

THE BULLETIN

Love Your Children

Parents are like sculptors creating a masterpiece they carve and chisel little hearts into some type of adults. Young mothers are to be taught, among other things, to love their children (Titus 2:4-5). Fathers share the responsibility of loving their boys and girls. Parenting is a wonderful privilege but an awesome responsibility. 'Lo, children are an heritage of the Lord: and the fruit of the womb is a reward. As arrows are in the hand of mighty man; so are children of youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them' (Psalms 127:3-5).

Love children enough to be good examples before them. Parental behavior ought always to be worthy of imitation. Many parents fall into the category of 'do as I say and not as I do' which Jesus strongly denounced in Matthew 23:3. Abraham commanded his children after him (Genesis 18:19) Joshua lived for the Lord and led his family in that direction (Joshua 24:15). God chose a godly couple as earthly parents of Jesus (Matt.1, Luke 2).

Love children enough to teach them. Deuteronomy 6:7 speaks of teaching the Lord's words diligently to children in the course of everyday events. Ephesians 6:4 commands that children be brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Don't hope someone else will teach them. Teach them yourself about the Lord, His church, moral purity, marriage, salvation, and heaven.

Love children enough to discipline them. 'He that spareth the rod hateth his son' (Proverbs 13:24). He who loves will chasten (Revelation 3:19). Discipline brings about the peaceable fruit of righteousness (Hebrews 12:11). Parents should strive to be united and consistent in discipline.

Love children enough to allow them to leave the nest when it is time. The Bible often speaks of leaving father and mother and cleaving to mates (Genesis 2; Matthew 19; Ephesians 5). To fail to allow children to form that loyalty to a new family is to cause many problems. Children must always honor parents but more allegiance must be given to mates than to parents.

Love your children. Time rushes by.

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Regularly Scheduled Services

Sunday worship: 9:30am
Sunday Bible class: 11:00am
Sunday evening: 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible class: 7:00pm

*He who has God and
many other things
has no more than he
who has God alone*
C.S. Lewis

Our Family

"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints, and are of God's household," Ephesians 2:19, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



WED NIGHT SUPPER:

The Lecat's are fixing tacos and taco salad. A signup sheet is in the back of the auditorium. Please add your name to the list so they know how many to cook for. There is a [sign-up sheet, to cook](#), at the back.

LAWN MOWING: This building belongs to all members and we need people to sign up and mow the lawn. Bring the children and make it a family service project.

MNFM Cooks are needed.

Sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

LORD'S SUPPER to shut-

ins: There is a need for someone to take the Lord's Supper to the shut ins during the month of August & September. There is a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium.

FURNACE REPLACEMENT

The replacement of our furnaces will begin Monday. There may be times when we are unable to use the classroom wing. You may need to bring an extra sweater or blanket until the furnace is replaced.

NEW - ADDITION TO LIBRARY

We have added media to the library. Please come use out assets.

HELP NEEDED, ASAP

We need a new janitor. The Roukey's have done this but need to step down. This is a paid position. Please talk to one of the elders or call the church office.

Family Workshop:

October 21-23 the church will host a family workshop with Dr. Joe Brumfield from Harding University.



Schedule

Friday @ 7pm

20 Qualities Successful Families Have in Common

Saturday @ 8am (men)

What Wives Long For

Saturday @ 12pm (ladies)

Satan's Lies That I Have Believed

Saturday @ 6pm

Decoding Your Spouse's Communication

Sunday @ 9:30am (sermon)

Spiritual Warfare for Today's Christina Family

Sunday @ 11am (Bible Class)

How To Make Your Spouse Crazy About You Again

- We are looking for women to prepare & serve breakfast for the men and some men to prepare & serve lunch for the ladies.
- Park will organize something for the kids

FAMILIES - Come join the Fall Fest Day, Oct 1. If we have 20 people at the Corn Maze, cost goes from \$6 to \$5. We are meeting at the Deerfield Fair at 2pm. Come have fun!

SUNDAY AM ANNOUNCEMENTS

As of today, the only announcements that will be made from the pulpit during Sunday morning worship are those that are on written an announcement form prior to worship or have been called into the church office by Friday afternoon. If there is something you want to share, there is a white board in the foyer 'Late Breaking News' where you can share things that pertain to our Family.

LIFELINE: Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Manchester Church of Christ on 10/27/2016. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit WWW.LIFELINESCREENING.COM/COMMUNITY-PARTNERS.

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS: THE EDGEWOOD CONGREGATION'S SPIRITUAL HEALTH, THOM FORESTBURG MALACHI NORRIS, LYNN MILLETTE



CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS: MINISTERS, ELDERS, DEACONS, TEACHERS, PARENTS, GANDER BROOK **ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS ARE ON THE BACK PAGE OF THE WORSHIP INSERT**

A Word of Encouragement

“Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong.” 1 Corinthians 16:13. NAS95.

