

APPOINTMENTS

MONTH OF AUGUST, 06

Ushers.....Vernon Parker & Frank Turner
 Count Contribution.....James Tillett, Charles Foust, Paul Davis

Sunday –Aug. 06
Bible Study – 9:00 A.M.
Classes for all ages

Morning Worship, 10:00 A.M.

Announcements.....Ike Turner
 Lead Singing.....Marion Turner
 Prayer.....Wade Farley
 Sermon.....Joey Davis

LORD’S TABLE:
PRESIDING – PRAYER.....Paul Meacham

SERVE COMMUNION

Stacey Slinger.....Dustin Barrett
 Gerald Johnson.....Billy Beaty

Dismiss.....Craig Hollis

Evening Worship, 6:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Ike Turner
 Lead Singing.....Paul Stubblefield
 Prayer.....George Roberts
 Sermon.....Joey Davis
 Dismiss.....Dustin Barrett

Wednesday, Aug. 09, 7:00 P.M.

Announcements.....Joey Davis
 Lead Singing.....Chris Woodlee
 Prayer.....Dawson Campbell
 Speaker.....Tony Lawrence
 Dismiss.....James Tillett

If unable to serve, please contact

Mark Parker – 668-9003

Pick Up Communion Cups - **Aug. 06**
 Supervisor – **Jessie Roberts**

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 PM.

ELDERS

Dawson Campbell Johnny Parker
 Glenn Woodlee

DEACONS

Mark Parker Don Prater
 Ike Turner Marion Turner

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Tackling Temptation

Joey Davis

Someone has said, “Opportunity may knock only once, but temptation leans on the door bell.” There is much truth in this statement with regard to the persistent nature of the devil and his tempting us to do wrong. After hearing a recent sermon concerning temptation, a gentleman remarked that there is only one person that the devil does not tempt – the person who is lost and already under his control. This is a worthwhile warning for any who might be so bold as to say that they rarely find themselves being tempted to do evil. In fact, as Christians, we should expect to be tempted and tried on a regular basis. Peter said “Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial (same word elsewhere translated as temptation) which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you” (1 Peter 4:12). In other words, we should not consider it to be abnormal when we face temptation. The question is not will I be tempted; rather, the question should be what can I do to overcome temptation. We can learn very valuable lessons by examining the temptation of our Lord as recorded in Luke 4:1-13. We observe there three key ingredients to tackling temptation: a knowledge of God’s Word, an awareness of the devil and his devices, and a determination to do what is right.

First, we observe the importance of a knowledge of God’s Word when dealing with temptation. Three times the devil tested Jesus and all three times our Lord appealed to the Word of God for defense against the devil. When tempted to turn stones into bread He said, “It is written, that man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God” (Deuteronomy 8:3-4). To the temptation to bow to Satan in exchange for all the kingdoms of the world, Jesus responded, “... it is written, **(Continued on pages 2 & 3)**

THE RECORD

Evening Worship, 07-23.....113
Bible Study, Wed. 07-26.....84
Bible Study, 07-30.....84
Morning Worship, 07-30.....157
Contribution, 07-30.....\$2,343.50

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Wylene McMahan, Shaun Malloy, Roy Robinson, Pat Cantrell, Mary Elizabeth Martin, Athelia Herrin, Rose McKelvey, Thedra Newby, Bobby Prater, Mildred Hoover, Louise Pellum, Georgia Willis, Mildred Williams, Lucile Campbell, Dan & Dell Simpson, Lucille Fletcher, Bill Flowers, Jake Davis, Alice McCormick, Janette Murphree, Jean Pirtle, 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, Connie Woodlee, Wanda Paul, Estelle Panter, Georgeanna Bryan, Omagene Beck, David Sharpe, Juanita Lemons, Opal Woodside, Doran Thompson, Cindy Terrell Owen & Willard Bouldin. **Laura McAfee** remains in NHC & **Bea Bonner** was able to be out on Sunday. **Bennie Tindall**, mother of Pam Davis had back surgery last week and came thru ok and is at home. AD: 2675 East State Hwy 7, Nacogdoches, TX 75961. **Gretchen Jernigan**, daughter of William Miller has a brain tumor and is in need of our prayers.

