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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Preacher: Zac Hall

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Are You a Christian?

**Do you know what you must
do to be saved?**

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue box on the table in the foyer! You can also text, email, or message the Facebook page. Questions will be answered the last Sunday evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook, Tish Clark, Bill Wright, and Drew Shinn

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tammy Ashely, David Stockstill, Tom Thrasher, Robert Hook, David Phillips, Millie Robertson, Cliff Peck, Janet Lake, and Sandra and George Rowell.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Men’s Meeting today following morning worship.
Ladies Day Meeting today following morning worship.
There will be no Saturday Ladies Class for October.
Building cleaning and door knocking Oct. 14th at 9:00 am lunch at 12.
Singing October 18th (Song request sheet on back table.)
Ladies Day with Evelyn Bonner Oct. 21st at 9:30 am
Fall Gospel Meeting with Mike Bonner Oct. 22nd – 25th.
BBQ fellowship Oct. 25th at 5:30 pm.
Question and Answers October 28th.
Youth Rally Nov. 11th at 9:30am

House to House

There is a new copy of House to House Heart to Heart on the back table.

Meal Sign Up Sheet

On the back table there is a sign up sheet to take the Bonner’s to a meal or have them in you home during the meeting.

Passage to Ponder: Mark 12:30-31

³⁰ And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment.³¹ And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these.

Sunday Sermons

A.M..... The Two Great Commands
P.M..... Every Good and Perfect Gift

Those To Serve

October 8th, 2023

Morning Worship

Announcements

Steve Phillips

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Preside

Steve Phillips

Assist

Ed Hanson

Closing Prayer

George Thomas

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wednesday Oct. 11th

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Invitation

George Thomas

The Cure For Denominational Division

by Darwin Hunter

All who profess Christianity must wonder at times why there is so much confusion and division in religious matters. Why are there so many churches, with so many beliefs, and so many diverse practices? Any thinking person realizes that it is detrimental to the progress of the Gospel in the world. A Muslim or a Buddhist would conclude that the entire system is flawed, and that it cannot offer hope for mankind since those who profess it are hopelessly divided and confused about what Christianity is. This is why Jesus prayed the prayer of **John 17:20-21**. He expressed His desire for unity among His disciples lest division become a “turn-off” to the world. Indeed, it has become an obstacle to the conversion of many.

What is the cure for such rancor and division? The solution is embedded in the text of **John 17**. In **17:17**, Jesus gave the answer: “*Thy word is truth.*” True unity would be based on more than “agreeing to disagree” since that just embraces the division. It would not be based on “unity in diversity” which proposes unity on a few “big issues” (the deity of Christ, His death, burial, and resurrection) and ignoring what is deemed to be “lesser issues” (salvational matters, worship practices, etc.) since that makes some things taught by God to be trivial and insignificant (who wants to take that position?). That idea puts man in the position of deciding what part of the inspired teaching is important, and what is “fluff and filler” in the Bible to be disregarded. Any doctrine which puts man in the position of judging God’s Word must be false!

Realizing that God’s Word is ultimate truth, and that the way marked out in His Word can never be wrong, is the only way to unity. As long as men appeal to human writings as authoritative, there will be division. As long as a man judges a doctrine or practice on the basis of “what my creed says,” there will be division. As long as men clamor for “what we have always traditionally believed and practiced” as authoritative, there will be denominational splintering. As long as humans keep exalting “I think” over what GOD SAYS, there will be confusion in Christianity. The cure for denominationalism is for all to accept and submit to the Lord’s powerful principle: “*Thy word is truth and nothing else is!*” It is a recognition that there can be only one standard in Christianity—the divinely, revealed Gospel (**Romans 1:16**), the New Covenant that our Lord mediated (**Hebrews 9:15**). That alone must be our law, or the division which the Lord hates, and which we also detest, will continue to ravage the religious world!