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The Lamb's Bride (Revelation 21:9)

Tim Dooley

Jesus, the Son of God, came into this world to do one thing. Luke 19:10 says, "*For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.*" From the beginning of time the Father had a plan that would save mankind from death and offer redemption to all who would submit themselves to His Son (2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2). Jesus came to enact that plan (John 4:34).

Part of that great plan was the establishment of the kingdom, or church. Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "*Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*" In order to accomplish this Jesus had to shed His blood and give His life. Arising victorious over death He accomplished that which He had prophesied. In doing so He purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28).

The Hebrew writer tells us, "*Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us*" (Hebrews 9:12). Also notice, "*Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate*" (Hebrews 13:12). And John wrote, "*And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood*" (Revelation 1:5).

Now with these things in mind let me ask what I believe to be a most pertinent question, "What do we owe Him?" Some would say nothing at all and most live that way, but the truth is we owe Him everything! That is why we are told time and again to live faithful lives. He demands fidelity from each of us individually and every local congregation.

God's Word refers to the church of His dear Son as a bride. Sadly, so many, too many, are committing spiritual adultery. Individually, many who once were joined to the Son through the act of baptism have left Him for another. Be it the world or a denomination (which are not part of His church).

Many congregations have likewise run off with another man's wife. Some of them, like the physical adulterer, don't realize what they are doing. Others unfortunately know and just don't care. Innovations that have no biblical authority drive men into Satan's arms. Even those who do not hold to or teach some new or false thing can be guilty of spiritual unfaithfulness if they fail to do those things which are commanded.

I wonder how God feels when those He loves and gave His life for, who promised to love Him and be faithful, leave Him for another. If another has ever betrayed you, then you know how He feels. Why would we do that to Him who loves us so much? Be Faithful.

THOSE TO SERVE THE MONTH OF MAY 2021

Announcements: Steve Hill
Sound Room: Jason Jennings
Usher: Brian Carpenter

Lead Singing Sun. A.M. ~ Andy Brown
 P.M. ~ Richard Jennings

Wed. Night: (5th) ~ Shaler G.; (12th) ~ Hunter J.,
 (19th) ~ Thomas W.; (26th) ~ Clay J.

Sunday Prayers:

May 02
 A.M. Roger Clayton
 Owen Clayton
 P.M. Shaler Grigsby
 Ronnie Griggs

May 09
 A.M. Larry Cobb
 Martin Crotts
 P.M. Perry Jones
 Clay Jennings

May 16
 A.M. Dane Coggin
 Shane Crotts
 P.M. Joe Owen
 Troy Robertson

May 23
 A.M. Mark Jennings
 Hunter Jennings
 P.M. Terry Stubblefield
 Mason Simmons

May 30
 A.M. Paul Ormon
 Matt Jennings
 P.M. Steve Todd
 Randy Wall

Lord's Supper

May 02 ~ Greg Clayton; May 09 ~ Kurt Clayton; May 16 ~ Shane Crotts
 May 23 ~ Tim Dye; May 30 ~ Kevin Simmons

Scripture Reading:

May 02 — Olen Clark
 May 09 — Jackson Coggin
 May 16 — Dean Dillard
 May 23 — Clayton Hill
 May 30 — Mike Brown

Wednesday Prayers:

May 05 — Richard Jennings; Alvin Parks
 May 12 — Harold Russell; Thomas Wall
 May 19 — Phillip Young; Phil Young
 May 26 — Richard Adams; Bill Botts

Lock:

May 02 — Jason Jennings
 May 09 — Dan Cobb
 May 16 — Mark Jennings
 May 23 — Matt Jennings
 May 30 — Steve Todd

Security:

May 02 — Randy Wall
 May 09 — Phillip Young
 May 16 — Joe Owen
 May 23 — Richard Adams
 May 30 — Greg Clayton

Usher:

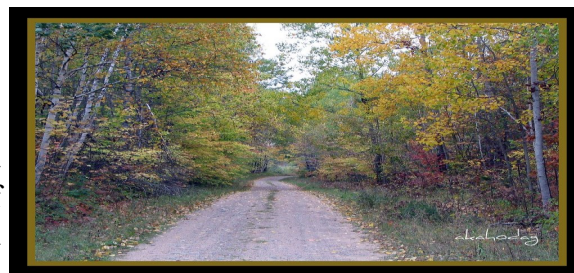
May 02 — Roger Clayton
 May 09 — Mark Jennings
 May 16 — Randy Wall
 May 23 — Kurt Clayton
 May 30 — Shane Crotts

Host Youth Devo: Joe & Bonnie Owen

* If you are unable to carry out your assignment please let
Randy Wall know before service time!

The Road Less Traveled By

Tom Lucas



Why are so many people concerned with living their lives in a pattern like those around them? It seems that a majority of people in this country are mainly concerned with fitting in and conforming to a pattern set forth by so called “Mainstream America.” Sadly, this pattern does not follow the path set forth by Christ, and it is one that leads to destruction.

