

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

Sunday morning worship (Bible study)	9:30 AM
Sunday morning worship (Preaching)	10:30 AM
Sunday afternoon worship (Preaching).....	4:00 PM
Wednesday evening worship (Bible Study).....	7:00 PM

NEWS AND NOTES

VISITORS: If you are visiting with us, we welcome you and ask that you please sign our guest book and fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection basket or give it to one of the men in the congregation

GOSPEL MEETINGS: There are several gospel meetings that will be going on in the coming weeks. However, I do not have the specifics on any except the College View Lectures this week (information on the bulletin board) and the one at the Tri-Cities church with Gary Henry June 25-30. There are others next week, but I do not have information on them yet. I will try to get more information this week.

SCHEDULE: The schedule for June is posted on the bulletin board so the men can see what their responsibilities are for that month.

SYMPATHY: George Humphries brother-in-law passed away this past Tuesday. His funeral was Friday afternoon.

OUT OF TOWN: Beulah Tooley will be out of town some this week helping take care of grandchildren. Jack and Brenda Elliott are out of town this weekend.

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Angie McKinney was absent Wednesday evening as a result being sick. Remember Peggy Tiffin's brother-in-law as well as other family members. Jerry Henderson's brother-in-law, Jerry Rickard, is very close to death. His kidneys had already stopped working by Friday and he may have died by the time you read this. Please remember my sister and the children as they experience this loss.

PRAYER: Sarah Dornier (Bruce and Beulah Tooley's daughter) is expecting twin boys.

NOTE: I am sure there are others we know about that need to be remembered in our prayers. If you know of someone who should be mentioned in the announcements please tell the one who makes the announcements. To have information put in the bulletin please get it to Jerry before about 4 pm Saturday.

POINTS TO PONDER

- Many people enjoy the shade but only a few people are willing to rake the leaves.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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HONOR

Honor means "a valuing" (Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words); "to estimate, to fix the value;" "to have in honor, to revere [to regard with reverence (Webster)], venerate [to regard with reverential respect or with admiration and deference (Webster)];" (Thayer's Greek English Lexicon of the New Testament).

Honor does not mean that we agree with someone. Paul honored Festus in Acts 26:25 by referring to him as "most noble Festus". However, at the same time he sought to teach him the truth of God's word. John the baptist told Herod about his sinful marriage Matt 14:4, but recognized him as king. So, yes, we can do our best to expose the sin of an individual while at the same time giving them the respect due them as a result of the office they hold. This is one of the ways we can be different from the world, that is, show that we are Christians, by decrying the sin while loving the sinner and respecting him because of the position of authority he holds. In fact, 1Pet 2:17 says "honor all" (the word men is in italics indicating that it was supplied by the translators), but it is understood that the text is talking about men (human beings) rather than animals. Therefore, those in authority are not the only ones we are to honor (give due respect and deference) to. This involves our attitude toward people in general.

As Christians, we should have respect for people because we are created in the image of God Gen 1:26. Paul shows this to be true when he says: "Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour." Rom 13:7. So, even though our society and its leaders are becoming more and more corrupt and immoral, we must continue to have the proper attitude toward them while at every opportunity doing what we can to teach the truth of God's word to all, condemning sin at all times. From the standpoint of salvation there is no difference in sin. All sin, any sin will cause a person to be lost eternally. However, from the standpoint of society and the consequences of and/or its effect on society in general some sins maybe are worse than others because of the influence that, especially, men in authority have over others in our society. No, one sin will not result in a person being any more lost, but it certainly may result in many more individuals being lost. So, "honor the king" but expose his error. (jlh)

KNOWLEDGE

I enjoy Reader's Digest, but not as much as I once did, because of all the advertising. However, several years ago I read an article in Reader's Digest where the author was advocating getting rid of Calculators in classes at public school, a sentiment with which I whole heartedly agreed. However, that is not the point of this article. In this article, the author made a statement that made me stop and think. He said: "It comes down to this: Knowledge you can look up is knowledge you don't have." And in today's world with ready access to the internet, we do look up a lot of "stuff". However, I thought about this statement this author made and decided it had a spiritual application. Years ago, when I was in school I was told, in words to this effect, "the secret to knowledge is knowing where to find the answer," and maybe to some degree this is correct. Yet, as I thought about the above statement quoted from the article in Reader's Digest it occurred to me that in order to talk effectively to people about the Bible it is much better to know what the Bible says about a particular subject than to have to say, "let me go look that up".

I remember when I was just a teenager my dad telling about Bible discussions that he had with a man where he worked. On their lunch break they would sit together and discuss the Bible. The man would ask my dad questions about various subjects and dad would give him scripture references to write down so he could read them for himself when he got home. Yes, as I recall, there were some passages my dad had to look up himself before he could tell his friend where to read the answers to his questions, but most of the scriptures he knew book, chapter and verse. This study continued (I can't remember how long but it was more than a few months, as I recall) until this man had been taught the truth and he obeyed the gospel. Now, can you see this was much more effective than if, with every question, dad had said to the man, "let me look that up and see what the Bible says about it and I will get back to you later with the scripture references"?

No, I am not saying that we must be able to have total recall and be able to give book chapter and verse in answer to every question without having to do some research. We, in fact, from time to time need to do some "research" (probably more than we do). However, what I am saying is that we should have a good working knowledge of the Bible and what it teaches that will enable us to at least tell people what the Bible says about salvation, what the church is and how to be a member of it. We also need to be able to explain regarding the work and worship of the Lord's church, because there is much misunderstanding about that even among those who are supposed to be brethren. Remember Jesus said "Ye shall KNOW the truth and the truth shall make you free." Jhn 8:32 and Hosea 4:6 says: "My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge." Yes, we need to be able to use a concordance and a good Bible dictionary in order to look things up. We can also use good commentaries (with caution). Those with computers can now use Bible software to good advantage in their studies of God's word. However, all of this should simply be an effort to store up in our hearts the principles we glean from God's word as well as a knowledge of where these principles are found in the Bible.

You see, we desperately need to have a personal knowledge of what the Bible says so that we can share it with our friends and acquaintances and enable us to resist the devil (Jas 4:7) as our Lord was able to do in Matt 4:1-11. David, in Psa 119:11 said: "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee." (jlh)