

Good morning!! Thanks to those who have been coming to Bible Class on Sundays and Wednesdays. We have been enjoying studying God's word together and growing in our faith. It is very important that we continue to meet regular, because Christianity was never intended to be a spectator sport. Group Bible study is not just valuable, it is invaluable. As we encounter God's Word together, we have an opportunity to share our different perspectives and insights and are broadened because of the interaction. Thank you all for your participation in class. We have a great youth group here and they are doing very well. I hope you all have a blessed week.

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#### **BULLETIN BLOOPERS**

- 1. Applications are now being accepted for 2 years old nursery workers.
- 2. If you would like to make a donation, fill out a form, enclose a check, and drip in the collection basket.
- 3. Don't miss this Saturday's exhibit by Christian Martian Arts.
- 4. A worm welcome to all who have come today.

5. Don't let worry kill you off – let the church help.

6. Let us join David and Lisa in the celebration of their wedding and bring their happiness to a conclu sion.

7. Helpers are needed! Please sign up on the information sheep.

8. Diana and Don request your presents at their wedding.

9. Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

AND YOU THOUGHT WE MADE MISTAKES!!

A.M .Opening Ben Rhone 8 Marty Nash 15 Carl Rutledge 22 Danial Plummer 29 Dale Sparks

29 R.D. Prince

P. M. Opening P. M. Closing **1** James Singleterry **Tom Watson** 8 Charles Steen **Johnny Jenkins** 15 Danial Plummer **Robert Duzan** 22 Clint Satterwhite Luke Lane

#### Serve Communion

**Those To Serve** 

October 2017

A.M. Closing

**Jody Radford** 

**Steve Camp** 

**Doug Rader** 

**Billy Lane** 

**Kolby Radford** 

**Brandon Franklin** 

Doug Sumrall	Jayden Townsend
Mike Whitley	<b>Donnie Wells</b>
Charles Steen	<b>Doug Lowe</b>
Gary Chambless	Jack Thomason

#### **Communion Preparation**

1	Henry Baker
8	Bob Stech
15	Harold Johnson
22	Orre Costlow
29	David Sparks
	<u>DOOR GREETERS</u> Sunday Oct. 1st

**Dale & Ann Sparks** 

#### **COMMUNION PREPARATION**

Sunday Oct. 1st **Henry Baker** 



**MINISTERS** Dan D. Manuel **Pulpit Minister** 

**Ben Rhone** Youth Minister

#### **ELDERS**

**Dwight Franklin** Dan D. Manuel **Dale Sparks** 

DEACONS

Henry Baker **Johnny Jenkins Kyle Lock R.D.** Prince

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Lorelee Reeder

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Wed: 7:00 PM

## "Are You Lovable or Unlovable"

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Which, are you? "He that saith he is in the light, and hateth his brother, is in darkness even until now. He that loveth his brother abideth in the light" (1 Jn. 2:9, 10). "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 Jn. 3:14).

Some brethren are more loving and lovable than others. We will not feel the same emotional affection or attachment to some that we do toward others. However, we must "love (all) the brethren," for "If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar; for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, how can he love God whom he hath not seen" (1 Jn. 4:20)?

How do we know if we "love the brethren"? "By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments" (1 Jn. 5:2). Those who "love God, and keep his commandments" do not maintain membership in man made churches, worshiping God according to the traditions and commandments of men (Matt. 15:8, 9, 13). Their devotions are "in vain," the Savior said. Their religious plant, not being planted of God, "shall be rooted up." One does not "love the brethren" when he walks contrary to the commandments of Christ. If the man referred to above truly loved the brethren, he would "love God, and keep his commandments." If he loved the brethren, he would not be endorsing a religious institution unknown to the New Testament. He would not be following human traditions that make void the word of God (Mk. 7:7, 13; 1 Jn. 5:2). Therefore, he has not "passed from death unto life." Have you passed from death to life loveable or unlovable?

