

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Service

- Song Leader Tom Haddox
- Scripture Reading Tom Haddox
- Opening Prayer Tom Haddox
- Lord's Supper Jim Tobias
Kelly Knepley
- Closing Prayer Luke Collinsworth

Sunday Evening Service

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Opening Prayer Jim Tobias
- Closing Prayer Philip Steele

Wednesday Evening Service – January 30th

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Opening Prayer Akel Marshall
- Closing Prayer Tom Haddox

Today's Sermons:

AM – Akel Marshall

Scripture Reading: **1 Corinthians 16:1-2**

PM – I Am _____? – A New Series

Wednesday Adult Class Study: **1st Samuel**

“Let Brotherly Love Continue”

Hebrew 13:1

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SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday



SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Local Cable 18

@ 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM

Bible Class	9:30 AM
Morning Worship	10:30 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Class	6:30 PM
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January 27, 2013

Giving Back to God What Is His

By Alan Smith, White House, Tennessee



I love the story of a church that had a parking problem. It was right next door to a store that was closed on Sunday. They asked the owner if they could use his parking lot. He said that they could use it for 51 Sundays out of the year but that it would be chained off one week. They were happy with the deal, but curious why it would be chained off that one Sunday. He explained that he just wanted them to remember that it wasn't their parking lot!

You know, there's a lot of wisdom there. Because if you use something long enough, you tend to assume that it's yours. But everything we have belongs to God. God wants us to remember that. He told Israel that one day they would be richly blessed. But he warned them:

Do not say to yourself, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today. (Deuteronomy 8:17-18).

Think about it. Is it harder to give up something of your own or give someone back what is already his? If I need to haul some stuff around, I might need to borrow a friend's pickup truck for a while. Suppose I kept it for a day. Then I start to give it back to him. Is that hard to do? Here's a car that's worth thousands of dollars and I'm just giving it to him? Sure, it's easy to give it to him because it's not mine; it belongs to my friend.

What we have belongs to God; it's his stuff to begin with! He blesses us by letting us use it, but it's still his. And when we understand that, giving to God becomes a lot easier.

Someone has said that "As long as a man thinks that he owns what he has, then the church will always appear to him as a beggar appealing to him to part with what he has to meet her needs. But once a man realizes that he owns nothing, but owes

everything, and even his life is given him in trust, then the proper portion of his blessings will be given back to God."

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High. Call on me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me" (Psalm 50:14 NRS).

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- **Ladies' Class** – January 29th @ 10:00 AM
- **Potluck** – February 10th, immediately following AM service.
- **Monthly Men's Meeting** – immediately after Potluck.
- **Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, February 16th @ 7:30 AM at Big Boy's followed by Bible Study in the fellowship hall.

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study (01/20) – 15
Sunday Morning Service (01/20) – 22
Sunday Evening Service (01/20) – 19
Wednesday (01/123) – 20

Statistics:

Contribution Last Week (01/20) - \$969
Average Contribution (per week, up to 01/20) – \$983
2013 Weekly Contribution Goal – **\$1015**

Remembrance in prayer:

- ***In Search of the Lord's Way*** local TV broadcast
- **Mitchell Morris** – (nephew of Amy Knepley)
- **Celeste Stone** – (friend of Carl's)
- **Phyllis Darling** – on-going struggle with dementia
- **Ron Hollandsworth** – (Tom's father)
- **Doug Marshall** – therapy to recover from a stroke
- **Steve Dorr** – back problems
- **Jamie Valen** – (friend of Mary's) cancer
- **Christopher Zangara**
- **God's Blessing Upon This Congregation**



Project Blessing!

Remember, everytime something good happens, make a note of it, and place it in the jar. Then, on New Years Eve, empty it and reminisce on all the blessings you had that year. Good way to keep things in perspective!