. Or living in a different country and riding a bike will make you happy. Here's what the Bible says about happiness.

(1) Real happiness begins with God. “Happy are the people whose God is the Lord” (Ps 144:15). Since God made man, He knows what makes him tick. What he needs. How he can enjoy life to its fullest. A genuine relationship with the Lord is the right starting place.

(2) Wisdom produces happiness. In Proverbs 3:13-18, the wise man expressed it this way:

Happy is the man who finds wisdom,
And the man who gains understanding;

MEMORY VERSE: COLOSSIANS 1: 13-14

Preacher's Pen points

The Call to Daily Service



“For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13)

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Jesus defined His p_____ in life in terms of service.

“... the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to s_____, and to give His life a ransom for many.” (Matthew 20:28)

Jesus showed a servant's heart in w_____ His disciples' f_____ (Jn. 13:3-5).

Jesus taught His disciples to imitate His e_____ of service.

If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also o_____ to wash one another's feet. For I gave you an e_____ that you also should do as I did to you.” (John 13:12-17)

As Jesus' disciple, Paul t_____ and i_____ Jesus' example of service.

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with h_____ of mind let each of you regard one another as more i_____ than himself; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:3-4)

“Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in C____ J____, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a b____-s_____.” (Philippians 2:5-8)

“But even if I am being poured out as a drink offering upon the s_____ and s_____ of your faith, I rejoice and share my joy with you all.” (Philippians 2:17)

Let us also then serve like Jesus!

Let us serve out of a h_____ heart (Mt. 6:2; Lk. 22:25).

Let us serve out of a l_____ heart (Gal. 5:13; 1 Cor. 13:3).

Let us serve out of a g_____ heart (Luke 6:34-35).

Every day we have the opportunity to serve like Jesus by serving our families, by

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For her proceeds are better than the profits of silver,
And her gain than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies,
And all the things you may desire cannot compare with her.
Length of days is in her right hand,
In her left hand riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to those who take hold of her,
And happy are all who retain her.

Read those words again. Let them sink in. Wisdom is better than silver or gold? Wisdom is more precious than rubies and riches? Wisdom produces pleasantness and peace? Wisdom brings happiness? Yes!

(3) Happiness comes when we trust and obey. “He who heeds the word wisely will find good,” observed Solomon, “And whoever trusts in the Lord, happy is he” (Prov. 16:20).

There's an old song by the 19th-century hymnist, John Sammis whose refrain repeats this truth:

Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

I believe that the Biblical definition of happiness leads to something even better—real joy. The joy of the Lord. The joy of faith. Joy in the Holy Spirit. And the joy of salvation. The Bible speaks of this kind of joy 158 times. The word “joy” is closely connected to “grace.” It is that which bestows or occasions pleasure or delight. Grace comes from God. And when you obey God you experience joy.

Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may remain in you, and that your joy may be full” (Jn 15:11)

Paul penned, “the fruit of the Spirit is joy” (Gal. 5:22).

And it is this joy that can sustain us even in times of trial and support us during days of suffering (James 1:2; 1 Peter 4:13).

Actually, happiness is a by-product and not the goal. When we are seeking God, growing in wisdom, obeying His Word and trusting His guidance, we will find inner joy, peace of mind and contentment of spirit.

—Ken Weliever, The Preacherman (October 7, 2017)