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Idolatry vs. Idlety

Tim Dooley

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

MINISTERS

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 Phil Young.....662-316-2059

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2021 THEME

“The Power of Love”



OUR RECORD

10/17/2021

Sunday School..... 95
 Sunday A.M.....126
 Sunday P.M..... 91
 Wednesday.....94
 Contribution.....\$4,979.20

Okay, so “idlety” isn’t a word. But those of you who know me know that I am not shy when it comes to making up and using unwords. And though “idlety” isn’t a word there seems to be an awful lot of it going on today. In the parable of The Workers in the Vineyard in Matthew 20 Jesus said that the landowner went out in the eleventh hour and asked those who stood around doing nothing, “*Why have you been standing here idle all day?*” If you are an “idle” Christian consider that it is not because:

1. **THERE IS NOTHING TO DO.** We are called to be workers! In John 4:35 Jesus says, “*Do you not say, ‘There are still four months and then comes the harvest?’ Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!*” My dad used to tell me when I was a kid, “All you have to do is look around, there is always something to do.” There is a lot of work in the kingdom that needs to be done. And often times neglected work never gets done. Someone once said, “The duty of the many should not be the task of a few.”
2. **THERE IS PLENTY OF TIME.** Jesus said, “*I must work the works of Him who sent Me while it is day; the night is coming when no one can work*” (John 9:4). Christ knew that the time He had to accomplish the work He was sent here to do was not limitless. And He wanted us to know that we are in the same predicament. The fact is that time is running out on us. For many of us it is indeed the eleventh hour and the rest of us don’t know how much time we have left. I often find that there is too much to do and too little time in which to get it done. But we should not, or cannot, allow that to deter us from doing as much as we possibly can in the time we have here on earth. Time is running out on all of us (James 4:13-14).
3. **THE PAY IS TOO LOW.** Godliness is profitable both here on earth and in eternity. The apostle Paul told Timothy that, “*bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come*” (1 Timothy 4:8). The blessings that we receive in this life as obedient, faithful, busy servants of God make our lives a joy to live. We have hope, peace, love, and the fellowship and friendship of a family that the world longs for but never finds in the myriad of relationships and activities that offer only false hope and an inadequate sense of security. Besides all this we are promised a crown, a home, a reward, an inheritance, which can only be faintly understood and communicated in human terms.

So, I ask, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” If you have never obeyed the gospel by repenting of your sins (Acts 17:30), confessing the name of Jesus as the only begotten Son of God (Matthew 10:32–33), and being baptized for the remission of your sins (Acts 2:38), “Why have you been standing here idle?” If you have done these things but are not faithful, “Why have you been standing here idle?” If you have not been as active (or as active as you should have been) in the labors of the kingdom, “Why have you been standing here idle?” The declaration of Amos echoes across the fields of harvest, “*Woe to you who are at ease in Zion*” (Amos 6:1). Get busy and be faithful!



Dooley noted...

A special thanks to Andy and Kevin for filling in last Sunday while Colleen and I were away. We had a great visit with a number of old friends and got to see our kids and celebrate Rachel’s birthday. But being there was odd... while familiar, it wasn’t home. Amazing how we have grown to love y’all as family and home in such a short period of time. We missed you and it’s good to be home.



PRAYER LIST

Larry Cobb has been placed under Hospice Care. It's ok to have visitors. Please keep Larry and the family in your prayers.

Michele Kimsey entered Hope House in Memphis on Tuesday to begin chemo and radiation treatments.

Nancy Frohn is recovering from pneumonia. She is at home, still very sick.

Duke Loden from the West Main Congregation, is recovering from triple by-pass surgery. He was a former member here

Sympathy to: Alyce Jennings & family in the death of her uncle, Mitchel Barton. Funeral was Thursday in Hartwell, GA.

Continue to Remember:

Amanda Coggin, Kyle Crotts, Shane Crotts, Don Hobson, Prebble Foster, Eleta Grimmitt, Madison Hardy, Becky Harville, Barbara Holt, Luke Jennings, Sue Marques, Betty McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Roy Sharp, Sue Stroud, Ansley Thompson, Sarah Grace Wise

Shut-Ins:

Helen DePriest, J. L. Eaton, Linda Griggs, Billy Joe & Benita Garner, Sue Marques, Nancy Petrowski

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



October 27 ~ Mark Jennings

October 28 ~ Peyton Coggin

October 29 ~ Phil Young

October 31 ~ Steve Todd

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

October 26 ~ Andy & Victoria Brown

October 27 ~ Jason & Amy Jennings

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

- Food items for children at Myrtle School (Kurt)
- Supplies for Pine Vale each quarter (Kurt)
- Coloring Books/Crayons for Le Bonheur (Andy/Vic Brown, Kurt/Shelly)
- Snack bags and activity books for dialysis center (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Food items for children at West Union School (Brian, Matt, Shane)
- Provide bags for foster children (Brian, Matt, Shane).
- Provide hygiene products for students. August-West Union; September-New Albany High School; October-Myrtle; November-New Albany Middle and NAES; December-East Union; January-Ingomar (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Caring for our church family (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Assist our elderly and the sick with yard work (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Run errands for our shut-ins (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Prepare care boxes for our shut-ins (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Blood Drive date TBA (Kevin/Stephanie)
- Newborn baby items (diapers, wipes, blankets, bibs) for twin girls due in January are needed—friend of Madison Griggs.

THANK YOU FROM PINE VALE

Thank you for the fresh meat and pantry goods you brought to us October 8, 2021. Your donation helps us out so much here on our campus. We are proud you support our children in this special way.

May God bless you in all your kind deeds.

