

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for May, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Robb Sanders / John Frost / Steve Sanders / Zack Wilson

Announcements

Bob Williams

Building Duties

Steven Frost

Greeters

Larry Wyrosdick
Charles Compton

Nursing Home Duties

Reed Kilcrease
Josh McCartha

Lord's Supper Preparation

Bonnell Morgan

Scripture Reading

Ross Sanders

Privileged to Serve on May 24th, 2009

Morning Prayer

Ronald Hilburn (opening)
Josh McCartha (closing)

Evening Prayer

Bob Williams (opening)
J. W. Furr (closing)

Song Leader

Dale Sanders

A/V Equipment

Jace Sanders

If you are unable to serve, please contact Danny Rolling – 429-0055/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



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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

THE HONEYBEE AND THE BUZZARD

Raymond Elliott

Surely we all have some knowledge regarding this insect and this fowl. Both have been placed here on this earth for different purposes as designed by the Creator, God Almighty. While their functions are vital, they are radical in contrast. The buzzard is rather despised by the human family. We esteem this bird as being unsightly in appearance and undesirable because of its work, the devouring of dead carcasses. Yet, in the balance of nature, this scavenger has a rightful place in our environment. The honeybee, on the other hand, is well thought of and respected. While we dislike the sting of such a small insect, we do appreciate the delicious honey that it makes for us. The bee can be seen visiting the beautiful flowers and various blooms in the vegetative kingdom. No wonder the honey that this bee makes is so sweet.

Strangely enough, the buzzard and the honeybee remind us of the various attitudes and dispositions found in different people. First of all, some folk enjoy dwelling on the ungodly, the gossip, the hearsay, the ugly, the bad, the filthy, the hurtful, and the immoral. They seem to get their kicks over telling or hearing a good piece of juicy slander. And, the worse it stinks, the better they like it. This old world is filled with individuals who love filthiness. The Bible refers to people who *“speak folly”* and whose *“heart will work iniquity”* (Isaiah 32:6). Paul writes of the unrighteous in this manner, *“Their throat is an open sepulchre; With their tongues they have used deceit; the poison of asps is under their lips: whose mouth is full of cursing and bitterness”* (Romans 3:13, 14). Their ultimate end is eternal perdition, for Jesus said in Matthew 12:36, 37, *“And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.”*

We are grateful however that there are many Christians who love the good and the beautiful things of life. They think upon that which is pure, honest, just, true, lovely, and of good report (Philippians 4:8). They feed upon the word of God that is *“Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb”* (Psalms 19:10). They know that *“pleasant words are as honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones”* (Proverbs 16:24). They *“love life”* and endeavor to *“see good days”*; therefore, they *“refrain their tongues...from evil”* and *“speak no guile”* with their lips (I Peter 3:10).

The question therefore is, “To be or not to be”. That is, are you soaring over dead carcasses and seeking the corrupt; or, are you feasting upon the beautiful and the good. Let us all ‘be’ (live) like the honeybee and not the buzzard!



In Our Prayers

- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Chris Kyser – serious health problems
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Lindsay Turner – continuing recovery

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

- Frances Burgans Margaret Hall
- Allene Mount 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.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

J. W. Furr, Keith Hermeling, Isaac Sanders, and Steven and Chrystal Frost plan to leave June 5 for a 10-day mission trip to Panama. Please pray for the success of the mission as well as their safety. If you can help with **over-the-counter medications (have enough aspirin)** for them to carry with them, please place them in the box in the foyer.

Shoebboxes for Panama are available to be picked up to fill for Christmas shipping. Spanish materials are already in the boxes.

AREA HAPPENINGS

Kyle Butt will be speaking at 2:00 on Sunday, May 31, at the church of Christ in Ariton on Answering Atheism: Does God Exist?

Opp church of Christ is hosting a 5th Sunday area-wide worship service on May 31st at 5:00 p.m. and invites us to attend. A fellowship meal will be served afterward.

SHEEP DON'T WALLOW

There was a lamb and its mother. The lamb passed a pigpen each morning on the way to the pasture with its mother. Watching the pigs wallow in the mud seemed like such fun, and on an especially hot day the lamb asked his mother if he could jump the fence and wallow in the cool mud. She replied, “No.” Then the lamb asked, “Why?” The mother just relied, “Sheep don’t wallow!”

This didn’t satisfy the lamb. He felt she was just over-restrictive. So as soon as the mother was out of sight, the lamb jumped the fence and ran to the pigpen. He was soon feeling the cool mud on his feet, his legs, and soon his stomach. After a few moments, he decided he had better go back to his mother, but he couldn’t. He was stuck.

Mud and wool don’t mix. His pleasure had become his prison. He cried out and was rescued by the kindly farmer. When cleaned and returned to the field, the mother said, “Remember: sheep don’t wallow.”

Sin is like that. It looks so nice, we think we can escape when we wish, but it is not so. Pleasures often become prisons.

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SERVICE ASSIGNMENTS

If any of the men of the congregation would like to serve during worship services and have not yet been called upon, please let Danny Rolling know - 429-0055/335-3030.

Congratulations! To our Graduates!

Kindergarten: Lily Marchand, Madison Reynolds, Hunter Hannon, Chance Turner.
Sixth Grade: Haeden Helms, Abbi Sanders
2-Year Degree: Angie Sanders
College: Sam Sanders

