

May

May 14 Seven @ Seven

May 18 Teen Devotional at the Harris home; details to follow

May 20 End of the Year Teen Banquet; everyone is invited

May 20 VBS Kick-Off meeting after evening services

May 21 Seven @ Seven

May 23 Bring cookies for Winfield Rest Haven

May 27 4th Sunday Fellowship Luncheon at noon

May 27 4th Sunday Night Singing at 6:00 p.m.

May 27 Elders and Deacons meet at 7:00 p.m.

May 28 Seven @ Seven

June

June 03 Going away reception for the Nelson's from 2:00 to 4:00

June 05 Devotional at Winfield Rest Haven; van will leave at 6:30

June 07 Seven @ Seven

SILVER MAPLE CAMP

If your child is going to Silver Maple Camp this summer, we need to know by May 20th. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer. Please put their name, age and what session they are attending. By registering early, we will save \$25.00 per camper. We need the head count to get coupon codes from the camp. Half of the camp fee for parents before June 1st will be \$92.50. Half after June 1st will be \$117.50.

KYLE SMITH TO SPEAK

Kyle Smith and his family will be with us this weekend, coming from Camdenton, Missouri. Kyle is a prospective minister and will be speaking to the congregation both Sunday morning and Sunday evening. He will be here with his wife Nina, and children Marie and K.J. Since this is a holiday weekend, rather than a potluck dinner, we will have coffee and donuts before class on Sunday morning, starting at 8:30. Plan to take the opportunity to meet them while they are in town.

PREACHER SEARCH PROGRESS

We have begun to receive resumes and background information on potential new ministers in Wellington. Continue to pray for this selection process—so very important for our congregation. Pray for your Elders, the Nelson's and for those desiring to be our new preacher. We all need the patience and the wisdom that can only come from above. —Rex Harris, For the Elders

If you are visiting today, welcome! We are glad that you have joined us in worshipping our God. Please feel at home with our family, and let us know how we can serve you!

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

We will continue this month with the series of articles about the Holy Spirit. The following is by Matt Dabbs entitled, “Changing My View of the Holy Spirit – Blasphemy.”

“There is a series of stories in Mark 3 that was part of my change of heart and mind on the work of the Holy Spirit. Jesus heals a man on the Sabbath. The reaction of the Pharisees was not to recognize the prophesied work of the Spirit and the Messiah and praise God for it! No. Instead, the plotted to kill Jesus (Mark 3:6). A few verses later Jesus is challenged on his miracles. None of his opponents deny that Jesus did any of the miracles. That is undeniable. They know that no man of God, much less Messiah, would be a lawbreaker and breaking the Sabbath would certainly be breaking the Law (although Jesus didn't really break the Sabbath). So they reasoned that Jesus' power must come from somewhere else. Who else could grant power over the human body? Well, the demons sure seemed to be able to influence the human body and its wellness or illness. So they reason that Jesus is in league with the devil, with Beelzebul, the prince of demons (Mark 3:22) and they accuse him this.

What Jesus says next is stunning,

“²³ So Jesus called them over to him and began to speak to them in parables: “How can Satan drive out Satan? ²⁴ If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵ If a house is divided against itself, that house cannot stand. ²⁶ And if Satan opposes himself and is divided, he cannot stand; his end has come. ²⁷ In fact, no one can enter a strong man's house without first tying him up. Then he can plunder the strong man's house. ²⁸ Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, ²⁹ but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

³⁰ He said this because they were saying, “He has an impure spirit.” — Mark 3:23-30

I certainly don't want to be guilty of an eternal sin. It sure seems to me that the eternal sin Jesus is talking about here is witnessing the very work of the Holy Spirit and attributing it to another power, even the devil himself. Now, I cannot ever remember attributing something that I thought was holy and right to the devil. But, if the Holy Spirit was actively involved in the world and even in my life, and I didn't care to notice it or even flat out denied that reality, I was not far from what Jesus was talking about here. Imagine that the Holy Spirit is working today while the very people of God are saying not only that it doesn't happen but that it is false teaching to say that it does. In all of

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PRAYER LIST

Avon Shields, Harlan Bay, David Whitley, Richard Wartick, Tom McReynolds, Dalton Brownlee, Tim Evans, David Brundage, Matt Norris, Norma Gooch, Eliza Conwell, Larry Helton, Patsy Pierce, Allen Stone, Deedra Bostick, Crystal Anderson, Jack Edwards. *Shut-In's:* Bertha Brown, Dorothy Lauterbach, Gene Deffenbaugh, Maxine Cole, Georgia Spencer, Bennie Jefferies.

