Gandy Church of Christ

February 18, 2018

<u>Worship With Us!</u>

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Sunday

Morning Bible Class.....10:00 a.m. Morning Worship.......11:00 a.m. Evening Worship.......5:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Class......7:00 p.m.



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WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

- 1. Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17
- 2. Believe the Gospel Mark 16:15-16
- Repent of Sins Acts 17:30
- Confess Christ Romans 10:9, 10
- 5. Be Baptized Acts 2:38

HOW DO I KEEP FROM FALLING?

- 1. Read your Bible daily 2 Tim. 2;15
- 2. Add to your faith the seven Christian Graces – 2 Peter 1.5–11
- 3. Attend every service Acts 20:7, Heb. 10:25
- 4. Be faithful unto death Rev. 2:10

A special Welcome to all of our guests today!

We are glad you are here.

If you would like a Bible Study in your home,

please contact our elders.

Don't forget to fill up the SUNSHINE BASKET!



SPECIAL DATES TO REMEMBER

- Feb 19-23—Searching the Scriptures Pulaski Street, 12:45 p.m. daily, WDXE Radio-(1370 AM).
- **Feb 23-** Friday night singing at Summerton, 7:00 p.m.
- **Feb 25-** Combined Evening Service at Crewstown, 5:00 p.m.



Birthdays & Anniversaries FEBRUARY

8- Madi Slater 8-Jonathan Bailey 13-Juanita Bailey 21-Ruth Byrd 24- Rachel Bailey 26- Brandi Tease 28 Clara Porter

Tennessee Children's Home—Spring Food & Supply Drive March 20, 2018

100% Bottled Grape & Apple JuiceLittle Debbie Snack CakesChicken & Beef BrothMicrowave PopcornVelveeta CheeseKool-Aid (canisters)

Cereal—Apple Jacks, Cinnamon Toast Crunch, Lucky Charms, Cocoa Krispy's



Announcements: BILLY SHAFFER

	READING	HEAD TABLE	PASS TRAYS	PRAYER
Feb 18	Billy Shaffer	Gary Bailey	Charles Smith Rick Sellers Bobby Lowery	Opening: Jim Shaffer Closing: Barry Gobble
Feb 25	Phillip Gattis	Barry Gobble	Terry Bailey Donnie Vandiver Bill Gobble	Opening: Sam Slater Closing: Billy Shaffer
Pantry Items	Peach Pie Filling	Canned Black Eyed Peas	Canned Chicken	Boxed Jello

Feeling Good About Yourself

Our attitude toward others is often a reflection of how we feel about ourselves. One author described it this way: "We are never more discontented with others than when we are discontented with ourselves." Most will admit that we tend to feel better about others when we feel good about ourselves.

There is nothing inherently evil about a good self-image. While self-centeredness must be avoided, there is a vast difference between self-centeredness and good self-esteem. God created us to feel good about ourselves within the parameters of our relationship with Him. He sent His Son into the world so that we might have opportunity to live "the full and abundant life" (Jn. 10:10). God does not rejoice in our failings or find some sort of pleasure every time our feet get knocked out from under us and we find ourselves bruised and battered by life's challenges. Quite to the contrary, God hurts when we hurt. Being the perfect reflection of the Father (Hb. 1:3), Jesus is our great high priest who sympathizes "with our weaknesses" and "has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin" (Hb. 4:15).

God's revealed truth is our Creator's blueprint for living a joyous life, both now and in the life which is to come. The "do's and don'ts" of the Bible were not given for the purpose of inflicting pain, but bringing happiness. Even under the Old Testament, God identified His reason for giving rules and ordinances. Moses revealed God's true intention for the Law, saying,

"And now, Israel, what does the Lord your God require from you, but to fear the Lord your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the Lord's commandments and His statutes which I am commanding you today for your good?" (Dt. 10:12). Every parent knows the meaning of "for you good." As children, we may have tried to bend the rules now and then only to discover, in the long run, that they had, indeed, been given for our good and ultimate happiness.

As much as anything, the instructions of God, as provided in His inspired word, ought to provide us with a sense of security and well-being. Our Father in heaven cares enough for us to set boundaries. When we follow His teaching, good feelings are produced. Many have made the mistake of turning things around by insisting that one must feel right in order to do right. But, actually, there are many occasions in which we must do what is right and trust that the feeling will follow.

We are created in the image of God. He loves us so much that He gave us the gift of His Beloved Son so that we might entertain a strong hope of living forever in His glorious presence. Such thoughts as these will influence the way we feel about ourselves and those around us. A sense of His great love frees us from self-hate and stirs within a genuine sense of good will toward others.

Glen Elliott / Bulletin Articles

Prayer Requests

Briley Ormsbee is running a fever off and on.

Cecil Porter has the flu.

James Smith has not felt well this week.

Michelle (Stacey & Debbie's daughter) had surgery for a torn tendon.

Continuing in Prayer:

Pam Smith (rehab), Becky Leonard (rehab, Van Slater, (rehab), Chris Craig (paralyzed), Greg Slater (cancer), Frank Baker (cancer), Donnie Russell, Judy Smith (cancer), Mary Bowden (cancer), Donnie Jones, C.M. Porter, Gina Wilson (cancer), Valeria Painter (cancer), Luke Gowen, Patricia Chapman (cancer), Mavis Johnston, Viola Green (NHC Brink), Judy Vandiver, Thomas Wesley, Kellie Rodgers, Earline Price, John Dryden (cancer), James Smith, Bill Gobble, Ruth Byrd, Lolamae Sides, Linda Taylor, Ms. Ayers, Raymond & Faye Weeks, Elsie Slater, Larry Jones, Robbie Guthrie, Maggie Sue Johnston, Ruth Bryant (Country Cottage).

IN SYMPATHY: The family of Jason Dickey, firemen families and friends of Jason. All of the victims of the shooting in Florida and their families need our prayers.

A THIEF NO MORE

He had been in trouble of some kind since he was ten years of age. It started out as he stole watermelons from a neighbor's yard. It then went to going into people's houses and taking anything he wanted. He had been sent to juvenile lock-up facilities many times. As he got older, his crimes continued, sending him to jail several times. Now, he was on parole from the state prison, having been released the day before. He broke into an antique book store and made off with some rare, valuable old volumes. He took them to the room he had rented. He opened the bag and examined his loot. One book was an old Bible. He remembered his grandmother reading from the Bible. He opened it, wondering what it contained. He was still reading when daylight came. He continued most of the day. By evening, he realized his life had been wasted. He called a preacher, learned the way of salvation, and obeyed the gospel. He returned the books to the store and decided he would live for Christ from then on.

John Wright



