

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.

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

DIRECTORY CHANGE: Kenny Mauldin's new address is: 615 Biird St, Cherokee, AL 35616

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Brenda Elliott spent a couple of days in the Hospital but is at home now continuing to recuperate from some kind of respiratory infection. Peggy Tiffin was not feeling well Wednesday evening, but is feeling better now. Also, Telford Hamm was not feeling well Wednesday evening, but he also is feeling better now. Remember Jane Edwards' niece, Brandi Duckworth, who had to have her premature baby delivered by "C" section and then Brandi suffered complications and had to have additional surgery, the baby is doing fine and Brandi is continuing to heal from surgery. Melanie Ward's sister, Kelly, is now at home continuing to recuperate from her recent surgery. Continue to remember Elmo Wilson, Zola Basham's brother. Helen Sparks has health issues that sometime keeps her from services. Brittney Day is taking treatments and having therapy on her back. Remember Kenny Mauldin's sister who had a heart attack several weeks ago. Tammy Pendergraph's mother finally went to the doctor and if I understand correctly, they decided she had had a stroke and it had affected her right side.

PRAYER: Continue to remember Lydia (Richard and Beth Hammock's daughter) who is expecting.

NOTE: If you know of someone who should be mentioned, please tell the one who makes the announcements. To have information put in the bulletin please get it to Jerry before Saturday afternoon.

POINTS TO PONDER

- We should be looking at things that are not seen — because they are eternal.
- The secret to contentment is not getting everything we want, but in wanting less.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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IN WHAT DO YOU GLORY?

A person either glories in the flesh or in God. There is no neutral territory. Matt 6:24 says you can't serve God and mammon (material things or things of this life jlh). So, an individual is serving one or the other. If we are serving God, we are glorying in the cross of Christ. Paul in Gal 6:14 "But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ...". There is a song with the words "In the Cross of Christ I glory". So, in what do you glory? I am not asking: do you believe "in" the cross; do you accept the fact of the cross; or are you sentimental about the cross? I am asking "do you **GLORY IN THE CROSS?** The word "glory" means to boast, or rejoice in. Webster's on-line dictionary definition is: public praise, honor, and fame. Strong's Greek Dictionary uses the words: boast, glory, joy, and rejoice in his definition. I am not using the word "Cross" in sense of the physical pieces of wood on which Jesus was crucified, but the suffering and death of our Lord that the cross represents.

The supreme test regarding this question is: what do you think of the cross? Is the "cross", that is the death and suffering of Jesus the Christ an offense to you. Paul suggests that it was an offense to the Jews because through the cross the requirement of circumcision came to an end Gal 5:11. In 1Cor 1:23 Paul said the crucifixion of Christ was a stumbling block to the Jews. Paul said he determined not to know anything except Christ and Him crucified 1Co 2:2. These passages show us the attitude and feeling we should

have toward the cross of Christ, that is, His crucifixion. It is the cross that divides all mankind into two groups.

To those who are perishing: the cross is a great offense. It is a stumbling block, something to be laughed at, or dismissed as mere foolishness 1Cor 1:20-25. It is an offense to the human mind. It is nonsense - not according to human philosophy Col 2:6-10. People refuse divine revelation then wonder why they can't find the meaning of life. The cross is an offence to man's Pride. The root cause of the cross being offensive is man's vanity. The cross says we are sinners which the proud will not accept. Pride says: "I'm not so bad, at least not that bad". Whereas, Jesus says he came to save that which was lost Lk 19:10 and Paul declares in Rom 3:23 that all have sinned. This makes stubborn man angry and he refuses to accept the cross of Christ.

However, to the Christian the cross is his glory, he rejoices in it. Paul in Gal 6:12-15 says it is our boasting. The cross is not just something that happened. It is our salvation and we rejoice as a result. We glory in the cross because it shows us the most amazing spectacle ever seen. We see the glory of God being revealed in the events surrounding the cross of Christ. We see the Father loving us Jhn 3:16; the Son of God dying for us Rom 5:8; Jesus taking our place in death 1Pet 2:21-24; the just one dying for the unjust 1Pet 3:18. In the cross we see Jesus the Lord of glory humbling himself; making himself of no reputation and becoming obedient even unto death Phil 2:3-8. God's love for mankind was the motivating factor of the cross Rom 5:6-10.

All that the cross encompasses was and is for us, that is, for all mankind. Therefore, the cross is either all or nothing to you. If the cross is all to you then you are doing and will do whatever Jesus, your Lord requires of you. So, what is your reaction? Is your reaction the same as that of the publican in Lk 18:13 "God be merciful to me a sinner". Or is your reaction one of "So what I'll live the way I want to"? The first reaction will cause one to "glory in the cross", the other will cause one to "take offense to the cross".

Eternity is getting closer with every breath we take. The only way to make life eternal sure for us is to accept the benefits of the cross of Christ, that is, His suffering and death on that physical cross that makes eternal life available to every person. We must "glory" in the cross of Christ. If we glory in the cross of Christ it will show in our lives, we will be letting our light **SO** shine that others can see our "glorying in the cross of Christ" Matt 5:16 (jlh)

CALLING ON THE LORD

By Robert Turner

As a young man (sigh!) in central Kentucky, I attended many "brush-arbor" meetings where shouting and rolling in the aisle were common. When someone shouted "Jesus, Jesus!!" or, "Oh, Jesus, save me!" this was said to be "calling on the name of the Lord".

Well, it does sound like it -- but it isn't. There's a lot more to calling on the name of the Lord than vocal exercise. Rom. 10:13 says, "Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved". In the very next verse we read, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed...". In following verses, the necessity for messengers from God, our "hearing" (learning, heeding) and even obedience (vs.16) are all shown to be a part of this "calling".

Calling on the Lord means depending upon Him; trusting Him to the extent that we do His bidding and leave the results to Him. One may even define "calling upon the Lord" as hearing and obeying His "calling". Notice the prophecy which Peter quotes, i.e., "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved;" has its fulfillment among those "as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:21, 37-41). In order to "call on the Lord" they had to believe the truth concerning Christ, repent of their sins, and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins.

In 1Cor. 1:2 those "called to be saints" were such as "call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord". We call upon the Lord when we respond to His call. Such "called out" people make up the church of God.

In Acts 9:14 we see that Saul of Tarsus had authority to persecute all who called on the Lord's name. This meant the "saints" (Acts 26:10). Later, when Saul had become a Christian, he spoke with sorrow of his having "persecuted the church of God" (1Cor. 15:9). It doesn't take a Philadelphia lawyer to put these passages together and see that "calling on the name of the Lord" involved becoming a follower of Christ, a member of His church. This accords perfectly with all we have seen in previous passages concerning our subject.

And finally, in the very conversion of Saul of Tarsus, there is further light shed on the matter. When Ananias told Saul what he "must do" (Acts 9:6) he said, "And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord" (Acts 22:16). Saul "called on the Lord" by putting complete trust in Him -- doing exactly what he was told to do to be saved.

Little wonder then that Jesus said, "Not everyone that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven" (Matt. 7:21). Have you called on Him?