THE SACRED HONOR OF SERVICE

The world usually doesn't often use the words “honor” and “service” in the same breath. The world doesn't like to serve, and often considers it a bother and a burden rather than an honor, when it must serve. Honor, the world thinks, is found in *being* served; and so it pushes and shoves, claws and fights for the top of the pyramid. Sometimes it is through words or law or manipulation and sometimes it is through actual fighting and war. To serve another is considered proof of inferiority—inferiority of status, intellect, money, or strength. Thus, everyone in the world wants their own way, wants to call all the shots, wants others to do their bidding.

But Jesus came and modeled a whole new understanding about service. Though equal to the Father, He willingly served the Father's will. And despite being far, far greater than any man, Jesus washed the feet of men (John 13), healed their sicknesses (Matt. 8:2,3), and died for their (our) sins (2 Cor. 5:21). And He taught, “...’If anyone wants to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all’” (Mark 9:35). In the Kingdom of God there is not only honor in service; there is *sacred* honor.

It was David's sacred honor and role to serve in the army of king Saul, in spite of the fact that he had already been anointed king and was arguably a superior warrior and leader. It was Jonathan's sacred honor and role to yield the throne he was supposed to occupy by inheritance to David, because of God's choice. John the Baptist fulfilled the prophecy of the great Elijah's return, but even so, it was his sacred honor to step aside in service to Jesus as Messiah and recognize his own role as the forerunner to Someone whose sandals he was unworthy to untie.

In the broader world, it is the ruler's sacred honor to serve the needs of his country and his people (for which he will give an account to God, Daniel 5:24-29), and the people's sacred

honor to serve their rulers (Romans 13:1ff). Because it was commanded by God.

In the family, it is the husband's sacred honor and role to serve the needs of his family. It is wife's sacred honor and role to submit to her husband's leadership and meet the needs of her children. It is the children's sacred honor to serve their parents through obedience and to honor them when they grow old. (See Ephesians 5:22—6:4.)

In the church, it is the elders' (Acts 20:28-32), preacher's (2 Timothy 4:1-5), and deacons' (1 Timothy 3:13) sacred honor to serve the spiritual and physical needs of their congregation through the duties and authority given them. It is the congregation's sacred honor to serve one another and obey their leaders as they follow the Lord (Hebrews 13:17). And it is the brothers' role of service in the church to lead in worship and teaching, while it is the sisters' role of service to either follow the men (as they follow the Lord) or lead other sisters and children, not exercising authority over men (1 Timothy 2:8-15 and 1 Corinthians 14:34-40).

Even the Father in Heaven serves. Daily filling us with gracious blessings too many to list. Yes, there is a sacred honor in service that makes this life a little taste of Heaven, when we fill our roles.

As Christians, we may be surrounded by those who scorn the idea of service, but we must remember its sacred honor, knowing that the one that we follow has not failed to obey His own command. As disciples let us follow in His footsteps, fulfilling our own roles in love for Him who has loved us to the ultimate measure of devotion—an undeserved cross, bearing undeserved sins, to pay an undeserved debt, that He could have easily avoided.

What an honor, what a sacred honor, it is to serve Him by serving others!

Park Linscomb

*** Oct 1 - Fall Fest 2016.**



- **8 am** - meet @ building to help the Mackeys move
- **11am** - meet @ building to go to the Corn Maze @ Beech Hill Farm, cost is \$6/person
- **11:45am** - all groups meet at the farm. There are 2 mazes and 2 scavenger hunt.s
- **2pm** - arrive at Deerfield Fair - parking is free, entry is \$10. You will need money for any food and rides at the fair.

*** All families, not just of teens, are welcome to join.**

*** Oct 8** - bonfire @ the Potter's - bring your Bibles, drinks or snacks

*** Oct 16** - Mr. Mac's Lunch after Bible class

*** Oct 17** - Chill Night at Mark & Ann's @ 7-8:30

'When I am afraid, I put my trust in you.'
Psalms 56:3

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Sept 25	AM	PM	Sept 28
Sunday	Sep 25	Lamentation 1-2	Call to Worship	Gerry Millette		
Monday	Sep 26	Hebrews 10	Song Leader	Doug Paul	Mark Casella	Steve Johnson
Tuesday	Sep 27	Lamentation 3	Scripture	Phil Gould		
Wednesday	Sep 28	Lamentation 4-5	Lord's Supper	Will Hamel		
Thursday	Sep 29	Ezekiel 1-2	Closing Prayer	Barry Fogal		
Friday	Sep 30	Hebrews 11	Coordinator	Stuart Peacock		
Saturday	Oct 1	Ezekiel 3	Worship Tech	Rich Therrien		
			Devo			Mark Casella

Our Congregational Calendar for September 25 - October 8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Leah Yancey - BD	26	27 Sue Davies - BD Chantel Girad - BD Therrien's Anniv	28 6pm - Wed Night Supper 7pm Bible Study	29 Terri Apgar - BD	30	1
2 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Jim Cordaro - BD Kim Daggett - BD	3	4	5 6pm - Wed Night Supper 7pm Bible Study Sterling Hazelton - BD	6 Mike & Lisa Moser - Anniv	7	8 Will Hamel - BD