

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday – Oct. 15
Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.
Classes for all ages

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

Announcements.....Glenn Woodlee
 Lead Singing.....Marion Turner
 Prayer.....Johnny Parker
 Sermon.....Joey Davis

LORD’S TABLE:

PRESIDING – PRAYER.....Mick Ralph

SERVE COMMUNION

Craig Hollis.....Stacey Sliger
 Jeff Youngblood.....Chad Turner

Dismiss.....Vernon Parker

Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Glenn Woodlee
 Lead Singing.....Paul Meacham
 Prayer.....Paul Stubblefield
 Sermon.....Joey Davis
 Dismiss.....Shane Wilson

Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Larry Williams
 Lead Singing.....Paul Meacham
 Prayer.....Dawson Campbell
 Dismiss.....Frank Turner

If unable to serve, please contact
Mark Parker – 668-9003

Pick Up Communion Cups - **Oct. 15**
 Supervisor – **Ashlyn Meacham**

Kaylon Davis.....Sarah Davis
 Macayla Ferrell.....Madison Ferrell
 Kathryn Johnson.....Rachel Johnson

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
 Worship 10:00 A.M.
 (CST) 5:00 P.M.
 (CDT) 6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 10:00 A.M.
 Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

Ladies Bible Class (Oct. – May) 7:00 – 9:00 P.M.

ELDERS

Dawson Campbell Johnny Parker
 Glenn Woodlee

DEACONS

Mark Parker Don Prater
 Ike Turner Marion Turner

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GOSSIP

Joey Davis

During World War Two, in an effort to minimize the disclosure of sensitive information, government agencies circulated a number of very graphic posters which warned of the danger of sharing such important information. Obviously, the fear was that critical details about soldiers and military operations would fall into the hands of those who did not have a need to know, namely, the enemy. One of the posters depicted a young woman and the words, “WANTED! For Murder – Her careless talk costs lives.” Indeed, information, whether true or not, in the hands of those who do not have a need to know, can cause great harm.

So many times we are guilty of sharing information with people who have no need to know. We might become aware of a situation that is taking place with a family simply because someone felt the need to spread the word. When does such behavior become gossip? You be the judge. The dictionary defines “gossip” as the practice of habitually revealing personal or sensational facts about others. The Bible labels those who gossip as talebearers and says “a talebearer revealeth secrets: but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter” (Proverbs 11:13). What should be a Christian’s attitude toward sensitive information about others? He should conceal it from anyone who does not have a need to know. Obviously, there are times when a person’s life or wellbeing may be in jeopardy and revealing important information to parents, church leaders, or some other relevant authority is not only warranted, it is absolutely demanded. Sometimes it is necessary to share information with or about members of our spiritual family in order to help them or someone else. **(CONTINUED ON PAGE 3)**

THE RECORD

Evening Worship, Sun., 10-01.....119
Bible Study, Wed. 10-04.....80
Bible Study, Sun. 10-08.....102
Morning Worship, 10-08.....143
Contribution, 10-08.....\$2, 806.23
Wed. Ladies Bible Class, 10-04.....14
Thurs. night Lad.Class, 10-05.....08

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wylene McMahan, Shaun Malloy, Pat Cantrell, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Athelia Herrin, Rose McKelvey, Thedra Newby, Bobby Prater, Mildred Hoover, Louise Pllum, Georgia Willis, Mildred Williams, Dan & Dell Simpson, Lucille Fletcher, Bill Flowers, Jake Davis, Alice McCormick, Janette Murphree, Kenny White, Jimmy Rogers, Frank Pierce, James Floyd, Faye Willey, Debby Pavatte, Josie Love, Ethel Dyer, Lyte Northcutt, Lillard Vandagriff, Sandra Thurne, Jimmie Hulett, Pat Julian, Jackie Johnson, Connie & Marion Turner, Wanda Paul, Estelle Panter, Juanita Lemons, Opal Woodside, Gean Pirtle, Lil King, Dot Holder, Doran Thompson, , Willard & Martha Bouldin, David Meacham, Lucile Campbell, Gretchen Jernigan, & Cindy Terrell Owen. Teresa Stinson has been back to the doctor and he is pleased with the way things are going after her second surgery. **Ted Prater** is in room 220 at River Park with blood clots. **Clara McAfee** had surgery on Fri. in McMinnville. She was discharged from River Park Sunday morning. **Bert Woodham** had an arteriogram on Tues. at St. Thomas. She does not have blockage. **David Sharpe**, is doing better. He still has the feeding tube in but he has been eating some solid food.

