

## MEN WHO SERVE

SERVICE	NOVEMBER 1	NOVEMBER 8
MORNING	Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols Phil Forrest
	Announcements	Jered Markman Rick Brown
	Opening Prayer	Matt Maurer Steve Anderson
	Scripture Reading	Daniel Forrest John Davenport
	Sermon	Claude Pharr Claude Pharr
EVENING	Closing Prayer	Matthew Brown Ortie Boyd
	Opening Prayer	Jimmy Snow Eddie Nuckols
	Sermon	Claude Pharr Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Daniel Forrest Scott Tesh
	Lord's Table	Eddie Nuckols Phil Forrest
	Wed Song Leader	Eddie Nuckols Phil Forrest

## LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Wesley Frick
Servers	Matthew Forrest John Davenport Edgar Markman Paul Davenport
Prepare/Cleanup	The Teshs
Bread	Kim Kinder



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## The Normalization of Sin

Webster defines normalization as: "The act or process of making normal." In the last half century we have witnessed the normalization of certain sins. How does this occur? Isaiah the prophet, though he did not use the term "normalization", aptly described the process in these words: "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!" (Isaiah 5:20) Call evil good and good evil long enough and people will start believing it.

One clear example of this is the normalization of homosexuality. Paul described it in these words: "Even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly." (Romans 1:26-27) Homosexuality is anything but normal, as anyone who knows anything about human anatomy should realize. It is precisely as Paul said, "leaving the natural use of the woman." Or as he also wrote: "Against nature." That is, a perversion of the basic human anatomy of male and female.

How is it then that a practice so obviously contrary to human anatomy could possibly become normalized? Well, just as Isaiah the prophet said: "Call evil good, and good evil." The promoters of the gay movement began calling those who spoke out against the evil of homosexuality by such names as gay bashers, homophobes, and intolerant. And those who favor it were called: tolerant, kind, and loving. "Call evil good and good evil" long enough and people start to believe it.

*Claude*



## WELCOME VISITORS

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 2 Monday JCM Bible Study** at 7pm.

**November 14 Saturday Ladies Brunch** at 10:00am will be held here at North Main.

### AREA EVENTS

**October 8-12 Warners Chapel church of Christ Gospel Meeting**

## NEWS

This Wednesday evening Robert Martin will be with us to report on his mission work in the Pacific Islands.

Remember the used songbooks we sent some time back for use in Ghana, West Africa? We have received a thank you from the Northwest Church of Christ in Greensboro through whom we sent the song books and also from the receiving congregation in Ghana. The letters are posted on the back bulletin board.

Remember to collect and return the Change for Children donation cans.

## PRAYER LIST

**Paul Condra** is struggling with depression. Deborah Dull's great nephew **Bentley** and his mother **Gillian Eure**.

**Janet Rhodes Holland**

**Jenni Smith**

**J. R. Stroud**

Penny Austin, Belinda Nuckols's sister, has leukemia.  
David Jones  
Tracy Harmon (friend of Deborah Dull)  
Joe Koontz (Glenn's brother)

Bob Scales, husband of Tom Davenport's cousin, has pancreatic cancer.  
Larry Warner

## SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer (Steve Anderson's mother)  
Bertha Graves

Sadie Rice  
Elizabeth Seamon  
Dorothy Smith

## WITH SYMPATHY

Our sympathy to Glenn Koontz on the passing of his sister **Glenda Mosmy**. Her funeral was held this past week in Raleigh.

Also, sympathy to the family of **Robert Boger** who passed away last week.