CARING FOR THE KINGDOM

"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33

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, Matt 10:32, Rom 10:9-10 Be Baptized Acts 2:38 Live Faithfully 1 John 1:7, Rev 2:10

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MEN TO SERVE SUNDAY MORNING

Song Leader **Brandon Maurer** Announcements **Eddie Nuckols Opening Prayer** Tom Davenport Lord's Table Jimmy Snow **Rick Brown**

Scott Tesh Mark Koontz Tom Davenport

Preacher Matt Langfield Mark Koontz **Closing Prayer**

SUNDAY EVENING

Opening Prayer Phil Forrest Preacher Matt Langfield Lord's Table **Brandon Maurer Closing Prayer Matt Maurer**

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Leader **Brandon Maurer**

Sunday Bible Class 10am, Worship 11am and 6pm Wednesday Bible Class 7pm

October 15, 2023

The Crowds

Throughout His three-year earthly ministry, crowds of people often surrounded Jesus. At times, the crowds were so great that Jesus chose to teach from a boat or to escape across the Sea of Galilee (Matthew 8:18; 13:2; 15:39). Sometimes these crowds stood and listened, while at other times, they sat down and ate food that Jesus miraculously provided (Matthew 13:2; 14:19-20).

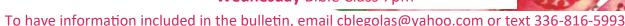
Near the end of His ministry, crowds of people praised Him. In Matthew 21, as Jesus triumphantly enters the city of Jerusalem during the last week of His life, "Most of the crowd spread their coats in the road, and others were cutting branches from the trees and spreading them in the road" (Matthew 21:8). They went ahead of Jesus and shouted "Hosanna to the Son of David; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" (Matthew 21:9). For about three years, the crowds of people loved Jesus; they loved what He did and what He taught.

Eventually, though, the crowds condemned Him. At Jesus' arrest in the garden, Judas was "accompanied by a large crowd with swords and clubs" (Matthew 26:27). Just hours before His death on the cross, the Jewish leaders "persuaded the crowds to ask...to put Jesus to death (Matthew 27:20). It was also the crowds before Pilate who said, "His blood shall be on us and on our children!" (Matthew 27:24-25). Jesus never changed, but the crowds around Him went from astonishment and amazement to calling for the death of an innocent man.

Crowds of people continually surrounded Jesus because of who He was. The same words and actions that would cause one group to praise and honor Him would also motivate another to put Him to death. The crowds should remind us that no one ever spoke, lived, or died like Jesus, the Son of God.

Matt Langfield







WELCOME VISITORS

You are our honored guests! We are glad you have joined us this morning! If this is your first time with us, we would like to let you know what to expect. We worship according

to the New Testament pattern. As a result, you will notice that we sing without musical instruments (Eph. :19; Col. 3:16). We observe the Lord's Supper (Acts 20:7) which consists of unleavened bread and fruit of the vine (Matt. 26:26-29). This memorial is for those who have been baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38, 42). An offering is collected from our members (I Cor. 16:1-2). A Biblical message is preached (Acts 20:7) and men lead the congregation in prayer (I Tim. 2:8). We hope you are enriched by the service. Please stay a while after service so we can meet you.

NORTH MAIN EVENTS

OCTOBER 20 CEC MEAL *** ON FRIDAY THIS MONTH***
OCTOBER 29 5th Sunday FELLOWSHIP MEAL & SINGING
NOVEMBER 16 Thursday CEC MEAL

DECEMBER 9 Saturday **LADIES CHRISTMAS LUNCH & ORNAMENT EXCHANGE** Open to all ladies and girls

AREA EVENTS

OCTOBER 15-18 GOSPEL MEETING at South Stokes
OCTOBER 28 TRUNK OR TREAT 6-8pm at Corinth
NOVEMBER 5-8 GOSPEL MEETING at Warners Chapel

The Lord is righteous in all His ways, gracious in all His works. The Lord is near to all who call upon Him, to all who call upon Him in truth. He will fulfill the desire of those who fear Him; He also will hear their cry and save them.

PSALM 145:17-19

PRAYER LIST

Steve Anderson continues to recover from knee surgery. **Patsy Boyd** is healing from two broken bones in her foot. **Betty Godbey** fell and is bruised and sore. Fortunately no

bones were broken.

Mark Leland, Matt Maurer's brother-in-law, who has been dealing with back issues, has also been diagnosed with Alzheimer's.

Please continue to pray for: Glenda Barber, Randal Burton (prostrate cancer), Brent (ATV accident) and wife Tina Gobble, Logan Davis, Betty Godbey, Bob Lankford (heart issues), Brandon Markman (cancer), Patrick Murphy (stroke), Belinda Nuckols, Candy Smith (knee/wrist), Diana Smith (heart issues), James and Amanda Stanley, Doris Tesh, Morgan Truesdale (pancreatic cancer)

SHUT-INS Robert Cole, Estelle Kluttz, Teresa Maurer, Wanda Scott



Jessica Midgette Tuesday 10/17

MAN WAY

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Jessi & David Capps Thursday 10/19