LOCK THE BUILDINGS

Johnny Parker will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **Oct. 15th & 18th**.

SINGINGS

On **Oct. 13th** Bethel church, Joelton, TN will host the singing. Then on **Oct. 20th** the South Nashville singing will be held at the

Wingate church. Both singings **beginning at 7pm.**

GRASS CUTTING

Glenn Woodlee is scheduled to cut the grass at the church building the week end of **Oct. 13th**.

RESPONSE

Joyce Hix responded to the Lord's invitation on Sun. night, Oct. 1st, expressing a desire to deal with personal problems in a Christian way.

THANKS

Thanks to **Jimmy Turner** for going to get the River Rock for the flower beds and to **Barbara, Patty & Sandra** for the work they are doing with the flowers.

VISITATION GROUP

Visitation Group #3 will meet at the home of **Joey & Pam Davis next Sunday, Oct. 15th**, following evening service.

IN THE MAIL

Dear Friends,

Thank you for the prayers & cards. Please write and visit. He is such a good God and I love Him very much. Please keep praying.

In Jesus, **Debby Pavatte**

BIBLE BOWL PRACTICE

Each Sunday, an hour before evening worship we will have Bible Bowl Practice. This will be an oral practice. Then, the Saturday before the Bible Bowl the children will meet and have a written exam. Not the one that will be administered at the Bible Bowl but one that will have questions that Joey makes up, taken from the assigned reading.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY

There will be a **Monthly Bible Study** at the home of **Joey & Pam Davis**, on **Fri.,**

Oct. 13 at **6pm** for anyone who would like to attend. Please bring a fingerfood and a drink.

EVANGELISM FORUM

East Tennessee School of Preaching and Missions will have an **Evangelism Forum, Oct. 20-21** with **Jerry Carmichael, Bill Bryant & Melvin Sapp** on the campus of **Karns church of Christ.**

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These are the exception, and are very rarely the reasons that most people who are eager to spread the word choose so to do. If you feel the need to share private information, ask yourself, "What is my motivation for telling this to someone else?" If we would do this, we just might save ourselves from committing the destructive sin of gossip. If you are guilty of gossip, you need to recognize it as such, repent (Acts 17:30), and cease from the practice of revealing personal information about others.

Another matter that needs to be considered concerns those who may not be guilty of spreading gossip but who eagerly listen to information that they really have no business knowing. We should never reach the point where our behavior becomes like those in Athens that "spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell, or to hear some new thing" (Acts 17:21). Listening to gossip makes us a participant in the process. It is just as wrong to listen to personal information about others (that we have no need of knowing) as it is to spread it. In fact, the Proverb's writer went on to say, "he that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips" (Proverbs 20:19). It is helpful to note that the Hebrew word translated as "meddle" means "to share, to exchange, to engage, to have fellowship with." Therefore, we see that we are not to even listen to gossip. When we do, we encourage the guilty person to continue this behavior. The apostle Peter condemned the practice of being a busybody (a meddler) in the personal business of others (1 Peter 4:15). We have no right to be on either the spreading or receiving end of gossip.

Finally, how do you handle a situation in which someone attempts to share personal information with us that we have no right or need to know? Why not have enough concern for the person to tell them the truth (Luke 6:31)? You might just tell them, "I have no need to know what you are attempting to tell me. Furthermore, for us to talk about these private matters would be gossip and would be sinful." In this way, we can save ourselves from being a participant in this dangerous conduct while at the same time helping the other person see the error in what they are doing. It has been said, "Loose lips sink ships." Indeed, the sharing of personal information about others, whether true or not, can be and often is destructive.

