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“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”(Matthew 5:16)



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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Worship
9:00 A.M. & 11:00 A.M.

Bible Study

Sunday Morning 10:15 A.M.
Wednesday Evening 7:00 P.M.

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“VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME”

TRYING TO HIDE FROM GOD!

One day, Jesus Christ will judge the entire world. Nothing will escape His faculties. He knows all and sees all. One cannot hide from God. Adam and Eve tried to hide from God but could not. Elijah ran far away and hid in a remote cave in the wilderness of Sinai but could never escape God. It is awesome to realize that God sees us all the time. It’s comforting to know that He sees the evil actions of others against us. However, no matter how one commits sin, one cannot hide from God. God will discover it. Notice several examples.

One may sin in secret like the sin of Cain (Gen. 4:8-10). Cain killed his only brother in the field because of jealousy. However, he brought it upon himself because his sacrifice was not pleasing to God (Gen. 4:5; Heb. 11:4). Notice the powerful statement from God prior to this ghastly murder: *“If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? And if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door.”* (Gen. 4:7) It does not matter if one commits sin in secret, because God will discover it.

One may commit sin years before its discovery like the sin of Joseph’s brothers (Gen 42:21). Jacob had thought for many years that his son, Joseph, was dead. In fact, when his sons came with the good news, he did not even believe them at first (Gen. 45:26). Although many think that time will remove sin from one’s life, time is not a factor with God in the realm of sin.

One may well cover up sin like the sin of Achan (Josh. 7:21). In his explanation to Joshua, Achan mentioned that he hid the coveted items *“in the earth in the midst of his tent, and the silver under it.”* He thought he would get away with it. Did not David do the same thing with Bathsheba? Did he not try to cover his sin by having Uriah killed? David later confessed that he committed sin against God *“in thy sight”* (Psa. 51:4). One cannot hide his sins from God, no matter how well one covers it up!

Others may prompt one to sin like the sin of Ahab (I Kings 21:7). When Ahab openly coveted Naboth’s vineyard, his wife Jezebel schemed to have Naboth put to death. In Elijah’s confrontation with Ahab, he said, *“Thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of the Lord”* (I Kings 21:20). The Bible records repeatedly the sin of bad companionship. Worldly peers constantly tempt young people to partake in evil deeds. God will bring all such sins into judgment.

One may commit sin in ignorance like the sins of the Jews (Luke 23:34). Their ignorance did not excuse them from their sin. Peter confronted them with their sin, and told them to repent (Acts 2:23, 36-38). God forgave those who repented and were baptized from their sin; God did not forgive those who refused. A constant study of God’s word will help our knowledge of His will to convict the sins of which we’re ignorant. (Rom.7:7).

Moses said, *“Be sure your sin will find you out”* (Num. 32:23). As the song is sung, *“There is an all-seeing eye watching you!”* Sinner, please repent – don’t try to hide from God!

--Sam Willcut

Congratulations

Merissa Spivey

*Smith County High School
Class of 2024*



*Commencement ceremony will be Saturday, May 18
7:00 PM at Owl Stadium*

Be strong and
courageous. Do not be
afraid or terrified
because of them, for
the Lord your God goes
with you; he will never
leave you nor forsake
you.

Deuteronomy 31:6

NEWS & NOTES:

SICK: John Jones is continuing to show some improvements in his health. He was moved out of ICU to a step-down unit on Monday, room 5101 at Centennial. Dimple Hicks is doing well after having several teeth removed last week. Kristi, Ainsley, and John Dallas Hassler have all had a case of the stomach bug this past week. They are all doing better now.

