

DECEIT AND TRUTH

It is said that during one of Abraham Lincoln’s many debates, he once ran across a stubborn man who refused to listen to the facts at hand. No matter what Lincoln said, the man refused to listen. Once he realized that this stubborn disputer was unconvinced and unmoving, Lincoln said, “Well, let’s see, how many legs does a cow have?” The man disgustingly replied, “Four, of course”. “That’s right,” Lincoln agreed. “Now suppose you call the cow’s tail a leg. How many legs would the cow have?” “Why five, of course,” the man responded. “Now, that is where you’re wrong,” said Lincoln. “Calling a cow’s tail a leg doesn’t make it a leg.”

We live in a world where it seems that deception has a stranglehold on our society. We see truth take a back seat to political ambitions. We also see that lies spoken loud enough and long enough eventually become accepted as truth. It even seems that in this day and age, it is no longer a big deal to even be caught in a lie. Moral relativity sinks in and we begin to live in an “agree to disagree” and “your truth, my truth” society. Before you know it, many are asking the same question Pilate asked, “What is truth?” **John 8:32** says, “and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” If we take this passage and compare it to what our world is like, it begins to look very dark and scary. Because wherever truth is surrendered, freedom becomes the first casualty.

It is easy for us to sit back and say that the world is full of lies and deceit, but we must not forget that we, as Christians, are not immune to lies and deception as well. After all, there are many false prophets who have gone into the world as mentioned in **1 John 4:1**. Paul also explained to Timothy in **1 Timothy 6:3-5** that some will be motivated by thinking they are more important than what they are, while others will be motivated by material gain. However, in the end those who are exchanging truth for lies, light for darkness, are following the father of lies, Satan (**John 8:44**).

So what are we supposed to do? How do we overcome the darkness and walk in the light? The church cannot effectively function as the body of Christ without a firm commitment on the part of its members to walk in truth. In order to do so, we must follow what is said in **Ephesians 4:25**, to “put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his

neighbor, for we are members one of another.” When we refuse to live in the darkness of deceit, we can begin to walk in the truth and be a light in the world. Not only do we need to bring each other out of the darkness of deceit, but we also need to make sure that we protect ourselves from the deceitfulness of sin and Satan. Sin loves to lie to us and make us think that we can stop at any time. Then after you sin it will make you believe that you can never stop once you have started. Both of these are lies that Satan tells us to keep us in the darkness, but there is hope. There is freedom from sin and it starts with obeying the truth. Where do we find this truth? **John 14:6** says, “Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.” In order for us to walk in truth, speak the truth, and live truthfully, we must follow Christ. Particularly, we must follow His word. Jesus said in **John 8:31-32** “If you abide in My word, you are truly My disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.” The world of sin will try to say there is no freedom in this world, but Christ says otherwise. We can be set free from this deceitful world if we continue to walk in truth.

Jesus said in **Mark 16:15-16** “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned.” If we want to truly protect ourselves and bring the world around us out of the darkness of deceit and into the light of truth, we must proclaim the Gospel to all. We must seek every opportunity to share the good news of Jesus and how He can save us. We must have the mindset of evangelism and continue to challenge the deception and falsities of this world with the truth of salvation. **Andrew Spivey**

DO IT WELL

Amateur, haphazard, slipshod, hit-and-miss, inattentive, incomplete, mediocre, shallow, skill-less, unskillful, wanting. All these adjectives are ones we use to describe things that are done but not done well. It's attitude that is far too common today. We settle for what is easy, normal, the status quo. But was this the example of Jesus? In Mark 7:37, people in describing Jesus said of him, " He has done all things well..." In everything He did, Jesus held to a higher standard of excellence. He didn't just do it, He did it well. Why shouldn't we do the same?

COORDINATED BIBLE CLASS STUDIES

**Sunday: Read Genesis 42
Wednesday: Read Genesis 43**

FALL QUARTER BIBLE STUDY #4 

Since we are not having children's Bible classes at this time, 87.,we will be putting the scriptures for their lessons in the bulletin each week. There will be two scriptures each week, one for Sunday and one for Wednesday, for your family to study together . Then the next week we will include questions for review about the previous week scriptures.

Questions for the Reading of week #3 -Genesis 41: 1-36 & Genesis 41:37-57;

- 1. What were Pharaoh's two dreams?**
- 2. What did the dreams mean?**
- 3. Who did Pharaoh put in charge of preparing for the years of famine?**
- 4. How did Joseph prepare for the famine?**
- 5. What were the names of Joseph's two sons who were born before the famine?**

BIBLE CHALLENGE

We want to encourage everyone to continue to do their daily Bible reading and send in how many chapters you read to the office for us to record for our daily updates. *Considering how fast we have exceeded our previous goals, let us make the next goal be 4,000! Chapters read to date: 3,727*

SYMPATHY

Our Love and Sympathy to **Carolyn Vester** on the passing of Carolyn's brother **Richard Norman**, who is also a cousin to **Wanda Sherrill**. He passed away on Thursday, September 24th in Nevada. A memorial service will be held at later time.

