

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for December, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Robb Sanders / Zack Wilson / Joshua McCartha / Rodney McCartha

Announcements

Bob Williams

Building Duties

Dale Sanders

Greeters

Steven Frost
John Frost

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
Reed Kilcrease

Lord's Supper Preparation

Teresa Sanders

Scripture Reading

Ross Sanders

Privileged to Serve on November 29, 2009

Morning Prayer

J. W. Furr (opening)
Ken Helms (closing)

Evening Prayer

Ross Sanders (opening)
Russ Kilcrease (closing)

Song Leader

Danny Rolling

A/V Equipment

Reed Kilcrease

If you are unable to serve, please contact John Frost – 429-1114
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



**Minister
Keith Dixon**

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Compromise

The ease of compromise is real. When faced with a situation in which a choice has to be made, it is easy to compromise what we believe and teach. The Bible tells us “choose you this day whom ye will serve” (Joshua 24:15). They had a choice to make between the God of heaven who had supplied them with the defeat of all their enemies, or they could chose between the god of the people whom they had destroyed. Today we have the same choices. Jesus said, “No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other, Ye cannot serve God and mammon” (Matthew 6:24). Let us look at four areas wherein we can compromise what we believe and teach.

1) Who will we worship? During Joshua’s day they had a choice to make about whom they will worship; we have the same choice today. There are many ways in which we have choices to make about our worship. Some may worship entertainment. This would be entertainment that keeps us away from worship of God. This could take place on Saturday night or it could take place upon the first day of the week. Any thing that we choose to place before God is really a compromise of what the Bible teaches.

2) Where will we worship? There is a call for us to come together to worship God. Hebrews 10:24 states, “And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works.” In dealing with the abuse of the Lord’s Supper, Paul, by inspiration stated that the church is to come together (1 Corinthians 10:17-18, 20, 33). We can worship God in the great outdoors. We can worship God within our houses; but there is a time when the church is to come together as a group to offer up worship to God. We can tell ourselves that where we worship God is not important, but that is a compromise of what the Bible teaches.

3) When will we worship God? As we study the New Testament church we find that there was a set time for them to come together to worship. Paul abode in Troas in order to worship with the saints at the appropriate time. In Acts 20:7 we find, “when the disciples came together to break bread.” The “breaking of bread” is part of the worship. They were coming together at a set time and had been coming together at this set time. Paul knew when this time was and waited to worship with them. When we are teaching someone the Gospel, we teach that they must attend worship at the appropriate time and place. We cannot compromise what the Bible teaches on this subject either.

Which item of worship can we compromise? If the Bible tells us to sing, can we leave this item off? The Bible teaches us that singing is teaching and admonishing one another (Colossians 3:16). We can compromise the truth by not teaching the truth in our songs! We can compromise the truth not singing at all for all are to sing! We can compromise the truth by not showing up for worship! We have choices to make in our worship will we stand for the truth, what the Bible says, or will we make compromises?

4) For whom will we work? Will we make compromises in this area as well? Yes we can work to support our families the Bible teaches this (1 Timothy 5:8). But we also must work for the Lord (1 Corinthians 3:9). If we are working to support our families we are working for the Lord! But let us never forget that even in our daily labors we can compromise what we teach and believe when confronted with a choice.

There are consequences for every choice that we make. Some are in the here and now; some will be in the judgment. Really the choice is which do we fear the most? Man or God? Eternity is never ending. This life will end and the choice will determine where we will be for eternity. Let us not compromise the truth for the here and now. Let us make our choices in view of eternity.

Love, Keith



In Our Prayers

- Alan Bagents – improving
- Shelley Baker – MS
- Lynn Beasley – chemotherapy
- Linda Daniels – open heart surgery
- Sam Goodwin – broken back; in Huntsville
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Ms. Helms – health problems/Gina Garner’s mom
- Tracy Holzmon – high risk pregnancy
- Shirley Ivy – pancreatic cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – health problems
- Daniel Owens – tests on 12-1-09
- Ray Langford – heart surgery on 11-18-09
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Gustavo Ramirez – brain cancer; Noël’s nephew
- Dickie Sims –physical therapy

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount Edwina Rolling
- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.

- Pray for soldiers overseas:

- Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God’s will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Almost there! Still need a few **more bottles of lotion** and **bars of antibacterial soap** to complete Christmas packages for the nursing home residents. ***Need by this Sunday, December 6.***

Youth Area Wide Devotional is scheduled for this Sunday, December 6th, at the church of Christ in Elba. Brett Thomas from Eastern Meadows church of Christ in Montgomery will be the speaker with the topic being “X-treme Games for

the Christian.” Daniel Kelly from Faulkner will be leading the singing.

Brother Jerry Hogg and brother Larry York are scheduled to be here on Sunday, December 6, to give a report on the work in South Africa.

WISE WORDS

► The happiest of people don’t necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything that comes along their way.

► The brightest future will always be based on a forgotten past; you can’t go forward in life until you let go of your past failures and heartaches.

► When you were born, you were crying and everyone around you was smiling. Live your life so that at the end, you’re the one who is smiling and everyone around you is crying.

► It’s easier to build a child than to repair an adult.

“The words of a man’s mouth are as deep waters” Proverbs 18:4

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October Numbers

	SS	AM	PM	Wed.	Cont.
10-4-09	107	160	NC	86	\$4,116.25
10-11-09	97	123	73	83	2,942.25
10-18-09	84	117	66	NC	2,818.71
10-25-09	98	111	77	103	2,696.75

November Numbers

	SS	AM	PM	Wed.	Cont.
11-01-09	82	150	81	92	\$3,284.25
11-08-09	98	160	97	99	2,604.00
11-15-09	81	141	84	79	2,705.00
11-22-09	96	125	80	95	3,055.00
11-29-09	93	151	77		2,552.25