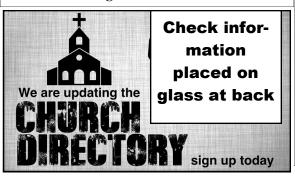


Good morning and welcome to services! We are so glad you are here! It's hard to believe it's already May and the school year is winding down. We are finalizing our youth group summer calendar, so be on the lookout! One of the first events of the summer will be our lock-in, so be on the lookout for details. We are really enjoying Bible marking in our Sunday morning class and we are putting together chain references that can be so helpful in sharing God's word with others. If you aren't joining us for Bible class we would love to have you! DOUG

"Behold what manner of love the Father has bestowed on us, that we should be called children of God! Therefore the world does not know us, because it did not know Him." I John 3:1 NKJV

WELCOME VISITORS

A big hearty welcome to those visiting today. Allow us to meet and greet you following the worship service this morning. At the end of the service today you will be given a gift bag from our congregation. "It is a small gift, but it comes from big hearts."



"A STRONG DELUSION"

Many people lack Bible knowledge therefore there is a digression from the truth at an alarming rate in which many "untaught and unstable people twist to their own destruction, as they do also the rest of the scriptures" (2 Peter 3:16). Some of the Bible class material that is being used in some congregations is denominational material and if we teach our children denominational material, we are failing them. The attitude today is "I want it and I am going to have it". We read in 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12, "because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion; that they should believe a lie, that they all might be damned who believe not the truth." It is a shame millions of good people have chosen to believe the lies of Satan, and because of this, they will have to spend forever and ever in the burning fires of Hell. Romans 10:17 says, "So then faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God." The more we study the word of God the faith stronger our will DAN

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Sun: 9:30 AM Class 10:30 AM Worship 6:00 PM Evening

Wed: 7:00 PM

You Had Better Watch Your Mouth

Each year in Graves County, Kentucky there is a picnic at "Fancy Farms." Fancy Farms was established 1829. Over the years this picnic has served as a place for politicians to come and address the people. Often these speeches tend to be on the harsh side as the candidates try to rile up the voters. This year one of the men running to replace a retiring Senator used profanity in his address. It seems like the folks down there in Graves County are not ready for that type of language, especially when this picnic is connected to the church and religious people in that area. The candidate issued an apology to the people there and those that may have been offended. To make matters worse, he said he was quoting the former Governor and Senator Wendell Ford. As it turned out, Wendell Ford did not use the profanity that was attributed to him. This goes to illustrate what James says about the tongue. "2 For we all stumble in many things. If anyone does not stumble in word, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle the whole body. 3 Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body. 4 Look also at ships: although they are so large and are driven by fierce winds, they are turned by a very small rudder wherever the pilot desires. 5 Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! 6 And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell. 7 For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and creature of the sea, is tamed and has been tamed by mankind. 8 But no man can tame the tongue. It is an unruly evil, full of deadly poison." (James 3:2-8) Unfortunately, profanity, lying, gossip, and other sins of the tongue are common place today. As a people, we have grown accustomed to hearing political leaders curse and use God's name in vain. Lies are now over looked when promises are made to the people and then broken. **ADAPTED**

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Rain, Rain and more rain





From Dan's desk:

It is great to see everyone this morning. We appreciate you being with us. Perhaps you may be visiting with a friend or just came on your own, we are glad you have chosen to worship with us. We have had so much rain lately. We have been dealing with a water problem here at the church building. Water got into some of the classrooms and in the fover where the flat roof exists. We have others working on it and hopefully before long, all of that will be resolved. Thanks for your forbearance. The senior luncheon will be held two weeks from today out in the activity building. You are asked to bring two of the following, salad, vegetable, casserole, or desert and plan to stay for the good food and fellowship. We are looking forward to honoring those who are graduating from high school. We have some six graduates this year and we are proud of each one. The ladies Bible class will take a hiatus this summer from the routine schedule each Tuesday morning. Cheryl Ellis will be hosting a devotional study two time each month this summer beginning on Tuesday June 11th. We appreciate her efforts each year. Hope to see all of you tonight at 6 P.M. DAN

PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES





TO KEEP IN OUR PRAYERS

KRISTEN COBORN daughter of Frank and Laura Glenn is undergoing tests.

RODNEY COVINGTON is undergoing tests on his heart locally this next week.

