

Prayer List

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Welcome Visitors

We're glad you are with us today. Feel free to ask us any questions you may have. We look forward to getting to know you better.

The Numbers

Attendance	Sunday, August 14	16/21/11
	Wednesday, August 17	11
Offering	Sunday, August 14	\$1057.25

Those Serving

Prayer Before Sunday Classes Barry Simmons
Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements & Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	David Snyder
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper & Contribution	Keith Keever
Assistants	Levy Cox and Donald Shipley
Closing Prayer	Tommy Sanders

Sunday Afternoon Worship

First Prayer	Lance Green
Songs	Keith Keever
Sermon	Brad Green
Lord's Supper	Tommy Sanders
Closing Prayer	Donald Shipley

Wednesday Night

Songs	Brad Green
First Prayer	David Snyder
Devotional	Barry Simmons
Closing Prayer	Charles Hatcher

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study.....9:30 AM
Worship.....10:30AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study.....7:00 PM



From The Preacher's Pen

"FOUR IMPORTANT BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES"

[The following article was written by Brother Kent Bailey who preaches for the Northside church of Christ, Calhoun, GA.]

In order that we may obey God in all things, the New Testament affirms that we must walk by faith (2 Cor. 5:7). The Scriptures teach that faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom. 10:17). The element of faith is thus crucial to our acceptability to God (Heb. 11:6).

As we use the term faith we make reference to the term as used in the Scriptures. Many individuals have a view of faith that is totally false. Due to the case that faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God; such constitutes the element of evidence. Where there is no evidence there can be no Biblical faith. Therefore as we consider the element of evidence as it relates to faith there is the matter relating to knowledge. Where proper evidence exists one thus develops knowledge, and because of the essence of knowledge we draw from our knowledge faith (Heb. 11:1).

Another essential component relative to walking by faith is the element of human reason. There must be a distinction made between human reason and human wisdom. Whereas human wisdom is condemned in the scriptures (1 Cor. 1:18-31), proper use of human reason is God-given and is viewed as being essential to a proper study of the scriptures (1 The. 5:16-21). Were it not for human reason (which is God-given), one could not draw proper conclusions. There are no Scriptures in which we, who are living today, are directly addressed. Therefore, we must make proper usage of human reason to properly draw the conclusion that New Testament teaching applies to those living today.

The Scriptures teach explicitly,

implicitly, and by precedent. Just because a concept may not be expressly stated does not mean that such is false. All expressed or explicitly stated concepts imply things that are just as true and therefore just essential as if they were explicitly stated (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38).

In consideration of the afore mentioned truths let us consider four essential components of Bible teaching that are not directly stated in the Scriptures, but are however implicitly affirmed by the Word of God.

FREEDOM OF CHOICE DOES NOT LICENSE IRRESPONSIBLE CONDUCT.

God is a being of choice and created humanity with that particular element, in that He desires that we submit to His will freely because we choose to do so (Gen. 1:26; 1 John 4:8). We note therefore that God has made humanity as rational beings endowed with the element of free will (Jos. 24:15; 2 Cor. 6:1-2; Rev. 22:17). Many have confused the element of free will with subjectivism. Subjectivism falsely teaches that truth is derived from the human thought process. While indeed one must think clearly to ascertain truth (John 8:32), truth must preexist our ascertaining such. It is contingent upon the Word of God (John 17:17). We must therefore be very careful not to draw improper conclusions and act in an irresponsible manner. Many have accepted the false view that good and evil are dependent upon personal likes and/or dislikes (Jud. 17:6). Those who have gone totally into secularism abandon the Creator and falsely declare self as the *measure of all things*. False religionists have advocated sin under the guise of liberty (Rev. 2:6). True liberty does not lead one into rebellion against God (Gal. 5:13).

MIGHT DOES NOT MAKE RIGHT. The prophet Habakkuk described the Chaldeans of his day as "bitter and hasty" and "whose might is his god" (Hab. 1:6, 11, ASV). With the popularization of Secular Humanism, the false

notion of the survival of the fittest and the strong destroying the weak is not only finding gradual acceptance within society in general, but also by some members of the church in particular. Those who advocate this view do not care who they may step on just as long as their goal is met. Those who strive for an eternal fellowship with God will repudiate the iron rule for the golden rule (Mat. 7:12).

THE WAY OF THE MAJORITY IS NOT THE WAY OF TRUTH. Society today is motivated and persuaded by mob psychology and intimidated by large numbers. Such is a life style that has been built upon the wrong foundation and violates Biblical teaching (Exo. 23:2; Jer. 9:3; Mat. 7:13-14). For the majority, the acceptable principle of religion is, "The voice of the people is the voice of God." This view, however, is a denial of the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17; 2 John 9). The way of truth is the way of quality – not quantity (John 8:32; 14:6).

THAT WHICH IS LEGAL IS NOT NECESSARILY THAT WHICH IS RIGHT. Some individuals attempt to rationalize their actions by arguing that what they do is in harmony with that of civil law. Indeed civil law has its place in society, however such is not the final standard by which we live (John 19:5-11). In various aspects of society there are various things that are legally right but morally and/or religiously wrong. Some concepts are even legal, being morally right, but religiously wrong. We need to remind ourselves, our families, and society that God is the final Judge of right and wrong and His divine revelation is the standard by which we shall be judged, therefore the final standard of right and wrong in all areas of life.

May we have the love of God, the devotion to Christ, and the dedication to truth to be governed by the Word of God in view of the reality of eternity.

--Kent Bailey