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THE IMPORTANCE OF FOCUS FOR BEING BETTER

Tim Dooley

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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I have often thought that I learned as much about life through wrestling in high school and college, coaching, and officiating than nearly everything else I experienced growing up. Winning and losing, training and preparation, friendship and hard work were all part of this education. Maybe the one thing that has stayed with me as much or more than anything else was the lessons I learned about focus. Goals needed to be focused, preparation needed to be focused, training needed to be focused, in the heat of battle there had to be focus. I lost the most important match of my high school career because of a momentary lack of focus.

Spiritually, I have seen and realized the importance of focus as well. The Bible speaks of it often in a variety of ways. Peter lost focus while walking to Jesus on the stormy waves of the Galilean Sea (Matthew 14:28–33). We too need to fix our eyes on Jesus, *“the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God”* (Hebrews 12:2).

The apostle Paul reminds us that, *“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God”* (Colossians 3:1–3).

Our theme for 2022 is “Better.” Each month we will give our attention to a particular spiritual element, topic, or principle on which we need to make sure we are striving to do our best. My first question for each of us is “Are you better today than you were yesterday?” Why is this so critical? As Christians it is important to remember that we are not to put the past behind us and *“press on”* (Philippians 3:13–14). Be better and be faithful.

2022 THEME

“Better”



Dooley noted....

OUR RECORD

12/26/2021

Sunday School.....104
 Sunday A.M.....134
 Sunday P.M..... 77
 Wednesday, 12/2.9.....00
 Contribution.....\$5,975.00
 Budget.....\$4,219.62

With all the challenges of 2021, I can honestly say it has been one of the best years of my life. The relationships built and the work accomplished have been amazing. Yet, as great as 2021 was, let’s make 2022 even “Better.” Let’s focus on the better covenant, better blessings, better life, and better promises that we have through the grace and mercy of God. And let our response to His love be our focused-walk to be better servants, brothers and sisters, neighbors, and Christians. Concentrating on one day at a time, being better today than we were yesterday, and being determined to be better tomorrow than we are today. And let us also remember that the power of love is a byproduct of sacrifice. – Tim



PRAYER LIST

Melvin Adams had surgery December 30th. keep Melvin & Shelly in your prayers.

Jennie Bell had shoulder replacement surgery December 28th, surgery went well, she is recovering at home.

Bob Clement, brother-in-law of Richard & Kathy Jennings has been moved to Oxford Health & Rehab.

Janice Cobb fell at home and bruised her hip.

Ernestine Dye, mother of Tim Dye, has been hospitalized due to High Blood Pressure and is being monitored.

Dorothy Elliott, friend of Gloria Jones, fell and broke her hip requiring surgery this past Friday.

Lynn Harrison has chronic back problems.

Michelle Kimsey, fiancée of Cody Clemmer, is still battling cancer.

Gloria Jones having flare-up with fibromyalgia.

Perry Jones has chronic hiccups again.

Marlene Stinson, sister of Harold Russell and Janice Cobb, is the hospital in Mountain, AR following emergency surgery.

Covid /Flu Update: Coggin family, including Callie Potts, Kathy Dye, Greg Harrison, Alyce Jennings, Dawn Stroupe, Betty & Ricky Adams

Continue to Remember:

Bob Clement, Shane Crotts, Linda Crumpton, Kathy Dye, Prebble Foster, Nancy Frohn, Jerry & Eleta Grimmitt, Deborah Griffin, Barbara Holt, Carol Hood, Michelle Kimsey, Greg Lawson, Betty & Auzie McNeely, April Pounders, Olivia Pounders, Joe Reed, Susie Roberson, Novene Robertson, Harold Russell, Billy Stroupe, Roy Sharp, William Wilson

Shut-Ins:

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

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Joe Downs, Lucille Gibson, Bill Lyon, Sue Stroud

Military List:

Derek Bradley, Tevin Bradley, Chase Seals



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



January 04 ~ Kevin Simmons

January 05 ~ Linda Ashmore

January 06 ~ Yolanda Stubblefield

January 07 ~ Kathy Dye

January 11 ~ Alvin Parks

January 11 ~ Georgia Claire Stroupe

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

January 11 ~ Greg & Kim Clayton

January 12 ~ Olen & Linda Clark

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.
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)

AREA EVENTS

- **Gospel Meeting** January 21-23, 2022
Jeffery King @ Verona Church of Christ
- **Area Wide Youth Meeting**, January 9 @
East Main

CHURCH NEWS AND EVENTS

- **January 16, 2022** - Sunday Fellowship meal.
- **January 23, 2022** - Youth Devo hosted by Steve & Andrea Hill at the home of Roger & Kathy Clayton.
- **February 25-27, 2022** - CYC, Pigeon Forge, TN

