

THOSE TO SERVE
September 20

Sunday Morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS Daryl Ward
 SONG LEADER Mike McMahan
 OPENING PRAYER Jimmy Horton
 COMMUNION BLESSING Mike Mitchell
 LORD'S TABLE James Miller, Wayne Ables
 Scott Perry, Charlie Leverett
 SCRIPTURE READER Colton Mitchell
 CLOSING PRAYER W.D. Henry

Sunday Evening

SONG LEADER Bo Wright
 OPENING PRAYER Chris Biehl
 CLOSING PRAYER Dayton House

Wednesday, September 23

SCRIPTURE READER Danny Schwartz
 SONG LEADER Allen Hardgrave

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September 27

Sunday Morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS R.C. Edmonson
 SONG LEADER Chris Biehl
 OPENING PRAYER Elam Miles
 COMMUNION BLESSING Tom Grady
 LORD'S TABLE Danny Schwartz, Fred Kramer
 Tyler Horton, Colton Mitchell
 SCRIPTURE READER Jimmy Horton
 CLOSING PRAYER J.W. Melton

Sunday Evening

SONG LEADER Jim Hays
 OPENING PRAYER Daryl Ward
 CLOSING PRAYER James Spruell

Wednesday, September 23

SCRIPTURE READER Bo Wright
 SONG LEADER Fred Kramer

MEN TO SERVE THE SHUT-INS

September 20 Charles Buck
 September 27 Jimmy Horton

Calendar of Events

Every Sunday morning at 8:30, hear our radio ministry on 96.9 FM, KXYL.

Brother Aubrey Rogers continues his series from Matthew's gospel tonight at 6:00.

Pie 'N' Praise tonight at the preacher's house after evening services. There will be no *Pie 'N' Praise* in October due to our Gospel Meeting.

Youth Devotional after evening services next Sunday.

October 18-21—Fall Meeting with Brother Tom Smith of Parma, ID.

October 20th—Men's Breakfast in the new annex at 6:30am.

October 23rd—5th Quarter After-Game Fellowship following the Valley Mills game.

October 24th is the date for the *3rd Annual Ladies Fall Brunch* beginning at 10:00 am.

October 31st is the date for the *Annual 65 and Over Fall Fest!* More details soon!

Nursing Home Ministry this Wednesday. Hillview is at 10:00am and Goldthwaite Senior Health Center is at 2:00pm.

Please come back tonight when Brother Aubrey Rogers brings the message. Services begin at 6 p.m.

If you have any information to be published in the bulletin, please submit it to Deborah Hays.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: Bible Classes 10:00am
 Morning Worship 10:50am
 Evening Worship 6:00pm
 Wednesday: Mid-week services 7:00pm
 Singing Night 1st Wednesday of each month

OUR ELDERS

Elam Miles
 Daryl Ward
 Mike McMahan
 Tom Grady

OUR DEACONS

Wayne Ables Fred Kramer
 Charles Buck Jimmy Horton
 Charles Parker Chris Biehl
 James Spruell

OUR MINISTER

Jim Hays

September 20, 2009

DO YOU REALLY WANT A SHEPHERD?

Today we begin a new sermon series entitled "Song 23", as we take a closer look at perhaps the most famous song ever written. Almost everyone knows the words. At almost every funeral, the words to this song are read. "The Lord is my shepherd...".

I contend though, that most in our world today don't really want a shepherd.

Yes, we want a *guide* to lead us through the valley of the shadow of Death. Certainly, we want a *savior* to usher us through heaven's gate on Judgment Day.

But do we really want a *shepherd*—someone watching over our lives every minute of every day? Do we really want a *shepherd* guiding every step and dictating every decision—essentially taking control of our lives?

The world scoffs at the idea of allowing anyone or anything to completely and totally control our lives. The world encourages us, "Be your own person! Go for the gusto!"

But the Spirit writes through David, "With the Lord as my Shepherd, I have all that I need."

Our only real "need" is to have a relationship with God. He'll take care of the rest. He'll see to our needs. Psalm 84:11c says, "No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly."

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Song #23: I Shall Not Want

Psalm 23 (KJV)

¹The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

²He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.

³He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

⁴Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

⁵Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

⁶Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

- You were _____ to want.
- Jesus says that the key to meeting your needs is not to pursue your _____, but to pursue _____.
- God is _____ to meeting our legitimate wants.
- One of Satan’s great lies: Obedience to God is an _____ to getting what you want.
- Every person should ask himself, “What is it that I *really* _____?”

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Psalm 37:4 says, “*Delight yourself in the LORD; And He will give you the desires of your heart.*”

The Good Shepherd desires to transform your life and mold you into His child—in the very likeness of His only begotten Son. “*I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you.... I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes....*” (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

My encouragement for you today is that you’ll truly *want* God as your Shepherd.

He’s all we need.

-Jim

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our condolences are extended to the families of **Thomas Hall** and **June Clifton**. Thomas passed away on Monday and his funeral was on Wednesday. June passed away last weekend and his service was conducted on Thursday. Please remember these families in your daily prayers.

Ruth Spruell will have tests this week regarding her blood pressure and loss of strength.

Hazel Hall continues to get better at home after recent heel surgery.

SHUT-INS

Louvelle Sides, Della Geeslin, Opal Havens, Hazel Warlick, Bertie Williams, Eva McCarter, Elna Berry, Christine Denman, Evelyn Dickerson, Daisy Watson and Charles Murray Davis.

OTHERS

Oleta Willis, Cleo Rhodes, Brenda House, Johnny Truitt, Billy Harris, Guy Leverett, Dean Ethridge, Kirby McMahan, Craig Sullivan.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Jean Ables is collecting children’s clothing to be sent to the mission work in the Philippines. Take your clothing to the classroom at the far south end of the building. Warm weather clothing only, please.

THANK YOU

A note of thanks to all the ladies who prepared food for the Hall and Clifton families. A large number of people were fed and our ladies always do an outstanding job of preparation and execution. This congregation is so blessed to have willing and capable women of God. *Thank you!*

The 92nd Annual ACU Summit begins today and runs through Wednesday. The theme is “*Exodus Expedition: On the Mountain with God*”.

AT DAY’S END

Is anybody happier because you passed this way? Does anybody remember that you spoke to them today? The day is almost over and its toiling time is through; Is there anyone to utter now a kindly word of you?

Can you say tonight in parting with the day that’s dipping fast, That you helped a single person of the many that you passed? Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said; Does the person whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?

Did you waste the day or lose it? Was it well or sorely spent? Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent? As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say, “You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today.”

—Author Unknown

“As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men.” - Galatians 6:10