

MEN WHO SERVE

	SERVICE	OCTOBER 9	OCTOBER 16
MORNING	Song Leader	Phil Forrest	Jimmy Snow
	Announcements	Rick Brown	Eddie Nuckols
	Opening Prayer	Tom Davenport	Rick Brown
	Scripture Reading	John Davenport	Daniel Forrest
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Mark Koontz	Scott Tesh
EVENING	Opening Prayer	Jered Markman	Matthew Brown
	Sermon	Claude Pharr	Claude Pharr
	Closing Prayer	Steve Anderson	Oscar Koontz
	Lord's Table	Phil Forrest	Jimmy Snow
	Wed Song Leader	Phil Forrest	Gary Dull

LORD'S SUPPER

Center	Ortie Boyd
Servers	Jered Markman Scott Tesh Rick Brown Matthew Brown
Prepare/Cleanup Bread	The Boyds Patsy Boyd

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Gender Identity and Reality

Who would have thought a few years ago that there would ever be a controversy over gender identity? But here we are.

Jesus had something to say on the subject. Referring back to the original creation He said, "Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female." (Matthew 19:4) This settles the matter for Christians, that is, if they believe Jesus. But what about those who are not Christians and who do not believe Jesus? For them there is simple reality. Even a child knows that male and female are biologically different.

How is it, then that there is any controversy. It's because we live in a world with a completely new way of thinking. It's called subjectivism. Webster defines it this way: "a doctrine that individual feeling or apprehension is the ultimate criterion of the good and the right." In practice this means that a person constructs his own reality based on his own feeling or apprehension. Therefore, if a male feels in his innermost self that he should be female, he can reject the objective biological reality of being male and construct his own reality. Furthermore, society is expected to accept his reconstruction. But does it in reality change his gender?

It all reminds me of C.S Lewis's definition of a lunatic – "the man who says he is a poached egg." Subjective feelings do not change objective reality. Try giving a merchant a ten dollar bill and tell him that you in your innermost self feel like it is a twenty. Reality is reality – subjective feelings do not change it.

Claude

WELCOME

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

October 11 Tuesday JCM Bible Study

October 12 Wednesday Ladies Bible Class

October 13 Thursday Mommy & Me Devo

October 22 Saturday Fall Fellowship and Chicken Stew

will be hosted by Russ and Kelly LaChapelle. More details to follow.

October 29 Saturday Muffin and a Mug from 9-11am

December 3 Saturday Elders Workshop 8:30-3:00pm For elders and those wishing to become elders. Lunch will be provided. See the sign-up sheet to help with food.

UPCOMING AREA EVENTS

(See flyers on bulletin board for details)

October 9-12 Gospel Meeting at South Stokes

October 9-14 Fall Gospel Meeting at Highland Acres

October 22 Ladies Day at Highland Acres church of Christ

November 4-6 East Coast Evangelism Conference

at the Charlotte Avenue church of Christ

November 13-16 Eternal Answers to Modern Day Questions

by Don Blackwell at Abilene church of Christ

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Faith Freeman
Edwin Boger

Sunday October 9
Friday October 14

PRAYER LIST

Teresa Johnson is having migraines and tingling in arm and back area.

Joan Slaughter, wife of Agape founder, had surgery this past week to remove an ovarian cyst was benign. After they drained 8-9 quarts of fluid it was able to be removed through a much smaller incision than originally planned.

Brooke's cousin
Penny Austin
Robert Cole

Logan Condra
Connor Gaddy
Edwina Gaddy

Tom Hare
Joe Koontz
Frank Shephard

SHUT-INS

Vergie Farmer
Sadie Rice

Wanda Scott
Dorothy Smith

Larry Warner

CHANGE for CHILDREN

Remember to return the **Change For Children** cans. If you did not take one of the cans but would like to give something for the orphans please give your gift to Phil.

CANDY

Candy is needed for the Halloween outreach bags. 1,000 bags will be assembled to give away on Halloween. Each will contain at least 3 pieces of candy, our information and a tract. If you would like to help, you can purchase bags of candy (please put it in the pantry), or give money to purchase candy to Brooke to buy the candy. Thank you in advance for helping with this community outreach effort.