Our Love and Sympathy to **Jim Huffman** on the passing of his aunt **Juanita McCain** who was 98 years old.

*THE LORD
BLESS YOU
AND KEEP YOU
NUMBERS 6:24*

ORDER OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

October 4, 2020

9:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tim Cummins
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....David Johnson
Closing Prayer.....Lee Boone

11:00 AM SERVICE

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Bob Sever
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Lord's Supper.....Ken Veale
Closing Prayer.....Jim Huffman

5:00 P.M. SERVICE

Welcome.....Jim Cherry
Song Leader.....Jerry Watson
Opening Prayer.....Brent Smith
Sermon.....Tim Strickland
Closing Prayer.....Eric Stephenson

WEDNESDAY,

October 7, 7:00 P.M.

Welcome.....David Thompson
Song Leader.....Carl Newby
Opening Prayer.....Tony Butler
Lesson.....Andrew Spivey
Closing Prayer.....Tim Strickland

IF YOU CANNOT SERVE, PLEASE CALL

Alex Sherrill.....615-289-9935
Church Office.....615-452-3431

FACING TRIALS;

...you are overcome.

"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world" (1 John 4:4; Philippians 4:13; Proverbs 3:26)

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sun. Morning Worship 9:00 a.m. & Sun. Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Wed. Evening Bible Class 7:00 • Tues. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. September-May

SICK LIST

Bob Harris has been placed on Hospice care. **Grace Bracey** is having significant health issues. **Diane Spitz** is recovering from a knee replacement. **Jo Ann Williamson** had a fall and broke her arm. She is home and doing well. **Faye Britt** continues recovering from surgery and is doing well. **Allyn Hosman** is home and doing well. **Donna Jennings** latest MRI shows no new growth of tumor. **Jim Sweeney** is home now on home health. **Robert Williamson** continues treatments for lung cancer. **Cora Mayes-Barron**, daughter of Barry & Rachel Mayes has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. She has finished her first round of chemo but is home recovering from pneumonia. **Danny Lowe**, cousin of Linda Cherry has been diagnosed with cancer. **Beth Smith**, wife of Kenneth Smith and sister-in-law to Bernice, Frances, Jean & Mary Ann, has been placed on Hospice Care. **Craig Sweeney**, son of James & Doris Sweeney, has been accepted into a new drug trial clinic. **John Arnold**, father of Brenda Veale is homebound and dealing with serious health issues.

CARE LINE: 615-452-2464



PRAYER LIST

Bob Harris; J.H & Frances Catron; Melba Hill; William Dunn; Jean Deaton; Ron & Anna Radish; Donna Holmes, daughter of Eva Petty; **Melvin Stephenson**, father of Eric Stephenson; **Wade & Wanda Kennedy**, parents of Diana Stephenson; **Bob Wall**, friend of Betty Johnson; **Ida Lou Sherrill**, mother of Alex Sherrill; **Will Flowers**, brother-in-law of Grace Bracey. **Dana Loveless**, friend of Jim & Linda Cherry; **Zachery Simmons**, grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Elias Benjamin Simmons**, great grandson of Charles & Fay Simmons; **Lester Sparks**, father of Rachel Mayes; **Debbie Sparks**, sister of Rachel Mayes; **Lawrence Redding**, son-in-law of Betty Melcher; **Taylor Lackford**, niece of Brenda Veale; **Dustin Lackford**, nephew of Brenda Veale;

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Janice Haskins, sister of Jim Cherry; **Larry Conley**, friend of Wanda Proctor; **Wayne Holt**, nephew of Grace Bracey; **John Gregory**, brother of Bob Gregory; **Pam Flory**, friend of Sherry Sever; **Harold Cole**, friend of Lena Baggett; **Bobbie Carter**, sister of Janice Johnson; **Betty Billingsley**, sister of Wanda Proctor; **Walter Wooten**, brother of Wanda Sherrill. **We depend on families and friends to help us update this list. Please notify us of any changes.**

SHUT-INS

Ilene Kinney; Jane Hughes, 126 Seabury Dr., Greenville, SC 29615; **Bill & Jane Dunn; Cathy Henderson; Penny Campbell**, The Village of Bellevue, Room 417, 8118 B Sawyer Brown Road, Nashville, TN 37221; **Dorothy Sullivan**, Front Porch Senior Living 115 Sunset Pl. Portland TN, 37148; **Jean Thurman**, mother-in-law of Myra Rasnick, Brookdale, Hendersonville.

OUR RECORD THIS WEEK

Bible Study.....	N/A
Morning Worship 9am.....	59
Morning Worship 11am.	60
Sunday Evening.....	60
Wednesday Evening.....	50
Contributions.....	\$7,540.00
Youth Group Account.....	\$9,214.61

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Tony Butler.....	615-452-0560
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David Johnson.....	615-300-9084
Alex Sherrill.....	615-289-9935
David Thompson.....	615-598-6621
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