

THE BULLETIN

Holiness

People normally tend to believe that holiness only relates to God, so anyone who dares to say that they are living a holy life is seen as blasphemous, as if they were saying that they were equal to God. For them, holy people are the ones who are in heaven or do miracles here on earth. For them, it's impossible for men to achieve holiness. But the Word of God repeatedly mentions about how we need to live a life of holiness through the consecration of our lives in obedience to God.



Hebrews 2:11 says: *“Both the one who makes people holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters.”* This verse teaches us about Jesus and His gift of holiness; not because we deserve it, but because of His love.

The apostle Paul, in most of his letters, starts them by mentioning holiness as something already in existence in the church, as something already existing in the ones who have obeyed the Gospel of Jesus. Romans 1:7; 1st Corinthians 1:2; Philippians 4:21; Hebrews 13:24; just to mention some.

1st Peter 1:16-17 says: *“for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear.”*

Brethren, don't let anyone rob you from this precious gift from God. We are holy once we have listened to His call and obeyed His Gospel. If He doesn't feel ashamed to call us his brothers, why should we be ashamed to say that we are holy? Unless we are actually not in Christ.

**Without HOLINESS
NO MAN shall SEE
the LORD.** Hebrews 12:14

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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



Don't say God is silent
when your Bible re-
mains closed.



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: Noreen Dutch is making lasagna this week. 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.

NEEDED: ADDITIONAL WEDNESDAY COOKS - We need people to sign up from Nov. 30th forward.

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: Brian Cleavitt & Louise Roy are taking communion for Oct. & Nov. Need volunteers beginning in Dec.

WORK DAY - Oct 15

Bring your family and join us for our Fall Work Day at 8:30. Bring your rakes and help.

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 Christian Family

Sunday @ 11am (Bible Class)

How To Make Your Spouse Crazy About You Again

WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- 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

Yes, it's still chilly today - they should finishing installing the furnaces this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS - SUNDAY AM

Only announcements made from the pulpit during Sunday morning worship are those that are called into the church office by Friday afternoon and pertain to the entire church Family. If there is something you want to share, there is a white board in the foyer 'Late News' where you can share other information with 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. We have 3 immediate needs for this:

- 1) people to sign-up for times to greet those coming;
- 2) help on Wednesday night moving the chairs out
- 3) help on Friday or Saturday to move the chairs back for Sunday worship.

Especially moving chairs is something that you can bring your family & do. This is not something just for the teenagers to do.

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

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.

B E H O N E S T

Gone are the days when a handshake and good reputation were all that were needed to guarantee honesty. Contracts and recorders are necessary nowadays to hold people even minimally to their promises. Even marriages have been reduced to “a piece of paper” that can be easily torn up and disposed of. I suspect that Jesus’ words have never been more true than of our own day and age: “You are of your father the devil, ... Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” John 8:44, NAS95.

In the midst of this, it can be very easy for the Christian to be influenced and tempted to minimize the importance of his word and even rationalize away the very definition of honesty. So, what are the basics, and what is the Christian obligation of holiness in the matter of honesty?

Telling the Truth

One of the first things that people think of when they hear the word honesty is telling the truth. Satan’s first recorded sin was telling Eve the lie that “You surely shall not die;” and that is why Jesus called him the “father of lies” and those that lie as speaking Satan’s native language. From little white ones to leaving our important details to big flaming whoppers, they are all Satan’s native tongue that will find judgment from the Lord on the Last Day (Revelation 21:8). Paul taught, “Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.” (Ephesians 4:25). The Christian should always abstain from lying.

Keeping your word

Jesus taught in Matthew 5:33-37 that honesty is letting your “yes” be yes, and your “no” be no. Disciples, in other words, were to be men of their word in promise and agreements. Instead of being bound by signed contracts or oaths, the Christian fulfills the obligation of his promises—written or verbal. Psalms 15:1-4 puts it well, “O LORD, who may abide in Your tent? ... He swears to his own hurt and does not change.” And this is especially applicable in the covenant of marriage, where we make promises that sometimes become difficult—and many people don’t. Christian honesty means keeping your word, even when it’s hard.

Don’t cheat

God commanded, “Differing weights are an abomination to the LORD, And a false scale is not good.” (Proverbs 20:23). God hates cheating and injustice, and Christians must avoid the temptation to cheat on taxes, leave work early (but punch the time card later), keep the extra change the cashier gave us, cheat on a test, or charge customers a little more than necessary. One of the many applications of “do unto others as you would have them do unto you” is **be honest**. Christian honesty excludes cheating.

Honesty is such a rare commodity in this world that it offers to Christians an exceptionally great opportunity to let our lights shine and give glory to God—just by being known as honest and honorable people. Be honest.

Park Linscomb



Upcoming Events

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

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

* Oct. 21-23 - Marriage & Family Seminar - your elp will be needed

* Oct. 30 - Trunk or Treat - 5-7pm. Snacks must be prepackaged

* Get your costumes ready and come have fun.

* It is a real chance to outreach to those near.

* Sign up sheet in the foyer

* Small package for best decorated car

Where have you been sowing your seeds lately? Are you helping someone grow in their spiritual life?

Bible Reading Schedule for this Week			Oct 9	AM	PM	Oct 12
Sunday	Oct 9	Ezekiel 14-15	Call to Worship	<i>Park L</i>		
Monday	Oct 10	James 2	Song Leader	<i>Steve Johnson</i>	<i>Park L</i>	<i>Doug Paul</i>
Tuesday	Oct 11	Ezekiel 16-17	Scripture	<i>Dave Skerry</i>		
Wednesday	Oct 12	James 3	Lord's Supper	<i>Stuart Peacock</i>		
Thursday	Oct 13	Ezekiel 18-19	Closing Prayer	<i>Mark Casella</i>		
Friday	Oct 14	James 4	Coordinator	<i>Ken Simon</i>		
Saturday	Oct 15	Ezekiel 20-21	Worship Tech	<i>Barry Fogal</i>		
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Our Congregational Calendar for October 9 - October 22

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Worship @ 9:30am Bible class @ 11am Bldg sm grp-- 6pm Melissa Therrien - BD	10 Dave Skerry - BD	11	12 6pm - Wed Night Supper 7pm Bible Study	13 David Girling - BD Gary & Judy Diaz - Anniv	14	15
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