

MEN WHO SERVE

September 3

Morning Service

Song Leader	<i>Eddie Nuckols</i>
Announcements	<i>Rick Brown</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Oscar Koontz</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>John Davenport</i>
Sermon	<i>Claude Pharr</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Matthew Brown</i>

Evening Service

Opening Prayer	<i>Phil Forrest</i>
Sermon	<i>Claude Pharr</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Daniel Forrest</i>
Lord's Table	<i>Eddie Nuckols</i>
Wed Song Leader	<i>Eddie Nuckols</i>

Lord's Supper

Center	<i>Jered Markman</i>
Servers	<i>Daniel Forrest</i> <i>Edgar Markman</i> <i>Matthew Forrest</i> <i>John Davenport</i>
Prepare/Clean	<i>Betsy Forrest</i>
Bread	<i>Betsy Forrest</i>

September 10

Morning Service

Song Leader	<i>Phil Forrest</i>
Announcements	<i>Jimmy Snow</i>
Opening Prayer	<i>Matt Maurer</i>
Scripture Reading	<i>Edgar Markman</i>
Sermon	<i>Claude Pharr</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Jerry Stanley</i>

Evening Service

Opening Prayer	<i>Scott Tesh</i>
Sermon	<i>Claude Pharr</i>
Closing Prayer	<i>Paul Davenport</i>
Lord's Table	<i>Phil Forrest</i>
Wed Song Leader	<i>Phil Forrest</i>

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The Druids and Sun Worship

A few years ago the Winston-Salem Journal carried a news story on the Druids. The lead paragraph begins, "Druids have been worshipping the sun and earth for thousands of years in Europe." The article further elaborates on this ancient religion saying, "They worship natural forces such as thunder and the sun and spirits that they believe arise from places such as mountains and rivers. They do not worship a single god or creator, but try to cultivate a sacred relationship with the natural world."

How is it that ancient people such as the Druids came to worship the sun and earth and other natural forces? We might enlarge the question to include not only the Druids' worship of nature but other ancient practices such as idolatry, witchcraft, astrology, divination, etc. For that matter we might ask how is it that so many people in modern society are turning to these same pagan practices.

The Bible gives a very clear straight forward answer –when a people reject the one true God, the Creator, they just naturally turn to one foolish thing or another. The apostle Paul states the governing principle in his letter to the Romans: "Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were they thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools. And changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and four-footed beasts, and creeping things...Who change the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen." (Romans 1:21-23, 25)

Now take a look at the modern world and you can see the same thing happening all over again. As people today reject the one true God, they turn to the same foolish practices so prevalent in the ancient world. Some like the Druids worship the forces of nature. Others turn to such superstitions as astrology or divination or witchcraft or necromancy. This is all the natural out-growth of forgetting the one true God.

Claude

Visitors, you are our honored guests! Please fill out a visitor card and put in collection plate. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you as a part of our family. If you would like a visit or have some other need, please let us know. **We hope you will worship with us again!**



Remember in Your Prayers

Deborah Dull continues to struggle with her health issues.

Sara Koontz is receiving cancer treatment.

Jay Stanley is still having problems with his knee.

Susan Clapp
Mary Edwards
Joe Koontz
Russ La Chapelle Sr
Kirstin Morrison
Betty Spencer

Paul Davis
Sarah Eure
John Koontz
Brenda Lambert
Teresa Pizen
Sylvia White



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 3 First Sunday Supper after pm worship

September 4 Monday JCM Bible Class at 7pm

October 20-21 Vacation Bible School Friday 6:30-8:30pm,
 Saturday 4-6pm

October 21 Saturday Chicken Stew at 6pm

Remember to visit and pray for our SHUT-INS

Robert Cole
 Vergie Farmer
 Estelle Kluttz

Sadie Rice
 Wanda Scott
 Dorothy Smith

Larry Warner

AREA EVENTS

Please see flyers posted on bulletin board for details.

September 15-16 Cary Youth Rally

September 16 Marriage Seminar at Northview church of Christ in Statesville

September 23 Saturday Equipping Women with Exceptional Service at Charlotte Ave church of Christ in Rock Hill, SC

September 29 Friday Ladies Night Out at Linville Forest church of Christ

September 30 Saturday Youth Day at Highland Acres church of Christ



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Davenport Monday September 4
Teresa Johnson Wednesday September 6
Glenn Koontz Thursday September 7
Wanda Scott Saturday September 9

2017-2018 Digging Deep "GREAT ESCAPES" Study This study is recommended by Gary Dull. Go to **Digging Deep in God's Word** facebook page or see Gary for more information.

