

**Sunday, April 13, 2025 Volume 54 Number 15**

**God is our friend**

**Scripture Reading: James 1:5-18**

**What kind of friend is God?**

1. James 1:5 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

2. James 1:12 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

3. James 1:13 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

4. James 1:17 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

5. James 1:17 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

6. James 1:18 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

7. James 1:18 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

8. James 1:20 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

9. James 1:27 – He is a friend who \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**Question:  Are we friends with God?**

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***TONK TALK …***

**Before You Shoot!**

Once when Jesus encountered the Pharisees, He rebuked them by saying, “You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!” (Mt. 23:24).  Jesus is using a proverb to correct the Pharisees on their critical and fault-finding spirit.  His point is that they were so concerned with insignificant matters that they missed the important things God asked them to do.

This is the problem with those who criticize and nitpick.  They look for errors, slip-ups, and blunders in others, without examining their own life.  Jesus puts it this way in Mt. 7:3-5, “Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.”

Criticism and finding fault in others is hurtful.  It can cause marriages to break up, friendships to fall apart, children to become angry (Eph. 6:4), church members to go to another congregation, and even preachers to leave their congregation.  One observer pointed out that the average preacher leaves a congregation with over eight critics.

With this being true, the Bible reminds us to stop being critical and having a faultfinding spirit.  1 Cor. 13:4-8 teaches us that love does not criticize and find fault with others.  Instead of nitpicking, others may we look for the good; we all have “dirt” if we look hard enough.  It is true that with just the right microscope, one can find something ugly even with the most beautiful rose.

The story is told of an officer on the battlefield aiming his cannon toward what he thought was the distant enemy. Just before he fired, the commander, looking through his field glasses, shouted, "Your aim seems perfect, but stop! They are not the enemy; they are our people." Did you ever think that when we aim criticism at God's people so thoughtlessly, we are aiming our cannon at the Lord?  Jesus taught in Mt. 25:40, “…just as you did it for one of the least of these brothers or sisters of mine, you did it for me.”  Think about it!

**In Christ’s Love, Mark T. Tonkery**

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**WORSHIP AND BIBLE CLASS**

**Sunday Bible Class ------------- 9:15 AM**

**Sunday AM Worship ---------- 10:15 AM**

**Sunday PM Worship ----------- 5:00 PM**

**Wednesday Bible Class ------- 7:00 PM**

**All are welcome here!**

1. Kent McGee

2. Matt Milatovich

3. Rob Burrell

4. Judd Murvine

5. Eric Fike

**April 20, 2025**

**A.M. WORSHIP**

**Welcome:** Donnie Watts

**Song Leader:** Paul Lowe

**Prayer:** Jim Clegg

**Reading:** Joe Kennedy

**Sermon:** Mark Tonkery

**Officiating:** Ben Lowe

**Dismissal:** Mark Allen

**Assisting at the Lord’s Table:**

**NURSERY ATTENDANTS**

**AM:** Barb Loy

**AM Alternate:** Molly Tharp Allen

**APRIL GREETERS**

**AM Arch St:** Eric Fike

**AM Race St:** Tami Fike

**PM Arch St:** Tracy Baker

**P.M. WORSHIP**

**Song Leader:** Eric Wright

**Prayer:** Daryl Hurst

**Reading:** Gary Carson

**Sermon:** Mark Tonkery

**Officiating:** Jim Sprague

**Announcements:** Donnie Watts

**Dismissal:** Jerry Kelly

1. Donavon Jadwin

2. Nick Clark

3. Jensen Beardsley

4. Moses Ihinger

5. Phil Shirer

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**PANTRY INFORMATION**

**Items Needed:** rice, instant potatoes & cans of evaporated milk

**Monday, April 21st:** Our pantry will be open to anyone in need from 3 to 5 PM.

**APRIL BOOK OF THE MONTH**

**JAMES:** When you complete the reading, please sign up on the Bulletin Board.

**MOTHER/ DAUGHTER BANQUET**

Ladies mark your calendar for May 3rd, 2025, that will be the mother daughter banquet sponsored by Timothy Hill Ambassadors. It will start at 6pm at the church building, there will be dinner and dessert. Come enjoy a night of fellowship and good food. The men will be there to serve you dinner and to make your evening a little more special, it will be free to you. We ask that you sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board and put how many will be with you for the evening, please sign up by April 23. If you have any questions, please see one of the Ambassadors. **This is FREE for ALL Ladies!**

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED**

The office will be closed on Wednesday, April 16. If you have any announcements that need done for Wednesday, Please let Brenda know by Noon on Tuesday the 15th. Thank You.

**PIG WITH A WOODEN LEG**

A lady from the city was visiting members of her family who owned a farm. As she talked to the farmer, she noticed a pig in the backyard with a wooden leg. “What happened to that pig?” the woman asked.

