

MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	AUG 23	AUG 30
MORNING	Song Leader	Jimmy Snow	Eddie Nuckols
	Announcements	Eddie Nuckols	Tom Davenport
	Opening Prayer	Oscar Koontz	Jered Markman
	Scripture Reading	Matthew Forrest	Paul Davenport
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Daniel Forrest	Matthew Forrest
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Scott Tesh	Jimmy Snow
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Young Men
	Closing Prayer	Steve Anderson	Matt Maurer
	Lord's Table	Jimmy Snow	Eddie Nuckols
	Wed Song Leader	Tom Davenport	Eddie Nuckols

LORD'S SUPPER

Center Servers	Ortie Boyd
	Steve Anderson
	Scott Tesh
	Jered Markman
	Rick Brown
Prepare/Cleanup	The Maurers
Bread	Terri Maurer



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Mercy Not Sacrifice

While dining in the company of publicans (tax-collectors) and sinners, Jesus was criticized by the Pharisees. They asked his disciples, "Why eateth your master with publicans and sinners?" Jesus answered, "They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what that meaneth, I will have mercy, and not sacrifice: for I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." (Matthew 9:10-13)

We understand the concept of mercy. It certainly includes reaching out to those of our fellowman who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. It means feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, housing the homeless, etc.

But there is really no reason to think that these publicans (tax-collectors) were in the depths of poverty. The fact is they were usually well to do. So what is Jesus' point? These publicans and sinners had a deep spiritual need. They needed the salvation Jesus came to offer. If the Pharisees had had hearts of mercy, they would have rejoiced that Jesus put forth an effort to teach them.

The application – we need to be merciful not only those who are poor in this world's goods, but especially to those who are lost in sin. We need to extended mercy to others by sharing the gospel with them.

Claude

WELCOME VISITORS

Visitors, you are our honored guests! We are so happy that you have joined us. Please fill out a visitor card and place in collection plate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 24 JCM Bible Study cancelled

September 12 Carolina Bible Camp 4th Annual Bluegrass Festival See Claude to purchase tickets for this fundraiser event. Cost is \$15.

September 20 Teachers Meeting

BIBLE CLASS & MAIL

If anyone is interested in meeting for a Bible Study during the week, please let Gary Dull know. This would be an excellent way to expand your Bible knowledge, gain answers to personal questions, and spend time with fellow Christians. The Monday evening study held by Gary is exceedingly informative and spiritually beneficial.

Also, please be sure to remember to periodically check your mail folder located in the back hallway.

PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED

Canned Chicken
Canned Fruit
Canned Pinto Beans

Canned Soup
Grape Jelly
Instant Grits
Instant Oatmeal

Peanut Butter
Ravioli
Spagetti with Meat Sauce

PRAYER LIST

Edwin Boger continues to improve but is experiencing low energy and feeling weak.

Carol Capps is experiencing a lot of pain in her wrist. Basil Frye, friend of Belinda, passed away this past week. Prayers requested for his family.

David Jones has multiple health problems.

Janet Rhodes Holland was in a motorcycle accident and is in a medically-induced coma.

Timothy Johnson was in a head-on collision and has bumps and bruises.

Bill Nilo, Jim Nilo's brother, has lung cancer.

Belinda Nuckols has issues with her ankle.

Bill Potts, husband of Aileen Potts, has an abdominal aneurism.

Sadie Rice is receiving therapy and is improving some.

Wanda Scott

Dan Smith, D'Lea McDaniels father, passed away. Please pray for family and friends.

Jenni Smith is struggling spiritually.

J. R. Stroud

Larry Warner has vascular dementia.

Penny Austin, Belinda's sister
Bob Freeman
Tom Hare (friend of the Nuckols family)
Tracy Harmon (friend of Deb-

orah Dull)
Joe Koontz (Glenn's brother)
Bob Scales, husband of Tom Davenport's cousin, has pancreatic cancer.

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer (Steve Anderson's mother)
Bertha Graves

Sadie Rice
Elizabeth Seamon
Dorothy Smith