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Using God's Word to Chart The Course
Of A Congregation

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Wednesday Night Summer Series (2018)

OH I WANT TO SEE HIM!

Join us each Wednesday from 6:00-7:00 p.m. July-September

Elders:

Frank Bohannon
Jonathan Loveday
Larry McDuffee
Brian McLaughlin
Jon Tatum

Deacons:

Jim Bell
Charles Evans
Kyle Fairman
Dale Hennessee
Mike Isaacson
Doug Loveday
Don Napier
Tom Parham
Mark Roberts
Jason Wyatt
Jerry Wood

Ministers:

Alan Judd
Ken Mears

Missionaries: (India)

Don Iverson
Jim Waldron

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9 AM
Sunday Worship	10 AM 6 PM
Wednesday	6 PM

OTHER ACTIVITIES:

Ladies Bible Class	
Tuesdays	11AM
Prayer Meeting	
Tuesdays	10 AM
Joyful Generation (Youth Devotional & fellowship)	
1st Sunday	7:00 PM

JULY

July 4: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Created Me"

Wayne Lankford, Murfreesboro, TN

July 11: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Provides for Me"

Steve Higginbotham, Knoxville, TN

July 18: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Comforts Me"

Glenn Randolph, Fairfield Glade, TN.

July 25: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Teaches Me"

Jason Gann, McMinnville, TN

AUGUST

August 1: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Came For Me"

Justin Morton, Knoxville, TN

August 8: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Lived For Me"

Alan Judd, Crossville, TN

August 15: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Died For Me"

Clarence DeLoach, Cookeville, TN

August 22: "Oh I Want To See the One Who Rose For Me"

David Lipe, Cookeville, TN

August 29: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Mediates for Me"

Dale Barger, Wheeler Hill, TN

SEPTEMBER

September 5: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Forgives Me"

Ben Bailey, McMinnville, TN

September 12: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Encourages Me"

Jeff Archey, Cleveland, TN

September 19: "Oh I Want to See the One Who Loves Me"

Derrick Coble, Sparta, TN

WORKERS TOGETHER WITH GOD

Alan Judd

Out of all the amazing concepts and truths found in the Bible, one of my favorites is found in 2 Corinthians 6:1. There, Paul declares: “We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain.”

Did you catch what he said? We, those of us who are Christians and members of the church Jesus died for, can be workers together with Him? To whom is the pronoun Him referring? It is used in reference to our God. The omnipotent and omniscient creator that we serve is also the one with whom we can work. Is not that an amazing thought?

We can partner together and join forces with God in carrying out His will. This is not to suggest that God is lacking some ability or skill necessary to accomplish His purposes; far from it! However, this verse informs us of the privileged opportunity we have to help in His work.

It is this reality and the specific opportunity that my family has been granted to do this in Crossville that excites me more than I can put into words. My measureless gratitude has been and will continue to be expressed daily in prayer to our Heavenly Father. I am also thankful to the Elders of this fine congregation for the confidence they have in us and to all of you who make up the body of Christ in this place for your selecting us for the work of proclaiming the Gospel in Crossville!

We (Alan, Amy, Adrian, Anderson, & Adam) pledge you our best efforts in this labor. You will be mentioned daily in our prayers and we stand at the ready to assist you and your family whenever the need arises. We, like all others, will stumble and make mistakes along the way. We beg in advance your patience, grace, and forgiveness and pledge to give the same to you when necessary. We covet your prayers for strength, wisdom, courage, and all other things needed to do the work of the Lord. We welcome the opportunity and will make time to be available to visit with you and get to know you and your family better. We are learning names, but it might take us a few weeks to put a name with every face. Nothing would make us happier than to be introduced to your friends and family as “my preacher’s family” and we will try to integrate into your lives and will integrate you into ours.

We are moving to this area and cannot wait till we are settled. As of now, we are awaiting the sell of our home in Jackson County and looking at prospective properties in Cumberland County. If you have a good lead or suggestion, feel free to offer it to us. I will be in the office Monday through Thursday from 8 A.M. to 4 P.M. with a lunch break from noon to 1 P.M. and you are invited to stop in and say hello. Study is essential and very important and I must give dedicated attention to it, but I would be glad to visit for a few minutes, or if a more serious need arises to take the time necessary to assist you.

Again, I am honored and humbled to be your preacher. As the verse cited at the beginning stated, I am doing my best “not to receive the grace of God in vain.” To that end, I will devote every day to striving to faithfully live according to the precepts of the Bible and shall especially seek to always “speak the truth in love” from the pulpit and from house to house.

Thank-you is the best we can do to express our gratitude for all the kindnesses, love, and encouragement given over the last few weeks to us! We love each of you!

HOW CAN WE ACHIEVE RELIGIOUS UNITY

Bob Prichard

As Jesus was preparing to face the cross, He went to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray fervently for the disciples, knowing that they would face difficulty in sharing His message of peace and love with the world. Having prayed for the disciples, he also prayed for Christians down through the ages: “Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word; That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me” (John 17:20-21). His prayer was that all who would believe in Him through the word of the apostles would have the same unity that He experienced with the Father. Sadly, men seek disunity and division, ignoring Christ’s prayer. The consequence of this is that many have rejected the gospel of Christ because of the divisions they see within “Christendom.”

In Paul’s day there was “one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all” (Ephesians 4:4-6). Yet men today claim there are many bodies and many faiths. Most claim to be what might be called “hyphenated Christians.” A person who is a “Denominational-Christian” is subject to the creeds, handbooks and bylaws of his denomination. Why not give up the denominational names and creeds? Why not be just Christians, not members of any denomination?

Lasting unity among the followers of Christ can come only one way--by going back to the Bible and throwing out the creeds, manuals, and man-made traditions. Paul wrote to a very divided congregation at Corinth, pleading with them to have real Christian unity. “Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment” (1 Corinthians 1:10). They could only find unity by being “perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment.” Christians can have this unity of mind and judgment only by uniting in the teaching of the Bible, the Word of God. Creeds and handbooks can never bring unity.

There are sometimes unity or “ecumenical” movements among the churches, and some good may be accomplished by these groups banding together for a common cause. There is usually agreement however, that doctrine will be forgotten or overlooked, or else how can one group that teaches baptism is immersion unite with another group that teaches baptism is sprinkling, etc.? But is this really being joined together in the same mind and the same judgment? If they will not agree on the Bible, how can God’s people agree on anything? The Bible is not a dead letter from two thousand years ago. It is “quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart” (Hebrews 4:12). It must be followed for unity today.

