

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

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

SICK AND SHUT-INS: Continue to remember Jack and Brenda Elliott as they try to regain their health. Remember Raymond Poston's son, Kevin, as he deals with his brain tumor and ongoing treatments. Brenda Elliott has a sister in Southern Magnolia and another sister has moved into an apartment in this area. Telford's sister is at Southern Magnolia. Remember Telford's brother-in-law. Virgie Waddle's sister-in-law is in Southern Magnolia. Nancy Summerford continues helping care for her mother who has Alzheimer's. She hopes to be back at services soon. Mike Gay either is or will soon be undergoing chemo treatments for the tumor that was removed from his pancreas.

COVID-19 There are some in this community and others known to members here who either have this virus or are suffering lingering side effects from it. Even though masks are not required we should continue to be cautious and respect those who think they should wear a mask or possibly quarantine for a period of time.

WEEKLY BIBLE READING: This week's reading is **Matthew 15-21**.

TEACHING EFFORTS: Past issues of the **EASTSIDE EXAMINER**, are still available. The current issue is on the table in the foyer and past issues are in the resource room. These as well as the **EASTSIDE REMINDER** (past issues are also in the resource room) can be used as a teaching tool. There is an ad in the paper once a month offering a free Bible correspondence course. DVD copies of past TV programs are available. Our radio program continues on 95.5 FM at 10 AM each Sunday. Pray that these efforts will reach people interested in studying God's word.

GOSPEL MEETINGS / SINGINGS: East Florence meeting has been canceled due to covid-19. Kelly Spring Road (Harvest, AL) Sept 12-15 with Albert Dickson. Mon-Wed 7pm. Mt. Zion Sept 19-22 with Lowell Sallee. Hillsboro Heights (Moulton) Sept 19-22 with Ed Brand. Mon – Wed 7 pm. East Albertville Sept 19-24 with Billy Randolph Mon-Fri 7 pm. South Cullman Sept 30 – Oct 3 with J. R. Bronger. If you know of meetings or singings in the area, please tell the one making announcements.

POINTS TO PONDER

- A task worth doing and friends worth having make life worth living.

THE EASTSIDE REMINDER

2Pet 1:12-15

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MANAGING MULTIPLE PRIORITIES

"And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things." Luke 10:41

Even in the simplest life that one can live, there are still many things to be done. Those who would grow strong spiritually must learn to work energetically and productively without being eaten up by the time pressure that characterizes so many of our lifestyles. We must discover how to manage multiple priorities without sacrificing that which is our highest priority: the glorification of God. This is a discipline that we can learn, but learning it will be anything but easy in this age of the world.

It is possible to be very busy and not suffer from the corrosive stress that most of us feel when we're busy. Jesus, for example, was extremely busy, and He well knew what it was to be tired (John 4:6), but His activities were always surrounded by the peacefulness of complete surrender to the will of God. Although He was busy, He was never frantic. He felt no need to "make things turn out" according to selfish demands. Our anxiety, on the other hand, is often the result of an urge to control certain outcomes. It springs from the desire that things should happen as we wish rather than as God wills. Yet if we can let go of this desire, much of the compulsiveness that drives our activities will disappear.

Having said that, however, we should also say that most of our lives would profit from some serious simplification. As

a people, we are over-committed and strung out. We try to do more than one human being can do effectively. And the result is one that ought to alarm us greatly: we are at a disadvantage when it comes to the devil. Richard J. Foster, who has written perceptively on the value of the simple life, has said, "Our Adversary majors in three things: noise, hurry, and crowds. If he can keep us engaged in 'muchness' and 'manyness,' he will rest satisfied." Spiritually, we are never more vulnerable than when we are, like Martha, "worried and troubled about many things." Thus, one of the most constructive spiritual steps that we can take is to simplify our interests and our activities. But even when we do, there will still be many matters to claim our attention. We must learn the art of God-centered restfulness.

From "*Diligently Seeking God*:" by Gary Henry
A Daily Motivation to Take God More Seriously

A POWERFUL CHIMNEY CORNER QUOTE

By Wendell Ward

Can't you just hear an unforgiving, hard-living old codger saying, "You made your bed, now you lay in it?" Or maybe the struggling, godly matriarch of a difficult family, warning her siblings not to do wrong by saying, "If you make your bed, you will have to sleep in it."

I believe this saying to be a profound chimney corner quote of a simple truth of God. The saying is not a verse taken from the Bible but just as true as if it were inspired of God. God's way of saying it is by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man sows, that shall he also reap," (Galatians 6:7).

We sometimes sing the song, "You will Reap What You Sow," which strongly suggests having to sleep in the bed we make. We must carefully choose the type of seed we sow in this life, because the harvest will truly come. Even the thoughts we entertain, and the words we speak, grow into deeds which produce results. Those results may either be blessings or curses. There is one thing we can count on in this life and that is, that our actions produce results. "He that sows to the flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that sows to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting," (Galatians 6:8).

We should sow seeds of the kingdom along the fertile way for a harvest pure and white at the last great day. "Do not be deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners," (1Corinthians 15:33). "Our bed can become shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it," (Isaiah 28:20). "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death," (James 1:14-15 NKJV). So, "as we make our bed, we must lie in it" or "we will reap what we sow." Sleeping in the bed we make or reaping what we sow is not always immediate, but it is sure! Paul tells the Corinthians that we all "must appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that everyone may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it is good or bad," (2Corinthians 5:10).

"WALKING WITH THE WISE."

By Irvin Himmel

"He that walketh with the wise shall be wise" (Prov. 13:20). It takes more than being casually acquainted with a few wise men to become wise like them. It also takes more than just talking with them to become wise. To take on the wisdom of the wise one must be completely absorbed in what they say and do.

The wise project the fear of God in their lives. They make practical application of knowledge. They are skilled in the art of living. They discriminate between good and evil. They keep the precepts of the Lord. The Psalmist said, "I am a companion of all that fear Thee, and of them that keep the precepts of the Lord" (Psa. 119:63).

To walk with the wise is to have habitual and close friendship with them. The man who walks with wiser men than himself imbibes their thoughts, and those thoughts become part of himself. As the health of the body depends upon the kind of food which it receives, so the health of the mind depends on the character of the thoughts it receives and its power of making them its own. Good habits are learned by constant association with good and righteous people.