JIMMIE LEE BROWN friend of many is undergoing tests in Dallas.

All other who have been ill are improved.

Graduating Seniors '24

Luncheon May 19th Noon

Jaden Roberson Elkhart

Brayden May Mabank

Brayden Chambless- Elkhart

Jake Glenn Palestine

Jarvis Jones Oakwood

Our seniors will be honored

at a luncheon on Sunday

May 19th following worship.

Please mark the date and

plan to be with us as we

show out respect to those

graduating.

SENIORS '24

The Cost of Doing Business with Satan

No matter what business you may be in, there are associated costs of doing that business (inventory, advertising, labor, etc). Not one of all the business classes I had in college ever taught me that all sales revenue is straight profit!! The old adage is true..."You have to spend money to make money." This same fundamental truth is equally applicable in relation to our spiritual standing before God. For the purposes of this article, consider committing sin as "doing business with Satan." Remember, the Bible teaches that "...the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). Wages have historically been the highest cost of any business. When we sin, there are going to be "costs" we'll have to pay. Have you ever heard of the expression "hidden charges and fees" when dealing in business? These are those costs we usually have to pay because we didn't really pay attention when we agreed to enter into some transaction. Since sin always brings separation from God (cp. Isa. 59:1-2; Eph. 2:1-3, 11-13), Satan never really explains this charge to us. He knows he would never close another deal if he fully informed us of the consequences if we committed the sins he places before us. Usually, we shy away from certain costs of doing business if we think the costs outweigh the benefits we hope to derive from our investment. How pleased he must be when we agree to pay this price and thus estrange ourselves from the God who made us, loves us, and planned for our redemption through His Son's death. Let us all be "fully informed spiritual consumers"...none of us can afford to do business with Satan. His costs are way too high! DAN

PLEASE CONTINUE TO REMEMBER IN PRAYER

May 5th, 2024

Jimmie Lee Brown is undergoing tests and asked for our prayers.

Rodney Covington will be undergoing heart tests this week.

Jimmy Allen continues to recover from hip surgery. He is in Providence rehab in Tyler.

James Henry has been having problems with sleep apnea and asked for our prayers.

Mason Johnson (great grandson of Linda Johnson) has Cortical Dysplasia, eventually needing brain surgery.

Becky Welborn, sister of Kyle Lock has been seriously ill.

Ike and Joyce Weatherly have both been having health issues and requested our prayers.

Bryan Titlow, cousin of Jim Ricard has cancer & undergoing treatment.

Ann and Ken Holland both continue to have health issues at home.

Molly Ray is a little improved but still at home with health issues.

Robbie Cox, friend of the Hawkins has been in the hospital for two weeks. He has been seriously ill.

Kristen Coborn daughter of Frank and Laura Glenn is having health issues and undergoing tests. Asked for our prayers.

Keith Bellamy, preacher at Woodville, is recovering from hip surgery and requested our prayers.

Jay Mays relative of Doug Lowe has cancer, desires prayers

Angela Starr has heart problems, friend of Jim Ricard, desires prayers

Larry Johnson friend of Rodney Covington has cancer and requested our prayers.

Mary Bryant, cousin of Linda Hawkins, has Lymphoma Leukemia.

Lori Tanner Richardson, cousin of Cindy Thornton, has breast cancer and asked for prayers.

Diane Wilcher continues with health concerns. She is at home.

Jerame Gipson's friend, Lisa Safronoff, is having health issues.

Becky Barnes' great grandson continues to have health issues. He is improving but will still require surgery in the future.

Tina Teetz, daughter-in-law of Pat Baird, is still undergoing tests and treatment

Remember those in nursing homes and home bound in your prayers.

Courtney Bell, Patsy Bush, Mary Chambless, Opalene Chapman, Mary Ann Colling, Ed and Kathleen Compton, Ruth Cox, Blackie Foreman, George Wooden, Gerry Hahn, Bobby Johnson, Joyce Matlock, Lanova Mitchell, David Mitchell, John Mottern, Martha Sims, Monty Todd, Marlene Thompson, Gary and Emalie Tuschoff, Charlie Young.

NOTE: We try to update the prayer list each week. When people are improving and doing better we remove their names and add new ones who have asked to be on the list. We need those of you who are acquainted with those on the prayer list to let us know when they improve. Please notify us in the church office.