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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:

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| 1. Donavon Jadwin | 1. Kent McGee |
| 2. Nick Clark | 2. Matt Milatovich |
| 3. Jensen Beardsley | 3. Rob Burrell |
| 4. Moses Ihinger | 4. Judd Murvine |
| 5. Phil Shirer | 5. Eric Fike |

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

AM: Barb Loy

AM Alternate: Molly Sharp 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



*Check Out
Our Website
Today!*

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

<p>WORSHIP AND BIBLE CLASS</p> <p>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!</p>	<p>ELDERS</p> <p>Gordon Brown: 740-319-2476 Paul Lowe: 740-455-3032 Jim Strouse: 740-453-9373 Donnie Watts: 740-819-3776</p>	<p>DEACONS</p> <p>Matt Beardsley: 740-562-7561 Joe Henthorne: 740-487-8271 Donavon Jadwin: 740-252-1130 Joe Kennedy: 740-819-0025 Ben Lowe: 740-624-8088 Keith Shaner: 740-221-0196 Jim Sprague: 740-674-6988 Eric Wright: 740-819-9594</p>
	<p>MINISTER</p> <p>Mark Tonkery: 740-350-5713</p>	

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:	

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| 1. Donavon Jadwin | 1. Joe Kennedy |
| 2. Ryan Bollinger Sr | 2. Mark Allen |
| 3. Ryan Bollinger Jr | 3. Bob Jones |
| 4. Jaxen Bollinger | 4. Eli Milatovich |
| 5. Tim Willey | 5. Jerry Kelly |

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



BIRTHDAYS

April 16: Brenda Beardsley
 April 17: Saylor Murvine
 April 19: Cindy Beardsley
 April 19: Ben Lowe

ANNIVERSARIES

April 15: Keith and Sharan Shaner

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.

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?

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.

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

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)!

-Taken from Bulletin Digest August 2014
 -Written by: Matt Clifton



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!

DOES YOUR LIFE SPELL CHRISTIAN?

Consecrated Honest Responsible Influential Serving Thoughtful Integrity Allegiant Neighborly
 -December 2024, Bulletin Digest

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!**

APRIL BOOK OF THE MONTH

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

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.

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