

## SELF-CONTROL

The Bible teaches nothing more plainly than it does the doctrine of self-control. One of the Christian graces to be added by all who would enter into the glorified state of the kingdom at last was temperance or as in R.V. "Self Control". The man or woman without self-control is controlled by something outside of himself, as well as by the baser passion within himself. Only when one's better self is at the steering wheel of life, will he be able to live at his best.

Christians have "crucified the flesh with its affections and lusts." (Gal. 5:24) Those who live after the flesh must die eternally. (Rom. 8:13) Those given to strong drink are not being controlled by the flesh. They are deceived if they think they are free men. "Wine is a mocker and strong drink is raging, and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise." (Prov. 20:1) Self-control also involves control of one's temper, one's tongue, and includes adultery and all other immorality. It includes the entroneing of Christ—Christ on the throne of the heart to supremely direct and rule in all human affairs. The old man must be crucified and the new man fashioned into the image of the Lord. (Gal. 2:20; Col. 3:1-3) —Gus Nichols

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### Times of Worship:

SUN: 9:00am - Worship  
10:15am - Bible Study  
6:00pm - Worship  
WED: 7:00pm - Bible Study

### Elders:

Bob Gillen	728-1660
Don Gregory	728-9556
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Bob Kerce	728-8382
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Steve Willmore	728-6308

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# MONITOR

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## CARL'S THOUGHTS:

Sunday was a good day at worship even though we had so many absent from our services. Some are out of town, some had to work, and others were sick. But God is so good and we worshiped him in spirit and in truth.

This Monday started out so good as April Ferrell obeyed the gospel of Jesus Christ. April has known many of our members for several years. She will be an asset to our congregation. The angels in heaven are rejoicing over her decision to all Jesus Christ be Lord over her life.

I just love what Paul has recorded to us in 2nd Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new." Paul certainly would be gratified to make this inspired statement. Notice what Luke said about Paul's former life in Acts 9:1: "And Saul, yet breathing out threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord." Yet he became a new creature in Christ.

**KEEP YOUR EYE ON THE CROSS OF JESUS CHRIST!**

Wednesday December 9, 2009

**FOR THE RECORD**

Morning Worship: (Dec. 6) .....	244
Bible Study .....	180
Evening Worship.....	126
Midweek Bible Study: Dec. 2).....	136
Contribution: (Dec. 6) .....	\$5757

**HOSPITAL**

**Diane Brickey, Harton, Rm. 228**

**AT HOME**

**Bea Farrar, Clara West, Dessie Taylor,  
Charles & Margaret Berry, Fairy Johnson,  
Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff.**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL**

There will not any Wednesday Night meals for the rest of the year. They will start again on January 6th.

**READ THE NEW TESTAMENT THRU:**

**Bea Farrar, Wayne Johnson, Carl Sims**

**PANTRY ITEMS**

**Powered Milk, Sugar, Bathroom Tissue**

**SYMPATHY**

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Elva Rigney whose funeral was Wednesday at the Coffee County Funeral Chapel. She was the step-mother of Wayne Rigney.

**MEN TO SERVE**

**THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. DEC. 13:**

**9:00AM**

**Song Leader:** Mahlon Crosslin  
**First Prayer:** Bob Gillen  
**Scripture:** Don Gregory  
**Closing Prayer:** Frank Penney

**6:00PM**

**Song Leader:** Mahlon Crosslin  
**First Prayer:** Wayne Shelton  
**Scripture:** Don Gregory  
**Closing Prayer:** Bob Kerce

**SERMON TITLES:**

**A.M.: "Putting Away"** (Eph. 4:20-27)

**P.M.: "Anxiety"** (Luke 12: 22-34)

**PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. DEC. 13:**

Clayton Rowe & Aaron Vaughn

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. DEC. 13:**

Ella Livingston & Penny Barnes

**THOSE TO SERVE, WED. DEC. 16:**

**Devotional:** Carl Sims  
**Announcements:** Steve Willmore  
**Opening Prayer:** Wayne Rigney  
**Closing Prayer:** Tim Green  
**Song Leader:** Jonathan Hall

*If you are unable to serve at the scheduled time,  
please contact Brother Rigney @ 728-7716.*

**BAPTISM**

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the baptism of April Ferrell on Monday. She lives @ 410 Meadow Lane Phone: 952-9828. F4/6.

**CARE TEAM MEETINGS**

Carl & Carol Russell's Care Team #1 & Wayne & Barbara Rigney's Care Team #2 will meet together on Saturday, December 12th @ 5:30pm at the Club House at Magnolia Glen. Please bring finger food. We need an approximate headcount, so please see the group leaders or Virginia Duke with this information and/or questions.

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Leroy & Shelia Munsey's Care Team #3 will meet after the pm. Worship service, Sunday, December 13th in the fellowship hall. Please bring finger foods and a gift to play "Crazy Santa".

**CONGREGATIONAL HOLIDAY FELLOWSHIP**

There will be a congregational Holiday fellowship, Sunday, Dec. 20th following evening services in the fellowship hall. **Please bring finger foods.** Parents, if you want your child to receive a present that

night, please bring a wrapped book with your child's name on it and give it to Sandy Brown or Karen Green. This is for the entire congregation.

**BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE**

Lessons Graded (12/2-12/8) .....	1,447
Requests For Personal Contact.....	1
Students served.....	579

**STUDENT COMMENTS**

Thanks so much. I am truly enjoying this Bible Study. I read it over many times just to make sure I understand and remember these beautiful words from God's book (Chicago, IL)

Sorry for the delay in getting these lessons back to you. I like them very much. I am Catholic but have very little knowledge in the Bible. Any help I can get would be helpful. (Toledo, OH)



Dear Christian family,

Your kindness and thoughtfulness are simply overwhelming! I want to thank you for all the prayers and cards. They have meant a lot to me. I hope everyone has a Merry Christmas. Keep praying for me.

In Christian love,  
Bea Farrar

**TRANSPORTATION**

Anyone needing transportation to or from services or if you know someone that is not attending due to the lack of transportation, please call 931-273-5882 or the church office @ 728-3306. This service is provided by the elders and is available to each and everyone.

**SINGING**

**Dec. 11:** Woodbury, 7:00pm

**50th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY**

*Together they have found a friendship,  
Raised a family,  
and built a beautiful marriage.  
You are most warmly invited to celebrate  
this joyous*

***50th Wedding Anniversary***

*by the children of*

***Winfred and Virginia Duke***

*December 20th, 2009*

*Sunday Afternoon*

*2:00 until 4:00*

*Magnolia Glen Clubhouse*

*101 Magnolia Glen Circle*

*Manchester, Tennessee*

*No gifts please,*

*Your presence is our gift.*

**THE WAY OF HAPPINESS**

I met a man the other day  
Whose sunny manner seemed to say  
That he had found the happy way.

I asked the secret of his smile,  
He gave a thoughtful look the while  
And answered somewhat in this style.

Six things have I that spell content,  
Six things that mean a life well spent,  
That make for real accomplishment;

A peaceful mind,  
A grateful heart,  
A love for all that's true;  
A helpful hand,  
Real tolerance,  
And lots of things to do

—S.W. Grafflin