

LAST WEEKS NUMBERS

Sunday Bible Class —
Sunday Morning Worship 77
Sunday Evening Worship 50
Wednesday Bible Study 54
Offering \$2096
Weekly Budget \$2200

PLAN of SALVATION

Hear the Gospel

Romans 10:17

Believe Jesus is God's Son

Acts 16:30-31, Hebrews 11:6

Repent of Sin

Acts 17:30-31

Confess Jesus is God's Son

Acts 8:36-37, Matthew 10:32,
Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized (immersed)

Acts 2:38

Live Faithfully

1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10



SCHEDULE of REGULAR SERVICES

Bible Class 10am
Morning Worship 11am
Evening Worship 6pm
WEDNESDAY
Bible Class 7pm

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GROWTH: GOD GIVES THE INCREASE

August 23, 2020

EVERYONE NEEDS A THORN IN THE FLESH

In 2 Corinthians 12, Paul continues his defense to the Christians at Corinth. In chapter 11, he found it necessary to “boast” just a bit to expose the false teachers who are causing division in the church. They are teaching, falsely, that Paul is not a true apostle, and therefore, he does not have the authority that he claims.

Paul first defends himself by describing his deep love for the Corinthians and by providing an incredible list of trials and persecutions that he has endured. In chapter 12, he writes of the unique experience of being “caught up into Paradise” (2 Corinthians 12:1-4). We do not fully understand all that Paul writes about, but we do know that because of the “surpassing greatness of the revelations,” he was given “a thorn in the flesh” (2 Corinthians 12:7). Paul experienced something so incredible, that in order to remain humble, to remind him of his physical weaknesses, and to incline him to rely on the grace of God, Paul was tormented by a physical ailment.

On a much different scale but in a similar way, perhaps the trials of this life should help us rely more on the grace of God. Paul concluded, “I am well content with weaknesses, with insults, with distresses, with persecutions, with difficulties, for Christ’s sake; for when I am weak, then I am strong” (2 Corinthians 12:10). Maybe we all need a “thorn in the flesh.”

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WELCOME VISITORS

We are so glad you are here. If this is your first time with us, we would like to let you know what to expect. We seek to worship according to the New Testament pattern. As a result, you will notice that we sing without mechanical musical instruments (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16). You will also notice that weekly we observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7). This memorial is for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 42), yet we do not have "closed communion". Everyone must examine himself (I Cor. 11: 27-29). There will also be an offering collected from our members (I Cor. 16:1-2). As our guest, you are not expected to make a donation. Feel perfectly comfortable passing the collection plate down the row. You will hear the preaching of a Biblical message (Acts 20:7) and men leading the congregation in prayer (I Tim. 2:8). We strive to worship God in spirit (proper attitude) and in truth (according to the word of God - John 4:24). We encourage you to observe carefully and stay a while afterwards so that we can get to know you better.



PRAYER LIST

Steve Higgenbotham, preacher at Karns church of Christ in Knoxville, TN, has stage four cancer in several parts of his body. He is also a faculty member of the Southeast Institute of Biblical Studies He is married with four adult children. Please pray for this family.

Nancy Koontz has a painful case of the shingles.

Iris O'Neal, friend of Belinda, has been diagnosed with Covid-19.

Sadie Rice is not doing well and is need of extra prayers.

David Whitley's condition is deteriorating. Please pray for him, as well as Wanda and Jesse.

Ryan Allgood, Noel Barney Sr., Mildred Bean, Bubba Cannon, Dillon Cranfill , Leroy Cranfill, Paul Johnson, Glenn Koontz, Sara Koontz, Waylon Kuklantz, Brenda May, Mildred Phelps, Trish Rivera, Jay Stanley, Jerry Stanley



UPCOMING EVENTS

September 26 Saturday Ladies Day
at Northwest Church of Christ

September 3 NCSBS Women's Series (see board for details)

September 7 NCSBS Men's Series
(see board for details)

September 12 Saturday Leadership Seminar at Charlotte Avenue



Joy

*"Do not sorrow,
for the joy
of the LORD
is your strength"*

Nehemiah 8:10b



SCHOOL STARTS

This past Monday, August 17, was the first day of school in Davie county. Please keep our little students in your prayers as they navigate this unusual school year. We pray for a year of safety, learning and enrichment for Amber, Jasper, Carsyn, Dakota, Maylie, Millie and Joy!!!

