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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Classes	9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship	10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.
Wednesday	_
Bible Classes	7:00 p.m.
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David A. Cox, Editor

Great News About Submission!

David Diestelkamp

The only news about submission that the world would consider great is if it wasn't necessary. That news would be music to the ears of many in the religious world, too, removing the need for the textual gymnastics that are necessary for them to redefine gender roles and renumber who is first in the kingdom.

A sizeable number of Christians might also find some joy in discovering submission and its concepts of following, serving, and obeying had finally been declared unnecessary. No more having to put others first, no more cooperation, no more gender roles. Would that be good news?

The great news about submission is not that less is more, but that more is more. Submission is an opportunity to serve Christ and we always want to do more of that. Submission is an opportunity to be like Christ, and nothing can be better than that for a true disciple!

Think of it this way; when submission brings you life circumstances that you don't want to go through, how is that different from Jesus in the garden of Gethsemane? (Matthew 26:39-44). Your submission makes you Christ-like! When submission doesn't allow you to do what you want to do or say what you want to say—Christ-likeness! (John 6:38). When you are required to obey, and it's hard—Christ-likeness! (Hebrews 5:8). When subjection requires that you remain silent—Christ-likeness! (Matthew 26:63; Isaiah 53:7). When people don't appreciate you, thank you, honor you for who you are and what you do but you continue to humbly do what is right—Christ-likeness! (Mark 15:32; Philippians 2:5-9). When people misunderstand your submission to be weakness—Christ-likeness! (Matthew 27:42). When you bow to someone as your head—Christ-likeness (1 Corinthinas 11:3). When you defer your rights and revenge to forgive the undeserving— Christ-likeness! (Luke 23:34).

Instead of whining and complaining about "having" to submit to each other, we should welcome it as an opportunity to be Christ-like. Sometimes we'll find ourselves submitting when others don't have to. We can rejoice and be glad that we are blessed with these opportunities to be Christ-like that others don't have!

We live in a prideful, arrogant, pushy, domineering, success-agenda fueled society. The idea of submission and serving others has been lost. Submission is alive and well in followers of Christ because Christ is in them and He is the picture of submission. More is more, and we welcome it! "...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ" (Ephesians 5:21).

~via Think On These Things; Cortland, Illinois.

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Diseases of the Soul

James E. Cooper

The scribes and Pharisees criticized Jesus for "eating with tax collectors and sinners." He responded, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners, to repentance" (Mark 2:17). Jesus was not merely concerned with man's physical, but especially with his spiritual health. He is the Great Physician and specializes with the maladies of the soul—sin of all forms.

Sin is a dreadful spiritual disease. It is universal in scope (Romans 3:9, 23). It affects vital organs—the heart of man is its seat (Matthew 15:19; 7:20; 12:34; Galatians 3:19). It is contagious—it corrupts others (1 Corinthinas 15:33; 1 Corinthians 5:6). It is deceitful (Hebrews 3:13; Ephesians 4:22; 2 Corinthians 11:3; James 1:16). It is fatal—resulting in spiritual death (Romans 6:23; 1:17, 32; James 1:15).

Sin takes many forms. Some speak and write of the "seven deadly sins," as if they were the only "deadly" ones. Jesus lists seven that "defile a man" in Matthew 15: 17-20. Paul lists ten who "will not inherit the kingdom of God" in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, seventeen "works of the flesh," saying "those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God in Galatians 5:19-21, and at least twenty-two that render not only those who practice them but also those who approve of those who practice them "worthy of death" in Romans 1:18-32. Other lists may be found in the Scriptures. With a little "tongue in cheek" let me suggest some more symptoms of this dreaded spiritual malady. These may not be found in each individual, but they are often seen—and they all have the same fatal result.

Debility is characterized by a weak, run-down, nothing-really-wrong condition, but it makes one susceptible to other and worse situations.

Malaria literally means "bad air," and is descriptive of bad associates [evil companions] who "corrupt morals" (1 Corinthians 15:33).

Hydrophobia literally means "fear of water," and many appear to be afraid of the water of baptism (cf. Mark 16:16).

Myopia is "near-sightedness," and some [even church members] are "short-sighted, even to blindness" (cf. 1 Peter 1:5-11).