The famous poem, *The Road Not Taken*, by Robert Frost ends with these words...”two roads diverged in a wood, and I took the one less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.” As Christians, we do not need to take the path that is traveled by most people in this world.. We need to look different and be set apart. The Psalmist understood who should lead him down the path of life in Psalm 16: 1-7: “*I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me. I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad, and my whole being rejoices; my flesh also dwells secure. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol, or let your holy one see corruption. You make known to me the path of life; in your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.*” We need to be instructed by God’s Word and let Him be our guide.

What is being accepted as the “norm” by everyday Americans is a far cry from the behavior that God would have us live. The traditions America were based upon are under attack, and as Christians we need to stand up and let our faith be seen.

YOU TUBE ~ LIVE STREAMING ~ Sun. @ 9:30; 1:15 Wed. @ 6:30

PRAYER LIST



Andrea Hill returned to UAB Hospital on Monday for surgery.

Kathy Dye will undergo tests this week.

Gloria Jones has several family members in need of our prayers. Her brother, *William Wilson* received news his cancer has spread. Her brother, *Donald Wilson* is in kidney failure and her nephew *Donnie Wilson* is having complications due to a stroke. Please keep these men in your prayers, as well as *Gloria* and *Perry*.

Caleb Jennings will leave Saturday, May 1st for Jackson Hole, Wyoming. He will be there through August. Please pray for Caleb as he travels and works away from home.

Continue to Remember:

Masey Kate Adams, Mitchel Barton, Betty Boren, Kathy Clayton, Audrey Clement, Shane Crotts, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmett, Madison Hardy, Jason Jennings, Luke Jennings, Gloria Jones, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski, Olivia Pounders, Susie Robertson, Bobby Sweat, Ansley Thompson, Lake Tremble, Charles Ulmer, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe Garner, Nancy Petrowski

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Bill & Helen DePriest, Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals

SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP 1:15 P.M.

This Sunday, May 2nd, we begin our new schedule of meeting at 1:15 p.m. for our evening worship service. We will also enjoy a fellowship meal together between services. Every first Sunday of the month, we will have a fellowship meal and the fellowship building will be open each week thereafter for those who wish to bring lunch and eat between services.

I've Learned

There is no better exercise for strengthening the heart than reaching down and lifting people up.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



- May 02..... Madison Grigsby
- May 03..... Anderson Parks
- May 04..... Ruston Adams
- May 07..... Randy Wall



RESPONSE

Kenessa Sweezer responded to the invitation Sunday morning, April 25th, asking for prayers, strength and encouragement to live as Christ would have her. Please keep *Kenessa* in your prayers. She and her family are special to us all.

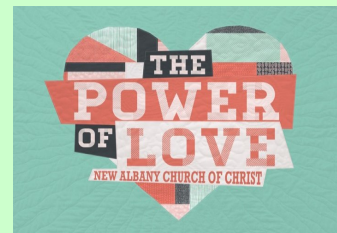
CHURCH HAPPENINGS

- May 1st** Youth (7th-12th) will travel to Top-golf in Huntsville.
- May 1st** Game Night will be held at the fellowship building from 4:00-8:00p.m. Bring finger foods and your favorite games.
- May 12th** NAYPE (New Albany Youth Prayer & Evangelism) after Wed. night service.
- May 15th** Golf outing at the Ole Miss Course around 9:00a.m. Cost is \$40 for green fees/cart. Sign-up sheet is on the table in the foyer.
- May 16th** Recognition of Seniors after morning service. Please bring finger foods.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be June 13th-16th. Please mark these dates on your calendar and help us prepare for a great week for our kids and those in our community!

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday School.....9:30
Morning Worship.....10:30
Evening Worship.....1:15
Wednesday Bible Study....6:30

MINISTERS

Tim Dooley.....859-486-4215
Shaler Grigsby...Youth/ Assoc.
.....256-263-9137
Office.....662-534-4649

ELDERS

Greg Clayton.....252-9762
Tim Dye.....316-2527
Richard Jennings316-1305
Troy Robertson316-3163
Phil Young.....316-2059

DEACONS

Kurt Clayton.....316-6420
Shane Crotts.....266-0195
Jason Jennings.....801-3260
Mark Jennings....731-609-3309
Randy Wall316-9255

TO SERVE

Communion.....Greg Clayton
Scripture.....Olen Clark
A.M. Prayer.....Roger Clayton
Closing.....Owen Clayton
P.M. Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby
Closing.....Ronnie Griggs
Greeters.....The Grigsbys
Lock.....Jason Jennings
Usher Roger Clayton
SecurityRandy Wall
Wed. Open 5thR. Jennings
Wed. Close 5th.....A. Parks

OUR RECORD

Sunday School.....92
Sunday A.M.....115
Sunday P.M.....79
Wednesday.....94
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HOME SPUN WISDOM

- ◇ Troubles in marriage often start when a man gets so busy earning his salt that he forgets his sugar...
- ◇ Too many couples marry for better or for worse, but not for good...
- ◇ When a man marries a woman, they become one—but the trouble starts when they try to decide which one...
- ◇ Remember just because many couples “harp at each other” does not mean that their marriage is made in heaven!

A merry heart doeth good... Proverbs 17:22