



SUNDAY AM MAY 3, 2015

Announcements..... Rick Harrell
 Prayer..... Rick Harrell
 Song LeaderAdam Guthrie
 Communion Billy Bowles
 ServerJonathan Wilson
 ServerMatt Stubbs
 Server Chad Smith
 Prayer.....Jimmy Spivey
 ScriptureJeff Hale
 Lesson Deland Guthrie
 Closing PrayerJeff Hale
 Nursery..... Bonnie Guthrie
 Foyer Monitor Eddie Stewart
 Greeters
 Lock Building Eddie Stewart

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE

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WEDNESDAY MAY 6, 2015

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 LessonMatt Stubbs

Gospel Plan of Salvation

Hear the Gospel
 Romans 1:16 Romans 10:15-17

Believe the Gospel
 Mark 16:15-16

Repent of Your Sins
 Acts 3:19 Acts 17:30

Confess Christ as the Son of God
 Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized for the Remission of Sins
 Acts 2:38 Galatians 3:27

Live Faithful
 Revelation 2:10

Study the Word
 2 Timothy 2:15

For the Record

Bible study----- 18
 Worship
 Sunday morning----- 51
 Sunday evening----- 27
 Contributions----- \$1255
 Wednesday evening ----- 25

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Family Matters

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The God of Second Chances

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Have you ever tried something and failed really bad at it? Failure is rarely a reason to give up and quit. There was a candidate for President who could have given up and quit He failed in business in '31, he was defeated for the legislature in '32, he was elected to the legislature in '34. His sweetheart died in '35, he had a nervous breakdown in '36, he was defeated for speaker in '38, he was defeated for elector in '40, he was defeated for Congress in '43, he was elected to Congress in '46, defeated for Congress in '48, defeated for Senate in '50, defeated for Vice President in '56 and for senate in '58. But fortunately he was elected president in 1860. His name was Abraham Lincoln. He proves that failure need not be permanent. The Bible informs us that our God is a God of second chances. He took a murderer by the name of Moses and turned into a great national and spiritual leader. He took a liar and deceiver by the name of Jacob and made him the cornerstone of a nation. He took an adulterer and murder I like David and used him to write many of the songs to strengthen and encourage the people of God. The examples can go on and on. But let's look at the life of King Manasseh. He departed from the faith of his father. King Hezekiah at great expense tore down the idol worship in high places. But what is one of the first things we see King Manasseh do? He not only allows them to be rebuilt, he apparently is one of the principal users. He becomes involved in every imaginable idolatrous and a cult practice including witchcraft and the sacrifice of his own son to idols.

The temple was God's special place, set apart sanctified for him. He not only let idol worship take place on the hillsides, he brought it right into God's special place. People look to their leaders for instruction and example. In corrupting his own life, Manasseh was responsible also for the corruption of God's people. He disregarded the word of the Lord. The Lord and His mercy called out to the king and the people to come back to him. But Manasseh turned a deaf ear. He was 12 years old when he became King and he reigned in Jerusalem 55 years. Manasseh had the opportunity to have the greatest impact on the nation of Judah because he was the longest reigning king. As soon as he was afflicted he sought the Lord. Manasseh came back to the Lord. It is interesting that we do not see Manasseh's repentance in the book of 2nd Kings. It only talks about how evil he was. Can God save anyone? Are there people in today's world that are beyond the grasp of Almighty God? Surely we can look around us and see evil in this world. There is a story about a man who was raised up in the Church of Christ. Early in life he developed faith but at one point his parents split up. He ended up with his grandmother and embedded what faith he may have had. He abused and murdered 17 young men when he was age 18. Jeffrey Dahmer was an alcoholic, homosexual, pedophile, serial murderer, and cannibal. In 1992 he was sentenced to 15 consecutive life sentences because there is no death penalty in Wisconsin. In 1994 he received Bible correspondence courses. He completed them and wanted to be baptized. Roy Radcliffe a Church of Christ preacher baptized him in May of 1994. Was his conversion for real? Some people say if Jeffrey Dahmer's going to be in heaven I don't want to be there. Some people say the same about King Manasseh. They say how he wasted life and the time of opportunity. It is not unthinkable to believe that God can do everything and anything for all people. God truly is the God of second chances. No one is beyond His reach.

Announcements

- ❖ Ladies Bible class Tuesday mornings @ 10 am
- ❖ May 11 ~ **6:30 pm** ~ "Struggle Seek Grow" ~ Ladies Bible class
Please bring finger foods

In our Prayers

Ruth Starling, Johann Sluss, Marsha Swain, Charles White, Irene Horne, Haden Vinsen, Addison Johnson, Wanda Hamm, Glenda Hyatt, Joe Cone, Bob Myers, Beverly Strange, Faye Johnson, Deborah Croft, Kim McDowell

Area Meetings

May 3-6 ~ Gospel Meeting ~ Quitman Church of Christ ~ Barry Grider
Sunday, 9:30, 10:30, and 6:00. Mon – Wed 7:00.

May 17-20 ~ Gospel Meeting ~ Madison Church of Christ ~ Times to be announced when we get the flyer

Weekly Bible Verse

Revelation 2:8-11 New King James Version (NKJV)

⁸ "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write, 'These things says the First and the Last, who was dead, and came to life: ⁹ "I know your works, tribulation, and poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.'"