

CONTRAST

God uses many illustrations to show us the reality of our behavior. He also shows us the consequences of our actions by illustrations. Isaiah and Jeremiah used the jackal to show how the promised land of Israel would be changed after Israel had been captured and carried away. The jackal roamed in packs and fed on carrion left by other animals. The jackals were very cowardly and lived where the countryside was desolate and barren.

The Holy Spirit gives us another way to make sure that we clearly understand His teachings. When we read about prayer, the Lord uses contrast to show us the acceptable prayer and the unacceptable prayer. The Pharisee prayed that he was so thankful that he was so much better than other men. The contrast was the publican who would not lift his eyes toward heaven and prayer that God would be merciful to him a sinner. Of course the publican's prayer was acceptable to God. This example is found in **Luke 18**.

James 4:3 states, "you ask, and do not receive because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions." The contrast comes in **James 5:16** which states, "The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much".

The most direct expressions of our communion with God is prayer. We need to be very careful to pray in an acceptable way to our Heavenly Father.

— Carrol Duncan

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18: Friends & Family Day & Pot Luck Meal.

May 1: Men's Breakfast & Meeting @ 8:00am in the fellowship hall.
(Please note the change of date!)

May 8: Breakfast for Singles, Widows & Widowers, fellowship hall @ 8:30am.

**June 26: Vacation Bible School
Theme: "Faith Is the Victory"**

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

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MONITOR

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CARL'S THOUGHTS:

We have been so blessed this week as we have a new sister in Christ. After a series of Bible studies, Missy Farrar was baptized into Christ for the remission of her sins. Missy has a wonderful personality and you will enjoy getting to know her. Missy is the director of the assisted living facility here in Manchester McArthur Manor. Missy will be an asset to our congregation.

We hope that all of you are remembering April 18th our Friend and Family Day. Our goal is to have 350 in our worship service at 9:00am. After our Bible classes we will enjoy a fellowship meal together. Then our pm service will be at 1:00pm. There will be no 6:00pm service on April 18th. We hope that you will invite a friend or family member to be with you on this day. Remember what Jesus revealed to us in Luke 14:23: "And the Lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highway and hedges, and servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled."

Keep your eye on the cross of Jesus Christ!

Wednesday March 31, 2010

FOR THE RECORD

Morning Worship: (Mar. 28)	268
Bible Study	193
Evening Worship.....	142
Midweek Bible Study:AM (Mar. 24)	16
Midweek Bible Study PM (Mar. 24).....	154
Contribution: (Mar. 28)	\$6,748

HOSPITAL

Linda Robison, St. Thomas, Rm. 274

Richard Barlow, Vanderbilt, ICU

(Son of Steve Barlow)

AT HOME

Bea Farrar, Clara West, Dessie Taylor,
Fairy Johnson, Beverly Vanover, Kenneth Poff,
Shelia & Leroy Munsey.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

The menu for next Wednesday, Apr. 7th is: ,
Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Drinks & Donuts. Re-
member to make your reservations by signing the list
in foyer by Sunday, Mar. 28th This is for any mem-
ber and the cost is: **\$3.00 per person**. There is a
special rate for families.

*Our goal for all of those who eat with us is to stay
and attend Bible class @ 7:00pm.*

PANTRY ITEMS

Ketchup, Salt, Mayonnaise

BUS DRIVERS NEEDED

There is a great needed for bus drivers. If
you are interested please contact Jayson Little @
409-3090.

MEN NOMINATED FOR DEACONS

There have been three men nominated by
the elders for the position of Deacon of the Main
Street congregation. They are: Steven Barnes,
Tim Green and Jeremy Woods.

If you have an objection to any of these
men, you are asked to put your reason in writ-
ing , with your signature and give it to any elder
in the next two weeks.

