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Worship Times:

- Bible Class — 9:00AM
- Sunday Worship — 10:00AM
- Sunday PM Worship — 6:00PM
- Wednesday Bible study — 7:00PM

Elders:

- Jim Boles
- Charles Haley
- Doug Jones
- Scott Wallace

Deacons:

- Reiven Holt
- Hugh Ruebush
- John Smetzer
- Burley Stinnett

Preacher:

- Park Linscomb

"We're Here and We Care"

The Hidden Treasure

Hidden treasures were common in Israel. Palestine is the land bridge between many aggressive nations. And because armies tend to plunder whatever isn't nailed down and scrounge up whatever food they could, Israelites felt the necessity of hiding their money and valuables in the ground. This was a good strategy, if you lived to return to the family treasure; but some did not, and it left an open question about what was to be done with discovered hidden treasures. The answer was that since families handed down land from generation to generation that whoever owned the land was the legitimate heir of the treasure. It was not "finders keepers"; you had to own the land upon which you found the treasure. And in this law and practice, Jesus found a great illustration contained in a single verse, Matthew 13:44. For the sake of explaining things to a modern audience a little more clearly, let me provide an expanded version.

One day a day-laborer, a plowman, hires himself out to a wealthy landowner. The laborer takes his plow, an ox, and a few other tools to an old fallow field. After a few plowed rows, his plow strikes a something hard. To his surprise he finds that it is neither a boulder or a tree stump, but a box. He discovers a hoard of gold and silver coins, jewelry, and jewels, a virtual king's ransom. After an initial whoop of joy, the plowman, knowing the law regulating such discoveries, knows what he must do.

"I've got to buy this land, but it will take absolutely everything that I own — my plow, oxen, sheep and goats, tools, cart, the furniture, house, and savings." When he arrives home, he fills the cart with all his possessions. His wife thinks he's crazy, but he is off to town, whistling a happy tune all the way, where he starts selling all his possessions. Friends and neighbors buy his things, but they shake their heads — he must be crazy!

Now, with a bag full of money he approaches the landowner and makes his proposal to buy the field. Sure enough it takes every copper coin the plowman could scrounge up. Nevertheless, he runs home with the deed in his hand to his wife, who is worried sick. He takes her to the field, finds the end of his last furrow and begins to pull away the dirt, which reveals the box. He pulls it up and opens it for her to see. Now she understands! Selling everything they had was really a very small investment for such a once-in-a-lifetime return — treasure that would make it possible for them to never be in want for anything again! A smile now spreads across her face, too. They join in a "happy dance".

Jesus' point is that discovering the kingdom of God is very much the same, when we recognize its true value. What is the value of forgiveness of sins? The confident hope of eternal life? The value of my soul? They are worth everything!

Paul put it plainly, (Phil. 3:7-11) "But whatever things were gain to me, those things I have counted as loss for the sake of Christ."

Is the kingdom of value to you? You can tell by the smile on your face and the joy in your heart — or lack thereof.

Park Linscomb

Family News

"For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God." Ephesians 2:18,19

If you are visiting our congregation, **welcome**! **Please fill out a visitor's card and put it in the collection tray as it is passed.** If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister (the tall guy) or any other church member.

N . E . W . S .

Men's Breakfast — Our next men's breakfast will be November 7 at 9AM. The theme will be Veterans' Day. The ladies of the congregation will be providing the breakfast.

This Sunday evening we'll start a new sermon series on the teachings of men vs. the teachings of the Bible. Come join our worship and become more informed about what your neighbors believe and what you might be able to answer them.

God speaks to Christians about who we are BECOMING not about who we've BEEN, pointing to our DESTINY rather than our HISTORY.

We will have a winter coat drive starting today for children. For details, please see Marie Wallace.

Our 2026 children's homes collection will go through October 31st. This money comes in real handy for the homes to help the children this time of the year. Give your money to Linda Stinnett.

We have new recreational balls outside. Have fun kids (of all ages). Just be sure to put them back up, when your done.

Ladies Class meets on Tuesdays in the fellowship hall at 10AM. If you haven't attended before, come and enjoy a time of sharing, study, prayer, and great Christian fellowship.

Started this past Wednesday — a new study on the book of Galatians! We'll start in Galatians 1:16.

Our Prayer List...