“Oh, that’s Betsy,” the farmer said. “She’s a fine pig! One night while we were all asleep, the house caught on fire, and Betsy started snorting and grunting, and woke us all up. We were able to call the fire department and save the house!”

“Wow, that’s amazing!” the woman exclaimed.

“Not only that, but one day my daughter fell into the pond, and Betsy came grunting and snorting, and led me to the pond, and I was able to pull her out. Betsy saved my daughter’s life!” the farmer said.

“The lady was impressed, but still curious.

“But that still doesn’t explain why the pig has a wooden leg.”

“Well,” the farmer said, “when you have a pig like that, you don’t eat it all at once!”

Sometimes we feel like old Betsy: we try hard in our Christian duties, but the world doesn’t appreciate us. Paul warned Timothy that “All who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (2 Tim. 3:12)

But that’s not an excuse to quit! In fact, Paul continued by telling Timothy that even though evil men would grow worse and worse (2 Tim. 3:13), he had to continue in the things he had learned and been assured of (2 Tim. 3:14).

When people abuse or take advantage of you, remember for whom you really work (Col. 3:23)!

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-Written by: Matt Clifton

**DOES YOUR LIFE SPELL CHRISTIAN?**

**C**onsecrated **H**onest **R**esponsible **I**nfluential **S**erving **T**houghtful **I**ntegrity **A**llegiant **N**eighborly

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**NP LADIES LUNCH GROUP**

The next ladies' lunch will be at Cracker Barrel at **noon on** **April 15th**. All ladies are welcome. Please join us!

**THANK YOU**

Thank you to everyone who wished me a Happy Birthday, presents and cards.

-**Paul Lowe**

Thank you for the cards and encouraging wishes for my birthday.

**-Lil Dennis**

Many thanks for the beautiful birthday cards. Last December “Santa’s Elf” left some delightful items as well. The NP kindness and friendship are appreciated.

**-Renee Show**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE CLASS**

There is a sign-up sheet on the Bulletin board if you would like a copy of the new book that will start in June. If you have any questions please ask Paul Lowe. Thank You.

1. Joe Kennedy

2. Mark Allen

3. Bob Jones

4. Eli Milatovich

5. Jerry Kelly

1. Donavon Jadwin

2. Ryan Bollinger Sr

3. Ryan Bollinger Jr

4. Jaxen Bollinger

5. Tim Willey

**DID YOU KNOW?**

New Facts:

* My husband’s great-grandparents lived in the store they owned, and my great- grandparents lived in the store they owned, Do you know who I am?
* I have moved 25 times so far in my life, 16 of which was before I turned 18, Do you know who I am?

**ONE NIGHT FOR THE MASTER**

**Tuesday, April 15th @** **5:45 PM**:

We will be sending cards, making visits, calling people, praying, and having opportunities for people to work around the building. Pizza will be provided. Sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you are planning to come.

**ANNIVERSARIES**

**April 15:** Keith and Sharan Shaner

**BIRTHDAYS**

**April 16:** Brenda Beardsley

**April 17:** Sayler Murvine

**April 19:** Cindy Beardsley

**April 19:** Ben Lowe

**TODAY IN THE NURSERY**

**AM Service:** Carrie Jadwin

**AM Alternate:** Lauren Jadwin

**RECORD REPORTS**

Sunday, April 6 Bible Class --------------------- 101

Sunday, April 6 AM Worship ------------------ 169 Sunday, April 6 PM Worship -------------------- 58

Wednesday, April 2 Bible Class ---------------- 64

Sunday, April 6 Contribution ---------------- 5718

2025 Average Contribution ------------------ 4932

2025 Baptisms --------------------------------------- 1



**Sunday, April 13, 2025**

**A.M. SERVICE**

**Welcome Donnie Watts**

**Song Leader Eric Wright**

**121 Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing**

**731 Take Time to Be Holy**

**Prayer Roger Ditter**

**886 On Jordan’s Stormy Banks**

**James 1:5-18 Matt Beardsley**

**God is our friend Mark Tonkery**

**616 The Way of the Cross**

**382 Why Did My Savior Come to Earth?**

**Communion Greg Jadwin**

**Offering**

**Assisting at the Lord’s Table:**

**851 I’ll Fly Away**

**Dismissal Prayer Gary Carson**

**P.M. SERVICE**

**Song Leader Paul Lowe**

**Prayer Ben Lowe**

**James 1:19-27 Frank Howell**

**The friend of God Mark Tonkery**

**Officiating Joe Henthorne**

**Announcements Donnie Watts**

**Dismissal Prayer Jeff Jadwin**

**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

**BIBLE STUDY**

**Song Leader Gordon Brown**

**Prayer Jim Clegg**

**Devotional Daryl Hurst**

**Announcements Donnie Watts**