Mobri-sundiosis is peculiar in that it flares up on Sunday morning just before time for Bible Study and subsides in a couple of hours, allowing its victim to go to a ball game or other recreation in the afternoon.

Sleeping Sickness is seen in some who literally sleep in church, but also in others who are "asleep on the job" spiritually (cf. 1 Corinthians 11:30; Romans 13:11; Ephesians 5:4).

Mouth Rash is found in many people. Jesus says, "Not that which goes into the mouth defiles a man, but that which comes out of the heart" (Matthew 15:11). Filthy language, blasphemy, gossip—all defile a man.

Only the Great Physician can heal our spiritual diseases (cf. Acts 4:12), but we must hear the saving gospel (Romans 1:16), repent of our sins and be baptized (Acts 2:38), and "observe all things that (He has) commanded" (Matthew 28:19-20; Matthew 7:21-23).

~via Word of Faith; Las Vegas, Nevada.



Sunday Mornings at 9:45 a.m. Wednesday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. *Come Join Us As We Study Together*

It Is Not Enough To Say "Jesus"

T. Doy Moyer

It is one thing to say that Jesus needs to be our foundation for what we believe and do, but the Apostle Paul warned against "versions of Jesus" that may lull us into a false sense of security. "For if one comes and preaches another Jesus whom we have not preached, or you receive a different spirit which you have not received, or a different gospel which you have not accepted, you bear this beautifully." (2 Corinthians 11:4)

In other words, it's not enough just to say, "Jesus," as if it is impossible to misunderstand Him or come up with versions of Jesus in our mind that are not at all following the real Jesus (Matthew 7:21-24). The Spirit of Christ is not whatever we decide it is.

We can't just make up what we want about Jesus and claim to be following Him, but this is always the danger when we ignore what Scripture actually teaches in favor of what feels good to us. Jesus is not there to "rubber stamp" our will. He is there to save us from sin and lead us into glory in the way that He wills.arts and your minds in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 4:6-7).

~via *Eastside Bulletin*; Indianapolis, Indiana.

News & Notes

THE SICK:

Dan Lovell Patsy Thomas Linda Jones Sara Ogles Shelly Scruggs Ann Bush Doris Lovell Cindy Glass Ashley Sims Shaun Carruth Wayne Gooch Everette "Bud" Dollar

Updates:

Dan Lovell is scheduled for a heart cath on Tuesday of this week...*Mot Beasley* spent a few days in the Decatur Hospital this past week...*Donna Wright* will be having a heart valve replacement upcoming soon. Keep her in your prayers...*Kaleigh Conn* was born with a hole in her heart. The doctors had hope that it would correct itself. In recent tests they have determined that something will need to be done for her. She is going to the doctor in Birmingham for this. Keep her in your prayers...*Priscilla Tucker* began her treatments this past Wednesday. Prayer that the treatments will be effective...*Al Pollard, Tommy & Marcella Coblentz' son-in-law,* had five treatments this past week for his cancer. Pray that the treatments will continue to help Al...*Adrain Maynard*, a preaher for the Hindsbury Rd. in Barbados, is awaiting a surgery to remove a tumor from his head.

Those Undergoing Treatments or Chronic Illness:

Joe Leopard	Gayle Ball
Irene Inman	Janice Cagle
Jeanette Weir	Priscilla Tucker
Jenny Pickens	Ella Melvin
Daniel Ogles	Diane Kilpatrick
Linda Ordonez	Wayne Wooldridge
Cindy Walker	Brittany Bates Carter
Gene Carpenter	Charles Burns
Betty Christopher	Bobby McLemore
Al Pollard	Ava Brooke Campbell
Elizabeth Howard	Matt Poff
Phillip Harwell	Una King Currier
Eli Williams	

In The Hospital/Rehabilitation:

Norman Hamm; Millenium Rehab - Huntsville

Athens Rehabilitation & Senior Care:

Reba Byram, rm. 64	Nelva Reed, rm. 61
Helen Trousdale, rm. 43	Judith Groce, rm. 10-B
Dorothy Draper, rm. 73	Oneal Martin, rm. 81
Joyce Martin, rm. 73	Gayle Mills, rm. 15
Mattye Murray, rm. 2	Christine Hudson, rm. 77
Valeria Dalton, rm. 7	Evelyn Hogan, rm. 36
Mable Crafts, rm. 39	