- Thurston Evans. Leigh Hayes father, 90, needing neck surgery.
- Freida is home, but her oxygen levels remain very low.
- Avery Cates' friend, Vanalice, was just diagnosed with breast cancer and Kent and Avery are asking for prayers for her.
- Ralph Rhodes — pray for good results from a biopsy.
- Terry Hill, former member of Rock Hill fell twice and could not get up. Now in a nursing home.
- Meredith Naquin, Rachel's friend, has undergone brain surgery; pray for a full recovery
- A friend of Rachel W., Dan, has a 3 month old granddaughter who will be undergoing a second open heart surgery later this month
- Scott W's friends, Mark and Greg, who both have ALS
- Esther M, low blood count
- The Staffords and the church in Pittsfield MA
- Doug Jones, fighting cancer

Long Term Prayer Requests

- Eloise Isbell
- Travis York, son of the the Yorks who were members of this congregation years ago, has had some health complications,
- Elizabeth's cousins Tracy with Lupus
- Dale C in the Ivy in McKinney
- Julia's nurse friend, Michaela
- Continued fruit from Burley's mission work in India.
- Churches in New England
- Our leaders, parents, families, marriages, widows, and singles of our congregation.

Read-the-Bible-in-a-year

- ☐ 11/1 .....Isa 57-59
- ☐ 11/2 .....Isa 60-63
- ☐ 11/3 .....Isa 64-66
- ☐ 11/4 .....Jer 1-3
- ☐ 11/5 .....Jer 4-6
- ☐ 11/6 .....Jer 7-9
- ☐ 11/7 .....Jer 10-12
- ☐ 11/8 .....Jer 13-15



A word of Encouragement

"For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it." Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

HE WALKED MILES IN OUR SHOES

We've all heard the saying, "Walk a mile in my shoes"; and we understand the meaning. It's usually said in defense of some offense, "You'd understand why I did it, if you only had my experiences, or suffered like me." And to some extent they have a point — the offensive deed still may not be right but at least we can understand better and perhaps have more sympathy for the offender; because we all know that intellectual knowledge is different from experiential knowledge.

And the Lord knew this too, so that as far back as Isaiah 53 we've been told that the Messiah would

> *"Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted" (Isaiah 53:4 NAS95)"*

The Hebrew words for grief and sorrow, which we often interpret to mean that the Messiah would suffer greatly for our sins, is a word that can have a spiritual meaning (sin) and physical meaning, sicknesses and troubles. We'd certainly agree that Jesus bore our sins, but in context, in which others considered His troubles as punishment from God, it would seem that the emphasis was intended to be on the Messiah's sharing our troubled and afflicted human experiences, which of course Jesus did. He suffered poverty, sicknesses, grief at the death of loved ones, disappointment, pain, and temptations and cravings of every human sort.

This is reflected in what the Hebrew writer tells us about Jesus…

> *"Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, so that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For since He Himself was tempted in that which He has suffered, He is able to come to the aid of those who are tempted." (Hebrews 2:17-18 NAS95)…. "For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin. Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need." (Hebrews 4:14-16 NAS95)*

In Jesus we have an advocate with God (1 John 2:1,1) who has walked a mile (or two or three) in our shoes. He knows, when we are sick, in terrible pain, suffering, grief stricken, anxious, angry, weeping, frustrated, weak, unmercifully tempted, lonely, the object of injustice, betrayed, and humiliated, what it is like. Not by intellectual knowledge, but by actual experience.

And it is this that gives us confidence to go through Him to the Father seeking strength, help, and forgiveness…trust to cast all our cares and anxieties on Him, because He cares for us — because He knows us so intimately well.

As the song goes, "What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear." Indeed "what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer." Because He graciously walked miles in our human shoes.

Park Linscomb

Family Calendar for this Week in November

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
9:00AM Bible classes 10:00AM Worship 6:00PM Worship		Ladies' class at 10AM	7:00PM Wed. Bible class			Dianna C. 9:00AM Men's breakfast

SERVICE IN WORSHIP

Week of November 1	***AM***	***PM***	***Wed.***
Announcements	*Burley S*	*Burley S*	
Song Leading	*Doug J*	*Scott W*	*Jim B*
Opening Prayer	*Reiven H*	*Kyle J*	
Communion	*David J*	*Charles H*	
Scripture	*Acts 10:43-48*		
Closing Prayer	*Jim B*	*Marty K*	
Greeter	*Yaw F*		

Week of November 8	***AM***	***PM***	***Wed.***
Announcements	*Jim B*	*Jim B*	
Song Leading	*Scott W*	*Doug J*	*Steve S*
Opening Prayer	*Burley S*	*Ron M*	
Communion	*John S*	*Reiven H*	
Scripture			
Closing Prayer	*Charles H*	*Kyle J*	
Greeter	*Ralph K*		

Sermon Notes…