Randy Collum, Executive Director

AREA MEETINGS

- **Gloster Street Church of Christ** Gospel Meeting with David Powell is November 7th-10th . Sunday night 6p.m.; Monday-Wednesday 7:00p.m.
- **The New Albany Church of Christ** will host the Area Wide Youth Meeting November 14th at 5:00p.m. The speaker is Tim Dooley.

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- The 7th grade & up Youth will meet this afternoon at 4:30p.m. at the home of Andy & Victoria Brown. Boys bring drinks, girls bring tortilla chips/Fritos.
- The Youth will go to the Haunted House Saturday, October 30th. See Shaler for details.
- Trunk R Treat will be next Sunday, October 31st at the Youngs' tractor shed at 5:00p.m. (tentatively). Everyone is invited. Please sign the list on the table in the foyer if you plan to attend.
- The Yah-Hoo Group will go Simmer on Down in Dumas Friday November 5th. For those who want to meet at the church building and ride together, we'll leave at 4:30. All are invited to come.
- A Veteran's Day Celebration will be held at West Union School Nov. 11th with breakfast 8:30a.m.-9:00a.m. and the program at 9:00a.m. Please RSVP to (662) 534-6745 if you are a Veteran who will be attending.
- If you are interested in going to the Ark Encounter in Kentucky November 11th-14th, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.
- If you are interested in going to CYC, please sign the list on the table in the foyer.
- Congratulations to Masey Kate Adams for being named Division 1-4A Volleyball Player of the Year and 1st Team All Division.

AM SERMON OUTLINE

This Little 'Christian' Light of Mine

Matthew 5:14-16

- I. THE HOME - THE HOUSE OF THE _____
 - A. The home is only a sweet place if those who live in the house make it so
 - B. In the New Testament houses were used for daily teaching about Jesus (Acts 5:42)
 - C. They were places for Christian fellowship (Acts 2:46)
 - D. Homes should be places where God is taught and loved (Proverbs 31:15, 21, 27; Ephesians 6:4; Colossians 3:21)
- II. THE CHURCH - THE HOUSE OF _____
 - A. We should give light unto all who are in God's house (Ephesians 2:19; Galatians 6:9-10)
 - B. We are to walk together in the light and in fellowship with one another (1 John 1:7)
 - C. By our example we encourage others to continue in the right way (Ephesians 5:8)
- III. THE WORLD - THE HOUSE OF _____
 - A. Darkness is scary
 - B. The first thing God created in a dark and empty world was light (Genesis 1:1-4)
 - C. When sin entered the world, the world became a dark and fearful place (2 Corinthians 4:3-4; John 8:12).
 - D. Messengers from God are characterized by light (John 5:33-35; Acts 13:47; Matthew 5:14; Acts 26:18).

PM SERMON OUTLINE

I Am Not a Pessimist

Proverbs 23:7

- I. LIFE IS NOT FREE FROM _____ (Job 14:1-3)
 - A. Tribulations Will Come Upon Every Christian (John 16:33; 1 Peter 4:16)
 - B. The Christian Life Is Not Free From Challenges (2 Corinthians 12:6-10)
 - C. Sickness Comes Upon All People (Phil 2:25-28; 1 Tim 5:23)
- II. NOT EVERYONE WILL _____ YOU (John 1:11; Galatians 4:16; Ephesians 4:15)
- III. SOMETIMES YOU WILL _____ IN SPITE OF YOURSELF (Romans 7:15-25; 1 John 1:7-9)
- IV. YOU CAN'T DO _____ (Matthew 25:15; Romans 12:4-16)
- V. SPIRITUAL GROWTH IS A _____ PROCESS (John 3:1-5; Hebrews 5:12-14)
- VI. _____ IS OUR KEY TO VICTORY (2 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 2:8; Hebrews 11:1-2)
- VII. YOU CAN'T _____ GOD (Galatians 6:7-8; Psalm 73:11; 139:1-2)

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Andy Brown
SONG943 I Love You, Lord
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Andy Clemmer
SONG.....511 Oft We Come Together
LORD'S SUPPER/OFFERING....Deacons
SONG.....669 This Is My Father's World
SONG.....961 On Bended Knee
SCRIPTURE READING.....Jackson Coggin
OPENING PRAYER.....Tim Dye
SONG.....781 Wonderful Story of Love
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....770 While Jesus Whispers to You
CLOSING SONG.....340 Into Our Hands
CLOSING PRAYER.....David Clayton
USHER.....Matt Jennings & Shane Crotts
LOCK.....Shane Crotts
SECURITY.....Dan Cobb
GREETERS.....Jason & Amy Jennings

P.M. SINGING.....Phillip Young
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Roger Clayton
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Dane Coggin

~Remember to silence your cell phone~

THOSE TO SERVE

Sunday, October 31, 2021

Sunday A.M.

Greeters.....M & A Jennings
Announcements.....Andy Clemmer
Singing.....Mike Brown
Lord's Supper.....Deacons
Scripture Reading.....Brian Carpenter
Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby
Closing Prayer.....Martin Crotts

Usher.....Matt Jennings/J. Jennings
Lock.....Jason Jennings
Security.....Dane Coggin

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Andy Brown
Opening Prayer.....Randy Wall
Closing Prayer.....Ronnie Griggs



Worth pondering...

For Those Who Speed on the Highway
(Mrs. Dooley) - A Few Hymns

45 mph.....God Will Take Care of You
65 mph.....Nearer My God To Thee
85 mph.....This World Is Not My Home
100 mph.....Precious Memories

"A merry heart does good like a medicine, but a broken spirit dries the bones."

Proverbs 17:22

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