

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for January 2011

The Lord's Supper

Reed Kilcrease / Steve Sanders / Larry Wyrosdick / Russ Kilcrease

Announcements

J. W. Furr

Building Duties

Jim Johnson

Greeters

Bobby Owens
Sam Sanders

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
Zack Wilson

Lord's Supper Preparation

Judy Dixon

Scripture Reading

Dale Sanders

Privileged to Serve on January 16, 2011

Morning Prayer

Andrew Moorer (opening)
Ronald Hilburn (closing)

Evening Prayer

Danny Rolling (opening)
J. W. Furr (closing)

Song Leader

Joshua McCartha

A/V Equipment

Isaac Sanders

If you are unable to serve, please contact John Frost - 429-1114/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



**Minister
Keith Dixon**

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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DECISIONS

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision" Joel 3:14. We make hundreds or even thousands of decisions every day. Some are not so good and some turn out pretty good. We sing a song, "I have decided to follow Jesus" which bears the sentiment that is desired to be brought out by this article. The song also has "if none go with me, still I will follow," is that true? We might think that it is true, but when persecutions come, will we still follow? We all hope that we will.

We make decisions every day that will effect if we will follow Jesus until the end of time. It starts when we hear the Gospel. Do we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God? Are we willing then to repent of our sins? Are will willing to die to sins? Those sins that we like to commit, are we willing to give those up too? If not, then a study of repentance is needed. Are we willing to confess that Jesus is the Christ? What about in our daily lives, are we willing to confess Him then too? This is the idea behind Matthew 10:32-33. Jesus said, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven." Are we willing then to be baptized for the remission of sins Acts 2:38 (to have our sins washed away Acts 22:16)? These are all decisions that will effect where we will dwell for eternity. What has been your decision? Will you follow Jesus though none go with you? Now is the time to make that decision!

There is a decision now to worship God correctly. Not all people worship God correctly. Again these are decisions that will determine where we will dwell for eternity. Therefore, they are important! Some think that they can forsake the assembly of worshipping saints. Some have decided that they can stay away from the assembly of the saints and worship at home or with a small group. They will quote "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" and have made the decision that God is alright with them forsaking the assembly. God wants you to meet with the saints and not only "wants," He tells us that it is a "must" (John 4:23-24). To decide otherwise is to rebel against God! Have you decided to follow Jesus? But what if that decision is against what you want to do? Have decided to go to heaven? Then let us worship God as He wants and not as we want!

Those are not the only decisions that will affect us in eternity. What about working for the church? 1 Corinthians 3:9 and 2 Corinthians 4:7 state that we must labor together with the Lord and that we are how God is working today. Have you made the decision to work with and for the church? The decision has been made then to work with the church but how is this work manifested for all the world to see. "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). Can I work with the church and never do anything with the church? Can I work for the church and never do anything for the church? Did Paul work with churches or was his work separate from the church and all by himself? Paul says he did not baptize folks then mentions several he did baptize, but who baptized all those folks Paul taught? (1 Corinthians 1:14-16). He thus worked with the church and for the church. To teach any other way is to be making the wrong decisions about the work of the church! Let us make the decision to follow Jesus; though none go with me I still will follow.

Love, Keith



In Our Prayers

- Sueann Acreman – health problems
- Shanna Bethea - cancer
- Ed Bagents – pacemaker installed last week
- Mike Bagents – surgery last week
- Larry Brady – lupus
- Ruby Bush – gaining strength
- Curtis Cates – leukemia
- Glenn Daniel- physical therapy
- Ken Helms – health problems
- Linda Joiner - health problems
- Cecil Kelley – health problems
- Lucy Kilpatrick – health problems
- Barbara Jean Mitchell – bronchitis; upcoming procedure
- Lela Moseley – health problems
- Daniel Owens – health problem
- Shirley Tomlin – health problems
- Lyndsay Turner – continues recovery
- Paul Wilkerson - stroke
- Bradley Mason Williams – new-born with a serious heart condition

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount
Edwina Rolling

- *Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.*

-*Pray for soldiers overseas.*

Jason Cartwright – Afghanastan
Keva Potts - Afghanastan
Chance Styron – Parris Island

- *Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

I am in India for my mission trip. Please kindly keep me in your prayers and ask the congregation to pray for me. Thank you so much for being a part of this work!

In Christ,
John O'Neal

AREA WIDE YOUTH DEVOTIONAL
Hamilton Crossroads church of Christ
Due to Weather Conditions
Postponed until
Sunday, January 23, 2011
4:00 p.m.

LADIES DAY
Hamilton Crossroads church of Christ
Saturday, February 26, 2011

"They Couldn't Even Write Back Then"

Some have enjoyed making fun of the Bible. For example, Samuel Rolles Driver (an archaeologist, a linguist, an anthropologist, and somewhat of a paleontologist) picked up the Bible, read it, and ridiculed it, saying, "It is impossible that Moses could have written the first five books of the Bible." Driver continued, "It is impossible that Moses could have written the first five books of the Bible because men didn't even know how to write when the Pentateuch was written."

Well, it looked bad for the Bible for a while, until over in northern Egypt they unearthed some clay tablets: the Tel El-Armana tablets. These tablets were letters from people in Palestine to people in Egypt that were written centuries before Moses ever lived. Not only did they know how to write, they even had a post office!

"Who hath directed the Spirit of the Lord, or being his counselor hath taught him? With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him the path of judgment, and taught him knowledge, and shewed to him the way of understanding?"

Isaiah 40: 13-14

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