GOING AWAY RECEPTION

Mark your calendars... We will have a “going away reception” for the Nelsons on June 3rd from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Room. If you wish to participate in a “group” gift, you may give your money to either Jill, Jane or Jami. If you have any questions, see Bobbi Newberry.

TEEN BANQUET IS MAY 20TH

The teen banquet, to honor our teens, is scheduled for May 20th following morning services. The congregation is invited. If you plan to stay for lunch, please sign up in the foyer to let us know how many to prepare for.

VBS KICK-OFF MEETING IS MAY 20TH

There is a VBS Kick-Off Meeting scheduled for May 20th following evening services. We need volunteers! Please plan to stay!

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our “play it safe” theological reasoning this one didn't work out very well. In my mind, the conservative view on this would be to affirm the operation of the Spirit because it is affirming what the Bible directly teaches. Our arguments to the contrary have typically been reactionary to disprove the theology of others rather than from anything directly taught in the text itself.

I would much rather attribute things to the Spirit and be wrong about it in the end than fail to attribute things to the Spirit that the Spirit never did and be wrong about it in the end. The reason itself may not be the most compelling reasoning every constructed (although it was for me) but the consequence of being wrong on this matter was too great for me to ignore. This was one more brick out of the wall.

What were some of the compelling reasons you have adjusted your view on the Holy Spirit over the years?” —Matt Dabbs

“Always love your mother, because you never get another.”



THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY, 10:30 AM
 SCRIPTURE READING
 PRAYER
 COMMUNION

May 13
 David Pierce
 Tom Norris
 Joe Church, Mike Neal
 Bob Pettegrew, Aaron Hines
 Lindal Nelson, John Rayl
 Parker Dodds, Riley Nichols
 Rex Harris

USHERS
 CLIPBOARDS
 DISMISSAL PRAYER

SUNDAY, 6:00 PM
 PRAYER
 COMMUNION
 DISMISSAL PRAYER

May 13
 Kevin Dodds
 Mike Neal, Bob Pettegrew
 Rex Harris

WEDNESDAY, 7:00 PM
 LEAD SINGING
 DISMISSAL PRAYER

May 16
 David Pierce
 Alan Shields

ATTENDANCE

SUNDAY—May 6
 BIBLE CLASS.....83
 A.M. WORSHIP.....151
 P.M. WORSHIP.....NA
 CONTRIBUTION.....\$2,285

WEDNESDAY—May 9
 Fellowship Room—33 Teens—9 Bible Hour—10 **Total—52**

COMMUNION PREP

May Joe Church

COORDINATOR

May David Pierce

ELDERS
 Rex Harris Marvin Kline
 Ed Newberry Tom Norris

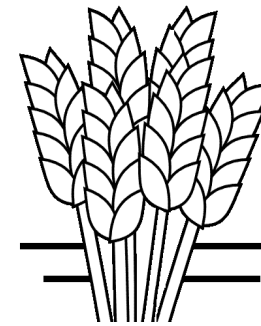
DEACONS
 Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines
 Leroy Lewis Mike Neal
 David Pierce Alan Shields

MINISTER
 Michael Nelson

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday
 Bible Classes.....9:30 A.M.
 Worship.....10:30 A.M.
 Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.
 Children’s Class.....6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
 Ladies Bible Class...9:30 A.M.
 Bible Class.....7:00 P.M.



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 Upward, Downward”

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Song #416 “Footsteps of Jesus”

Prayer

Scripture

Song #483 “Is It for Me?”

Lord’s Supper

Song #678 “More About Jesus”

Song #709 “How Sweet, How Heavenly”

Sermon

Song #864 “Where the Gates Swing Outward Never”

Closing Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children’s Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.