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# Our "Fall Fest" takes place in two weeks. Mark your Calendar!

From Dan's desk:



My thanks to Ben Rhone for preaching for me last Sunday morning. know he did a good job., We appreciate him and what he does for the church here. Thanks also to Kyle Lock for teaching the Sunday morning Bible class in the auditorium and thanks to Henry, Marty and Kyle for speaking for me on Sunday night. I appreciate David Sparks for teaching the chapel class last Wednesday evening and to Carol Ann Cartwright for teaching the ladies class. All of these wonderful Christians are devoted servants of God. I always have to fill a number of slots when I am away. I am thankful that we have brethren who can step in and do what is needed. I was with the church in Buna last Sunday through Wednesday evening. I first started preaching there some 49 years ago It is good to be back. We had a great meeting with the church there. I will always have a love in my heart for the brethren there and their willingness to help and encourage me as a young preacher of the gospel. Our hearts were saddened by the death of Ed Furman last week, but we are confident that he is with the Lord that he loved. His battle with cancer is finished and the victory belongs to Ed. We will miss him. Our prayers continue to be with Bettie and family. I am excited about the annual "Fall Fest" at the Satterwhite family residence. We always have a great time. If you can set up a booth or game for that evening, please sign the list on the bulletin board. You are asked to sign the list on the bulletin board if you can bring a dessert or a side for hot dogs, etc. I hope that each of you will plan to join us that Saturday evening of Oct. 7th. It is always a fun and memorable experi-DAN ence.

### **PLEASE TURN OFF ALL CELL PHONES**





LORETTA YOUNG had a fall last week and is recovering at her home. GEORGE WOODEN's test came out good.

### SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to Bettie Furman in the death of **ED FURMAN**. Ed passed away last week and his memorial service was held last Saturday.

Sympathy is also extended to Orre Costlow in the death of his mother, **OVIE COSTLOW**. She passed away Monday and her memorial service was held on Thursday at Rhone Chapel..

**MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER** Our Monday Night for the Master program will resume tomorrow night at 6:15 in the activity building. We will meet for a meal at 6:15 and begin our work at 7 PM. Please make plans to be here.



<u>WHEN</u>: Sat. evening Oct. 7th <u>WHERE</u>: Home of Clint and Jonna Satterwhite

<u>TIME:</u> 4:30 P.M. (Church bus will leave the building at 4 PM). If you will be coming, please sign up and indicate what you will bring. Please bring either a dessert, chips, dips or a condiment for Hot Dogs (mustard, relish, mayonnaise, ketchup, onions, cheese, etc.) If you will man a booth, please sign up.

# MOVING ON TO MATURITY

It is easily discernible that living things naturally mature into fully developed organisms. Our physical bodies, assuming we live long enough, inevitably grow from miniscule fertilized eggs into functional adults. Likewise, under normal conditions, all kinds of animals, insects, and vegetation automatically grow up. From the mustard seed to the aardvark, countless living things are purposefully designed by God to naturally reach maturity. In contrast to physical life, spiritual maturity is by no means a foregone conclusion! Many Christians, however, mistakenly assume that maturity in years equates to maturity in spiritual things. In reality, the scriptures point out that developing spiritually is a conscious choice that one makes, not the inescapable result of living in the world for a number of years. Consider Elihu's words when he shrewdly remarked, "it is the spirit in man, the breath of the Almighty, that makes him understand. It is not the old who are wise, nor the aged who understand what is right" (Job 32:8-9, ESV). Although the three friends of Job were advanced in years and had plenty of advice for their comrade, they were certainly lacking in wisdom! In my own life, I have noted with surprise that some young men I know are far more spiritually mature than some of their older, more experienced brothers in Christ, despite a huge gap in years. When considering what spiritual maturity is and how it may be obtained, Hebrews 5:11-14 offers great insight. We should consider ourselves and our character.