

Those to Serve

Sunday, March 8, 2020 (AM & PM)

Announcements: Matt Holman

Song Leader: Justin Turney

Scripture: Bo Young-Z. Williford

Prayer: Chris Young-Scott Turney

Speaker: Derrick Coble

Dismiss: Walt Holman-J. Rittenberry

NHC Worship Service

(March 8, 2020)

Group — 2 (Gary Dodson)

Song Leader: Bobby Hutson

Prayers: Scott Turney-Bill Burns

Speaker: Bobby Wilhite

Communion: Justin Turney

Wednesday (March 11, 2020)

Announcements: Matt Holman

Song Leader: Jim Oakes

Scripture: Ray Shafer

Prayer: Richard Griffin

Invitation: Derrick Coble

Dismiss: Tony Tindle

Bus Driver: Bo Young

If you cannot serve, please call or text Gary Dodson at 510-8078

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Worship Times

Sunday

Bible Classes: 9:00 am

Worship: 10:00 am and 6:00 pm (2nd & 5th Sunday afternoon worship at 1:15pm)

Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages: 7:00 pm

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By What Standard of Authority?

Wendell Winkler

By what authority do you and I practice the things we do in religion? Consider the following questions:

Is the **majority** the correct standard of authority? Surely not. Where was the majority in the flood? What about Sodom and Gomorrah? Jesus said many travel the broad way that leads to destruction (Matthew 7:13-14).

Are **kinsmen** the correct standard of authority? Surely not. If they were, then every religion, even those that deny the divinity of Christ and reject the Bible as the infallible guide in religion, would be acceptable if accepted by kinsmen.

Are the **creeds** of men the correct standard of authority? Surely not. They are contradictory to the infallible Word of God. They contain the doctrines and commandments of men, concerning which Jesus said, "In vain they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commandments of men" (Matthew 15:9).

Is "**I think**" the correct standard of authority? Surely not. Jeremiah wrote, "O Lord, I know the way of man is not in himself; it is not in man who walks to direct his own steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). Also observe: "There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death" (Proverbs 14:12).

Christ and His testament give us the correct standard of authority. All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Christ (Matthew 28:18). His testament is complete, final, and all-sufficient (John 16:13; Jude 1:3). Religious practices are to be based on His Word. Peter wrote, "If anyone speaks, let him speak as the oracles of God" (1 Peter 4:11). In view of this, can you give book, chapter, and verse for what you practice in religion?

"By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?" Matthew 21:23

Remember In Prayer

- **Jennifer Gregory** is recovering nicely from her heart surgery.
- **Connie Turney** is adjusting after her foot surgery. She cannot put any weight on her foot for 6-8 weeks!
- **Gary Dodson** continues to have several heart episodes. His medicine has been changed and hopefully will correct the issue.

Please keep these in your prayers.

Shut In

Lenard Broyles
Sarah Eller
Melavie Heath (NHC Cookeville)
Alton & LouVernia Lowery
Ruth Phifer
Faye Smith

Life Care

Edward Baker (407B)
Carol Baker (205)
Margaret Cunningham (528A)
Bobby Haile (216)
Marie Seibers (201A)

NHC

Ernestine Holman (226B)

Churchwide Calendar

W.C.C.T.S. (March 9,16,23): The White County Christian Training Series continues on Monday nights in March—here at West Sparta. The time is 6:30-8:30. We provide drinks and everyone brings finger foods.

Daylight Saving Time Begins!! March 7 before you go to bed—turn your clocks forward one (1) hour!!

Noon Meal and Congregational Singing (March 8): We will have a noon meal and 1:15 congregational singing. The theme for the meal is Italian food, salad, bread and desserts.

Baby Shower (March 8): We will have a baby shower for *Tim & Katie Reynolds* during the noon meal. They are having a girl! See Loretta, Kim or Jessica for details.

Baby Shower (March 15): We will have a baby shower for *James & Lauren Hice* from 3-5pm in the fellowship hall. They are having a girl.

Ladies Bible Study (March 15): The ladies will meet downstairs at 4:45 to study Achsah—Polly will be teaching.

News and Notes

Nursing Home Service: Our weekly service at NHC will be conducted by Group 2 (Gary Dodson) Sunday morning at 11:15 in the Station 2 Dining Room. All members of Group 2 are encouraged to attend.

Books of the Month: The books for the month of March are: “The Home”; “Christ in the Home” and “The Family Tie”. They are on the table in the foyer ready to be checked out.

Pantry: The pantry is still in good shape. If you would like to donate, you can place a monetary donation in the Benevolence Box in the foyer.

BITS: The BITS leaders will be passing out your March assignments this week. This is the last month of the quarter for you to complete your Evangelistic assignment! In April you will have an entire new set of Evangelistic and Visitation assignments! The progress for each team is being recorded on the bulletin board outside the fellowship hall.

Short Mountain Bible Camp: Short Mountain Staff applications are available on the West Sparta website. They must be completed and returned by March 15, 2020. We are still in need of a few counselors, security, and kitchen staff.

India Collection: A total of \$233.51 was collected last Sunday morning to be sent to the mission work that Don Iverson does in India. Your generosity is appreciated so much!

Single Sisters: The Single Sisters will not meet during the month of March!

Calendar Changes: Check your mailboxes for some calendar changes. Be sure to mark your calendars!

Tornado Devastation: There have been several reports of many of our brethren and family members who have been injured or died in the recent tornado in Cookeville. We ask that you remember all of these families in prayer. We will be informing the congregation later on what everyone can do to help.