AM SERMON OUTLINE

A New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:27-34

- I. The Covenant of _____
- A. Father (John 17:2, 6; 3:16; Romans 5:18–19; Hebrews 9:24; 10:5; Colossians 2:9; Matthew 28:18)
 - B. Son (Galatians 4:4; Hebrews 2:14–18; 10:7–9; Philippians 2:8)
 - C. Holy Spirit (Matthew 3:16; Luke 4:1, 14, 18; John 3:34; 14:26; 15:26; 16:7, 13)
- II. The Covenant of _____ (Jeremiah 31:27–34; Hebrews 8:6–13; Matthew 26:26–28; Colossians 1:13; Ephesians 1:3)
- A. Called children of promise (Romans 9:8)
 - B. Called children of God (Romans 8:16)
 - C. Called "sons of God" (John 1:12)
 - D. Called the household of God (Ephesians 2:19)
 - E. Called "a people of His own" (Titus 2:14)
 - F. Called "a chosen generation, royal priesthood, peculiar people, a holy nation". (1 Peter 2:9)
 - G. Heirs of God according to promise (Galatians 3:29)
 - H. Heirs of the kingdom (James 2:5)
 - I. Kings and priests of God (Revelation 1:6)
- III. The Covenant of _____ (Mark 16:16; John 3:16–18, 36)
- A. New Life (John 5:24; 6:35, 47; 11:25)
 - B. Forgiveness (Acts 22:16)
 - C. Union (Galatians 3:27)
 - D. Crown (2 Timothy 4:8; Revelation 2:10)

NOTES:

PM SERMON OUTLINE

The Master's Hand

Luke 24:36-40

- I. _____ Hands
- A. Scripture clearly points out the innocence of Jesus (1 Peter 2:22; Hebrews 4:15; 1 John 3:5)
 - B. His hands must become hands (James 4:8; Isaiah 1:16; Colossians 1:22–23)
- II. _____ Hands
- A. Jesus blesses everyone He touches (Luke 4:18; 1 Timothy 1:12–15)
 - B. His touch gives real meaning, value, purpose, and direction in life
 - C. Have your hands become like His (1 John 3:18; 2 Corinthians 4:7; Mark 16:15–16)
- III. _____ Hands
- A. The hands of Jesus bore the marks of hard work (Mark 6:3)
 - B. We also have a cross to bear (Luke 9:23; Galatians 6:1–2)
- IV. _____ Hands
- A. Jesus' hands were nail pierced for you and me.
 - B. The hands of those who follow the Master must never shrink or shirk from suffering (1 Peter 4:15–16)
- V. _____ Hands
- A. Our Lord is the Master Builder (Matthew 16:18; Ephesians 2:19–22)
 - B. He's building an eternal home for all of us (John 14:1–3)
- We are all building (Matthew 7:24–27)
- There is no escaping this personal responsibility (Matthew 27:24; Romans 14:12)
- VI. _____ Hands
- A. The hands of Jesus are outreached even today (John 7:37; Matthew 11:28–30)
 - B. Unless your hands are extended, others may never know of the extended hands of Jesus.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SINGING.....Richard Jennings
SONG**959** Poured Out Like Wine
ANNOUNCEMENTS.....Tim Dye
SONG.....**12** Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?
LORD’S SUPPER/OFFERING...Olen Clark, Greg Clayton,
 Shane Crofts, Tim Dooley
SONG.....**154** Give Me The Bible
SONG.....**248** How Firm a Foundation
SCRIPTURE READING.....Owen Clayton
OPENING PRAYER.....David Clayton
SONG..... **253** How Shall the Young Secure
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
INVITATION SONG.....**95** Burdens are Lifted at Calvary
CLOSING SONG.....**847** Bind Us Together
CLOSING PRAYER.....Ruston Adams
USHER.....Steve Hill/ Randy Wall
LOCK.....Randy Wall
SECURITY.....Dan Cobb
GREETERS.....Jason & Amy Jennings

WORSHIP—SUNDAY—1:15 PM

P.M. SINGING.....Mark Jennings
P.M. OPENING PRAYER.....Andy Clemmer
LESSON.....Tim Dooley
P.M. CLOSING PRAYER.....Dane Coggin

BIBLE STUDY—WEDNESDAY —6:30 P.M.

SINGING.....Hunter Jennings
OPENING PRAYER Roger Clayton
CLOSING PRAYER.....Ronnie Griggs

Sunday, January 9

Greeters.....Mark/Alyce Jennings
 Announcements..... Tim Dye
 Singing.....Phillip Young
 Lord’s Supper
 O Clark, G Clayton, S Crofts, T Dooley
 Scripture Reading.....Jackson Coggin
 Opening Prayer.....Dillion Clayton
 Closing Prayer.....Kurt Clayton
 Usher.....Steve Hill / Kurt Clayton
 Lock.....Dan Cobb
 Security.....Dan Coggin

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Richard Jennings
 Opening Prayer.....Hunter Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Jason Jennings

Wednesday January 12

Singing.....David Clayton
 Opening Prayer.....Mark Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Caleb Jennings

Sunday, January 16

Greeters.....Richard/Kathy Jennings
 Announcements..... Tim Dye
 Singing.....Andy Brown
 Lord’s Supper
 O Clark, G Clayton, S Crofts, T Dooley
 Scripture Reading.....Clayton Hill
 Opening Prayer.....Shaler Grigsby
 Closing Prayer.....Martin Crofts
 Usher.....Steve Hill / Shane Crofts
 Lock.....Tim Dooley
 Security.....Jason Jennings

Sunday P.M.

Singing.....Tim Dooley
 Opening Prayer.....Troy Robertson
 Closing Prayer.....Mason Simmons

Wednesday January 19

Singing.....Thomas Wall
 Opening Prayer.....Richard Jennings
 Closing Prayer.....Randy Wall

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