

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday – Dec. 10
Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.
Classes for all ages

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

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

LORD’S TABLE:

PRESIDING – PRAYER.....Mick Ralph

SERVE COMMUNION

Larry Williams.....Dave Herrin
 Shane Wilson.....William Dyer

Dismiss.....Vernon Parker

Evening Worship, 5:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Ike Turner
 Lead Singing.....Paul Stubblefield
 Prayer.....Wade Farley
 Sermon.....Joey Davis
 Dismiss.....Shane Wilson

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 7:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Wade Farley
 Lead Singing.....Paul Meacham
 Prayer.....Marion Turner
 Dismiss.....James Tillett

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

Pick Up Communion Cups - **Dec. 10**
 Supervisor – **Ashlyn Meacham**

Rebecca Beaty.....Isaac Brewer
 Matthew Brewer.....Ethan Cowan
 Journey Cowan.....Thomas Myers

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 PM.

ELDERS

Dawson Campbell Johnny Parker
 Glenn Woodlee

DEACONS

Mark Parker Don Prater
 Ike Turner Marion Turner

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What did you say?
Joey Davis

I seldom get excited anymore in public when I hear cursing or filthy language. I have come to expect to hear sinful people using language that is derogatory, shameful, and often times blasphemous (insulting to God). The apostle Paul spoke of the ungodliness of men whose mouths were full of cursing and bitterness (Romans 3:14). In a world that continues to drift farther and farther from God, it seems only natural that the vileness of men’s hearts would be reflected by their speech (Luke 6:45). **However, it is another matter altogether to find Christians and the children of Christians using words that should bring them shame and embarrassment.**

Most professed children of God would not dare utter words that are popularly deemed to be “curse words,” yet they will speak with euphemisms, a seemingly less offensive word that carries the same meaning as the word they are trying to avoid. In fact, that is exactly what a euphemism is; it is a word that means the same thing but which is *not as offensive* as the desired word.

I have tried to teach my children not to use a word unless they know its meaning. Common sense should tell us to know what we are saying before we say it. I really wonder sometimes if my Christian brothers and sisters understand what they are saying when they use these substitutive words. I challenge you to make a list of the euphemisms that you use regularly and then look them up in the dictionary. I suspect that such inquiry and investigation would put many sincere Christians on their knees and in tears before the Holy throne of God seeking forgiveness for the liberties they have taken with their tongues.

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THE RECORD

Evening Worship, Sun., 11-26.....88
Bible Study, Weds 11-29.....74
Bible Study, Sun. 12-03.....96
Morning Worship, 12-03.....145
Contribution, 12-03.....\$2, 764.36
Wed. Lad. Bible Class, 11-29.....09
Thurs. night Lad.Class, 11-30.....09

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wylene McMahan, Shaun Malloy, Pat Cantrell, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Athelia Herrin, Rose McKelvey, Thedra Newby, Bobby Prater, Mildred Hoover, Louise Pellum, 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, Dot Holder, Doran Thompson, Martha Bouldin, Lucile Campbell, Eric Frazier, David Sharpe, Hallis Northcutt, Gretchen Jernigan. **Willard Bouldin** is scheduled for surgery on **Dec. 5th**, at St. Thomas Hospital. **Woodson King** saw the doctor last Monday and is now taking an antibiotic. He will see a Neurologist on Dec. 13th. He is doing some better. **Mrs. Wheeler**, grand mother of Erica Ralph, fell from the roof and had surgery on Wed. night for multiple broken bones and is now in River Park for therapy. **Ned Herrin** is in River Park after an accident cutting wood. **Pam Davis** has been reacting to medicine that she has been taking for staff infection. Hopefully this new medicine will do better. **Sarah** is sick with a sinus infection. **Thomas Myers** had a stomach virus that effected his muscles and joints and was hospitalized at Vanderbilt but is now back

home. **Cindy Pearson** will have same day surgery tomorrow in Murfreesboro.

UP-COMING EVENTS

Visitation Group #3 hosted by **Wade & Linda Farley** will meet in the fellowship room, following evening service on **Dec. 10th**.

The Bible Bowl practice will be at **4pm** on **Dec. 10th here at the building.**

The singing schedule has no singings scheduled for **Dec. 15th** and **Dec. 22nd**.

SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the **Medley family** at the death of **Russell Neal Medley**. His funeral service will be on Monday at 2:30 pm at High's.

LOCK THE BUILDINGS

Glenn Woodlee will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **Dec. 10th** & **13th**.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS

Dec. 6th will be the last **Wed. Ladies Class** until **January 10th**. Anyone interested in helping to package the fruit for our elderly will need to meet in the **Fellow ship room** at **6pm** on **Tuesday** night, **Dec. 12th**. On **Dec. 13th** The fruit will be delivered and the **Ladies' Covered Dish Luncheon** will be about **11am**, after we get back from delivering the fruit.

PARTY AT NURSING HOME

Those going to NHC on **Sat., Dec. 16** may meet at the building at **12:30 pm** or at NHC at **1pm**.

NASHVILLE SCHOOL OF PREACHING & BIBLICAL STUDIES

Registration forms are on the bulletin board for the **Spring Session** of the **Nashville School of Preaching and Biblical Studies** for anyone who is interested in attending.

MISSION TRIPS

Jerry Nash will be gone to Guyana on a mission trip in Dec. and he expresses his appreciation for

the financial help that the congregation here has given to help with his expenses. Also the church received a note from **Tom Watson** that he would be gone on a mission trip to South Africa during the month of December.

HOUSE FIRE

Our hearts were saddened when **Shirley Crawley** had a house fire on Sunday morning. We are however, so thankful that she was able to get out safely. Shirley has gone to David's house in Springfield.

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What did you say?

Joey Davis

Consider some common euphemisms and their meanings:

Crap	-	the act of defecating — usually considered vulgar
Shoot	-	Sh*t
Darn	-	D*mn
Dang	-	D*mn
Gosh, Golly	-	God
Lordy	-	Lord
Jeez, Gee	-	Jesus
Heck	-	Hell
My goodness	-	My God
Oh my gosh	-	Oh my God
Sam hill	-	Hell

(In addition to the dictionary, you can find valuable information about the origin of many words at <http://www.etymonline.com>.)

Surely we can see the inconsistency that results when Christians use such words. The Christian's speech should be exemplary, that is "a pattern" for the world (Colossians 4:6; Matthew 5:13-16). It is simply impossible for the heart of a man to be what God wants it to be when he finds no shame in using words that are vulgar, blasphemous, or simply substitutes for such words. Since we, Christians, have been called out of the world (1 Peter 2:9), our speech ought to be different than the world's speech. Phrases from our mouths such as "what the ..." and "that sucks" will never leave the impression that we are Children of God.

The words of James 3:9-12 are certainly in order as we consider the tongue and the importance of maintaining godly speech:

Therewith bless we God, even the Father; and therewith curse we men, which are made after the similitude of God. Out of the same mouth proceedeth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not so to be. Doth a fountain send forth at the same place sweet water and bitter? Can the fig tree, my brethren, bear olive berries? either a vine, figs? so can no fountain both yield salt water and fresh.

Can the same mouth that blesses and praises God also use filthy or offensive language, or even euphemisms such as those described above? Absolutely not!