LOCK THE BUILDINGS

Ike Turner will be responsible for locking both buildings, all services **Aug. 6th & 9th**.

SINGINGS

Aug. 4th there are 3 singings on the schedule: **Leipers Fork church**, Franklin, TN at 7pm, **St. Andrews church**, Columbia, SC 7:30 (EDT) and **Chickamauga church**, Chickamauga, GA at 7 pm (EST). **Aug. 11th** there will be a singing at **Bridgeport church**, Bridgeport, AL & **Pleasant Hill church**, Nashville, TN both beginning at 7pm.

GRASS CUTTING

Mick Ralph is scheduled to cut the grass at the church building the week end of **Aug. 4th**.

GOSPEL MEETINGS & ETC.

Arlington church has VBS in progress thru **Aug. 02**, from 7 – 8:15pm. **Rockliff church** has VBS in progress thru **Aug. 2**, 7-8pm. **Pelham church** will have a gospel meeting, **Aug. 6-9** with **Glann Lee**, 7pm nightly. **Pocahontas church** will have a gospel meeting **Aug. 6-10**, with **David Morris**, **Sunday night 7:30 pm**, week nights 7pm. **Boyd School** will have **Open House**, **Aug. 6th**, from 2-4 pm.

SUMMER SERIES

On **Aug. 9th** the speaker on our **Summer Series** will be **Tony Lawrence** speaking on “**Taming the Tongue.**”

BAPTIZED

Michael Hall was baptized **July 30th**. We rejoice with him & welcome him.

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thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve” (Deuteronomy 6:13). Finally, when tempted to test God’s willingness to save His Son as He plunged to his death from the temple top, Jesus resounded, “Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God” (Deuteronomy 6:16). Indeed, like the Lord, if we expect to tackle temptation, we must arm ourselves with the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God.

Second, we observe the importance of an awareness of the devil and his devices. Jesus knew Satan as one to be avoided. Later, when Jesus prayed to the Father

on behalf of his disciples, He said, “I pray not that thou shouldest take them from the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil one” (John 17:15 ASV). Any military commander understands the importance of knowing the enemy. Jesus, as the Captain of our salvation (Hebrews 2:10) knew Satan well. As a result, through His inspired Word, He has warned us about the mastermind of sin, the devil. We are told to, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Also, concerning the devil, Paul said, “... for we are not ignorant of his devices” (2 Corinthians 2:11). We better not be ignorant because we have been forewarned and to be forewarned is to be forearmed.

Third, we observe in our Lord tremendous determination to do right. I know myself well enough to say that I can accomplish anything within my physical ability if I truly want to accomplish it. Surely any honest person would admit the same. Therefore, it seems logical to conclude that in practically every situation where a person fails to overcome temptation, they simply lacked the determination to do it. Jesus, on one occasion, said, “My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work” (John 4:34). He also said, “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work” (John 9:4). Jesus never gave in to temptation because, in addition to his Knowledge of God’s Word, and his awareness of the devil’s devices, He had an unrelenting determination to accomplish God’s Will. We will fail miserably if we do not have the same determination to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matthew 6:33).

One final thought, contrary to the opinion of some, is that Jesus had no advantage in the face of temptation that is not equally available to you and me. It was necessary that He be tempted to the same degree as we are in order that He might sympathize with us and serve as our merciful and faithful high priest (please read Hebrews 2:14-18, 4:12). Consequently, we can rest assured that regardless of the temptation, we can tackle it if we will learn from our Lord’s example. He demonstrated the necessity of continually developing our knowledge of God’s Word, being sober and vigilant against the devices of the devil, and maintaining a determination to do the Will of God at all cost. To our advantage, we also have the assurance that, “There hath no temptation taken you but such as is common to man: but God is faithful, who will not suffer you to be tempted above that ye are able; but will with the temptation also make a way to escape, that ye may be able to bear it” (1 Corinthians 10:13). Christian brothers and sisters, you, too, can tackle temptation. James said, “Submit yourselves therefore to God, resist the devil, and he will flee from you” (James 4:7).

VISITATION GROUP 1

On **Sunday night, Aug. 6th** **Visitation Group #1** will meet following evening service at the home of **Dawson & Evie Campbell**.