BAPTISM: We rejoice to announce that Joshua Barnes was baptized here at the building early Tuesday morning by Brother Stan Stevenson. Please keep Stan and the jail ministry in your prayers. This is a wonderful and productive work.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES: Julia Lynne Grim (3); Kailee Austin (5); Candice Harper (12); Mallie Kate Whitaker (13); Pam Morris (16); Brittany Hackett (19); Cameron Spivey (22); Sherry Lester (23); Carolyn Harris (25); Emma Trainham, Rick Spivey (27); Chris Washer (29); Morgan Dodson (30); Steven & Kim Claywell (5/1/1990); Gerald & Patty Piper (5/3/1958); Kenneth & Debbie Kidd (5/3/1975); Andy & Hannah Rutherford (5/18/2018); James & Regina Rowland (5/23/1974); Sam & Melissa Willcut (5/27/1994).

Continue to pray for the following: Barbara Silcox; Brenda Copeland; Robert Johnson; Faye Maberry; Lola & Bobby King; Jimmy Fisher; Jerry Hicks; Josie Powell; Helen Davis; James Spivey (Faye Maberry's brother-in-law); Robert Fields; Jerry Martin (cancer); Sherrie Lawrence; Kevin Howell (cancer – taking chemo & radiation treatments); Tucker Brown; Michelle Allen; Eva Louise Holt; Ronnie Glover; Mary Ann Herd; Scott, Jennifer, and Stephen Johnson; Brenda Boyd; Linda Myers; Mikel and Janice Hicks; Cynthia Gibbs; Josephine Fitts; Brenda Fitts; Buckie Parsons; Chuck Jordan; Jerry & Mary Phillips; Hudson Anderson; Annika Oldham; Hannah McDowell; Tom & Sherry Culver; Sharon Halliburton; Colton Ferrell; Janice Wilson; Drew Gallagher; Scott Bane; Brenda Aikens; Janet Rose; Ruby Anderson; Joe Armistead; Todd Smith; John Jones; Brenda Forrest; and Bea Davis. **Please let Kristi know if there is anyone that needs to be added or removed from this list.**

NURSING HOME/ ASSISTED LIVING/ SHUT-INS: Ricky Branham (SCHR); Lonetta Bains (Pavilion – Lebanon); Pat Paysinger (Shut-in).
THE MILITARY: Korrey King – USMC (Grandson of Bobby & Lola King); Jana Watson, Ann Carter's granddaughter (Army); Benjamin Gentry (USMC).

“For with God, nothing will be impossible.” – Luke 1:37

AREA EVENTS: *TCC Fundraiser* A fundraiser and fish fry will be held Saturday May 18 at the Taylor Christian Camp facility. Gates will open at 9:30 am; Annual Board Meeting at 10:30 am; Fish Fry 12:00-2:00 pm. See Justin Mauldin for more information.
Youth Event Christians in Action Youth Event at Wilette church of Christ on Sunday, June 2 beginning at 5:30 PM with a meal to follow.

EVENTS CALENDAR: *SCHR Devo:* First Sundays of Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. *Vacation Bible School:* June 3-7, 6:30 PM Nightly Theme: “Hall of Fame” *JSCYC* July 14-19. Staff and camper applications are available on the table in the foyer.

SPIRITUAL SWORD/HOUSE TO HOUSE: The current issues of *The Spiritual Sword* and *House to House, Heart to Heart* are available on the table at the front entrance as well as on the table in the annex. Please pick up a copy for your family.

A LIVING HOPE (1 Peter 1:3-9)

Blessed be the God and Father,
Of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Who according to His abundant mercy,
Gave us a living hope that will suffice.

God gave us this hope through Jesus,
By raising Him from the tomb.
Now we have a home reserved in Heaven,
Our souls saved from spiritual doom.

We are kept by His side by His power,
Through faith, salvation we'll receive.
Even though life's trials come upon us,
We become stronger and not at all grieved.

To possess a genuine faith,
More precious than gold that will fade.
The praise, honor, and glory,
Which revealed by the price Jesus paid.

Even though we have never seen Him,
Or looked upon His face,
With inexpressible joy we delight in,
Salvation by His wonderful grace!

*Jay Launius – 2002
Maud church of Christ; Maud, TX*