Limestone Health Facility:

Opal Conn, rm. 117 Jim Sasser, rm. 116

Shut-In or Away From Home:

Robert & Mot Beasley, at Riverside Sr. Living, Decatur Gwen Bullock, at granddaugther's in Huntsville Wynell Casteel, at home Marjorie Dunnavant, at Brookdale Farms, Huntsville Mary Ruth Gardner, at Merrill Gardens, Madison Carl Hargrave, at granddaughter's home in Hartselle Essie Hardison, at home Ruby Jean Tinnon, at home William Thomas, at home

SINGING AT NURSING HOME: Remember the singing at *Athens Rehab & Senior Care* on Tuesday evening at 5:30.

MEETINGS/LECTURES: The *CEI Lectures* at *Athens Bible School* will begin tomorrow evening. There will be a period of singing at 7:00 p.m. followed by a

lecture at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings. There will be morning lectures beginning at 8:00 a.m. and concluding at noon Tuesday through Thursday. The theme this year will be "*When We Meet In Sweet Communion.*" The detail of the lecture schedule is on the bulletin board in the vestibule.

OUT OFTOWN: The Bradleys: Steve and Marilyn are in Texas with family...Jim Whitt has been in Alaska this week with his work...Mike Ogles has been in Auburn this week with his work...The Wulfekubls: Russ, Lisa and Ali have been in Florida on vacation...The Burns: Tommy and Susan have been in Arizona on vacation.

TEACHER'S MEETING: Next Sunday afternoon June 24th, we will have a teachers meeting to work on the VBS. We will be studying "*Trailblazers For The Faith*". I hope that all of our teachers and any others that would like to help with the VBS can be present.

DOOR TO DOOR: Yesterday morning, several of us went out knocking on doors inviting people to Market Street and our VBS. We will plan to go again next Saturday morning, June 24th, to invite others to come to be with us.

ELDERS & DEACONS: Remember the elders announced the names of the men being put before the congregation to serve as elders and deacons. The men will be appointed next Sunday, June 25th. Also, the elders and deacons need to have group pictures made.

WORK GROUPS: Work Group Three will be meeting this evening after our evening service. If you are in group three, remember to meet with your group tonight.

THE RECORD: Attendance for the week of June 11th

Sunday:	Bible Classes1	28
-	Morning Worship1	69
	Evening Worship 1	28

Wednesday:



10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

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Men Privileged To Serve:

Sunday, June 18th:

Morning Worship

Announcements		Terry Andrews
Song Leader		Tommy Burns
Prayer		Larry Mitchell
Preaching		Ďavid Cox
Lord's Supper		
Presiding		Joel Hamm
Assisting		
Serving	Griffin Holt	Tony Thomas
Closing Prayer		Ľandon Adams

Evening Worship

Announcements	
Song Leader	Ashton Gatlin
Praver	
	Joel Hamm
Closing Prayer	Ďanny Holt

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 18th:

Ushers	Heath Dollar/Danny Holt
Work Sound System	Nathaniel Ádams

Wednesday, June 21st:

Song Leader	A. J. Price
Song Leader Bible Reading	Colossians 3:12-11
0	Harvey Nixon
Prayer	Marcus Morris
Invitation	Joel Hamm
Invitation Closing Prayer	Kenneth Adams

Sunday, June 25th:

Morning Worship

Announcements		Keith Hinke
Song Leader	••••••	Joel Hamm
Prayer	••••••••••••••••••	Bonnie Sutton
Preaching		
Lord's Supper		
Presiding	••••••	Harvey Nixon
Assisting		
Serving	.Keenon Currier	Heath Dollar
	.Marvin Putman	Steve Usery
Closing Prayer		

Evening Worship

Announcements	Keith Hinkle
Song Leader	
Prayer	
Preaching	Song Service
Lord's Supper	Harvey Nixon
Closing Prayer	Marcus Morris

Other Assignments for Sunday, June 25th: Ushers...... Russ Wulfekuhl/Larry Mitchell

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