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Assembly Assignments for February, 2009

The Lord's Supper

J. W. Furr / Larry Wyrosdick / Ray Frost / Joe Noble

Announcements

Frankie Sims

Building Duties

John Frost

Greeters

John Frost
Steven Frost

Nursing Home Duties

Isaac Sanders
Russ Kilcrease

Lord's Supper Preparation

Angie Sanders

Scripture Reading

Ross Sanders

Privileged to Serve on February 22, 2009

Morning Prayer

Steve Sanders (opening)
Robb Sanders (closing)

Evening Prayer

J. W. Furr (opening)
Russ Kilcrease (closing)

Song Leader

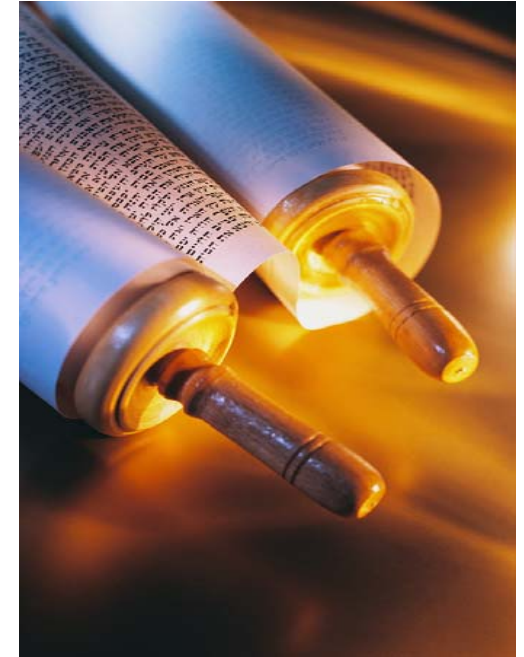
Dale Sanders

A/V Equipment

Isaac Sanders

Please notify Mike McDougald if you are unable to serve.
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



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Elders

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Deacons

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Steve Sanders
Frankie Sims

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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THIS WORLD HAS MANY CHOICES; ETERNITY HAS ONLY TWO

Raymond Elliott

The title of this article is found in the words of a religious song that I have heard over the radio several times. It is a moving song. One that really makes you think. God made man in His image and one likeness is that man has the ability to make choices in life. Adam and Eve made the wrong one and introduced sin to the human family (Genesis 2 & 3; Romans 5:12). The Israelites were required to choose to serve or Baal or God (I Kings 18:20, 21). Jesus invites mankind to come to him and He will give rest to all who decide to do so (Matthew 11:28 - 30). Our Lord also presents to us two gates to enter and two ways to travel in this life (Matthew 7:13, 14). The decision an individual makes will determine the direction one will travel in this life and eventually where one will be in eternity. In this life we all make decisions small and great from day to day. Some of our decisions will bring joy to our heart while others cause sadness and unpleasant consequences. The young couple that commits fornication often affects adversely the conscience of one and perhaps both parties. And sometimes a child is the result of such an immoral deed and shame is felt among members of both families. Pity the person who becomes addicted to some form of drugs and destroys both body and mind. In a moment of anger a life is taken and the guilty party has to endure the consequence by spending his life in prison. On the other hand a young person gives his life to the Lord and commits his life to serving His Lord and Master. Life is enjoyed and the mornings of each day is received as being beautiful and appreciated. Love is found in the heart of Christian young lady and marriage follows after a courtship with someone she will spend a lifetime with as they rear their children in the way of the Lord. In spite of the hardships and challenges in life they encounter, happiness is found in living for Jesus Christ and serving one another and others. A young man decides that his true desire in life is to live in a foreign country and teach and train people to become productive citizens. As long as a person has the mental ability and breath resides in his body, decisions can be made. But eventually the time will come when the capability to decide will cease.

Eventually the spirit of man will take flight and the body dies (James 2:26). The spirit returns to God and the body goes back to dust from whence it came (Ecclesiastes 12:7). The power to choose where one will be in eternity is past. We will have no power to have control over matters. In life there is the ability to do things our way and to make decisions but not so in eternity. That has already been determined by the choice one made while living. In Matthew 25:31-46 Jesus makes it very clear that now He is the only one who has the power to decide where one will be in eternity. To those who gave their lives to Jesus and served Him faithfully in life they will hear this sweet invitation, *“Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world”* (V. 34). But to the majority who decided not to believe in and serve the Lord Jesus Christ, these terrible words will be heard, *“Depart me, you cursed, into the everlasting fire prepared for the devil and his angels”* (V.41).

My dear friend if you will confess Jesus Christ is the Son of the Living God, He will confess you one day before His Father and the angels in heaven (Matthew 10:32, 33). It is my prayer that you will decide to confess Him now because if you do not, there is coming a day in which all mankind will confess Him but then it will be too late (Philippians 2: 9-11). When Jesus comes again and sits on the throne of His glory, judgment will have begun. Then it will be the sheep or the goats, right or left, saved or lost, heaven or hell. Please make the choice to live for Jesus in this life if you have not already so in order that you may live with Him in eternity. This is my earnest plea and prayer for you.



In Our Prayers

- Ruby Bush- increased medication to correct heart rhythm
- Doug Brown – began cancer treatments this week
- Marie Clemmons – recovering from broken hip
- Tina Hodge Cooper – heart attack; doing well
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Ken Helms – cataract surgery next week
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – a little better, still serious condition
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Linsey Gilmore Sanders – high risk pregnancy
- Angie Sanders – stress test on 2-20
- David Sanders – recovering from sinus surgery
- Lindsay Turner – continuing recovery
- Amber Wilkerson – 2-yr. old with kidney problem

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall Allene Mount
- Fanny Nichols Charles Phillips Edwina Rolling

- *Pray for those who have lost loved ones.*

- *Pray for soldiers overseas.*

Kevin Singleton

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

CHRISTIANITY, the Better Way

In life, you can choose to serve Satan as a sinner or serve Christ as a Christian. You can live either way, but Christianity is the better way.

Christianity is the better way because it means salvation. Jesus said, “I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved.” (John 10:9)

Christianity is the better way because it rids us of our old sinful life. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Christianity is the better way because God can work through the life of a Christian. “Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.” (Ephesians 3:20)

Christianity is the better way because Christians enjoy the peace of God. Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.” (John 14:27)

You will not be sorry for becoming a Christian or for living the Christian life. It is better for now and for eternity.

Part of an article by brother Charles Box, Greenville, AL. Copied from Volume 14, Number 1 of *House to House, Heart to Heart*

Announcements

● **WE NEED YOUR HELP** – We hope you enjoy the bulletin and would like to continue sending it to you. If your address is not correct, your bulletin is returned to us at a cost of \$1.04. **So, if your address changes, please let us know.** Even if you do not wish to furnish a new address and continue to receive the bulletin, we ask that you notify us because the cost is incurred even if we do not get a good address. **Thank you for your help!**

● **The Walnut Street church in Greenville** is hosting a workshop, **“Developing Godly Elders,”** on Saturday, **February 21** from 10 a.m. until noon for elders and deacons aspiring to be elders.

● Although the Pigeon Forge Retreat was cancelled, a group from Luverne will be going to **Pigeon Forge this weekend** to join other congregations for a time of **devotion and spiritual fellowship.**