MEN TO SERVE

THE FOLLWING ARE TO SERVE IN APRIL:

LORD'S TABLE AM

*Jonathan Hall *Roger Taylor
Ricky West Ron Livingston
Frank Penney Winfred Duke

LORD'S TABLE PM

John McInturff & Pierce Green

USHERS & COUNT AM

Earl Qualls & Steven Barnes

USHERS & COUNT PM

Joe Verner & Jeff McCullough

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bob Gillen

THOSE TO SERVE, SUN. APR. 4:

9:00AM

Song Leader: Wayne Rigney
First Prayer: Carl Russell
Scripture: Steve Barlow
Closing Prayer: David Sullivan

6:00PM

Song Leader: Wayne Rigney
First Prayer: Charles Willmore
Scripture: Steve Barlow
Closing Prayer: Jim Thompson

SERMON TITLES:

A.M.:"Greatest Life Ever Lived" (Col. 1:13-20)

P.M.:"Glorious Church" (Eph. 5:25-32)

PICK-UP ATTENDANCE CARDS, SUN. APR. 4:

Matthew Uwechia & Jessie Dickerson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS, SUN. APR. 4:

Debbie & Chelsey Farless & Heidi Barnes

THOSE TO SERVE, WED. APR. 7:

Devotional: Carl Sims
Announcements: Jayson Little
Opening Prayer: Bob Kerce
Closing Prayer: Michael Penney
Song Leader: Pierce Green

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



I really enjoyed visiting your church. I had a really good time. Thank you for the very nice letter. I hope to see you all again when I come up there to see Mama.

Thanks a lot and may God bless !

Cindy Owens

(Sally Owens' daughter)

To My Brothers and Sisters at Main St.

Thank you from my heart for all the cards, prayers, phone calls and the donation that was made to Tuesday/Thursday School in memory of my sister.

I love and appreciate all of you so much.

Deane Byars

Thank you for the beautiful flower spray.

The family of Landon French

GOSPEL MEETING

April 4-7: Leoni, M-W 7:00pm

Speaker: Daniel Cates

April 9-11: Shady Grove, Fri-Sat. 7:00pm

Speaker: Bill Rogers

BIBLE CORRESPONDENCE

Lessons Graded (3/24-3/30)	1,527
Requests For Personal Contact	2
Students served	611

STUDENT COMMENTS

I may not have passed this one. It was quite a challenge, but it was a blessing studying it. (Charleston, WV)

Please keep on sending me the Bible lessons, for they keep me studying and learning, and refreshing my ability to learn and know. (Walstonburg, NC)

WEDNESDAY MORNING CLASS

March 31st was the last time for the Wednesday morning class until next winter.

BAPTISM

Our hearts were made to rejoice over the baptism of Melissa Farrar on Monday. She lives with her husband Jerry at: 101 Crosslake Dr., Tullahoma TN 37388. Phone: 247-7332. A7/21, M5/4, F3/3.

IS THE BIBLE A DEAD LETTER?

We are living in the 21st Century! Hard to believe, isn't it? Modern time! Except for a few antiques, we scorn the old. Question: Is the "old Book" still up-to-date and relevant or is it a dead letter, a relic?

Frances Bacon wrote, "They that reverence too much old times are but a scorn to the new." We can certainly see how this is true of the Bible?

In all of the above cases the old had not been perfected! The Bible, however, is God's "perfect law of liberty" (James 1:25). **The Bible is inspired of God, profitable for man and adequate for his every need** (2 Timothy 3:16,17). **That's relevance!**

The Bible is relevant because sin is prevalent! Who can deny it? To deny the prevalence of sin is to deny the morning newspaper and the evening news broadcast! Sin is sin and, my friend, the Bible deals with sin. It recognizes the reality of sin and reveals what man must do in order to be saved from it. The gospel is "the power of God unto salvation" (Romans 1:16). **That's relevance!**

The Bible is relevant because it gives purpose for life. Life is more than meeting physical needs (Matthew 4:4). Man's duty is to "Fear God and keep His commandments" (Ecclesiastes 12:13). The Bible tells us how. **That's relevance!**

The Bible is not out-of-date! It is relevant! The question is, "how relevant have you made it to your life?" The master said, "blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Luke 11:28). Nothing can be more relevant