

The Messenger

Without Murmuring and Disputing

It sounds so simple and straight-forward: “Do all things without murmuring and disputing” (Philippians 2:14). In context, this command caps Paul’s summary of what Christian’s attitude and behavior ought to be. We are to be of one mind, loving, united, and unselfish (v. 2-4). We are to be humble, looking to Jesus as our great example (v. 5-11). And we are to “work out (our) own salvation with fear and trembling” (v.12). Grumbling and disputing are inconsistent with such attitudes and behaviors.

Despite all the abuse He endured, Jesus never resorted to grumbling or disputing. Grumbling pertains to murmuring, muttering, and complaining in low tones. When Jesus had something to say, He said it clearly so people could hear. For instance, when the officer slapped Him as He stood before the High Priest, Jesus didn’t grumble or mutter under His breath. Rather, He said, “If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil; but if well, why do you strike Me?” (John 18:23)

I must admit that I am not always patient and gracious during adversity like Jesus was. I need to work on being more Christ-like. (Would you like to add your confession to mine?)

Jesus certainly did argue against sin and falsehood while affirming and defending righteousness and truth. But He did not “dispute” as in Philippians 2:14. This is the same word found in 1 Timothy 2:8, where prayer is to be offered “without wrath and disputing” (1 Timothy 2:8 ASV). Disputing pertains to arguments over trivial matters where the primary goal is to prove that “I’m right and you’re wrong!” Such a contentious attitude brings reproach upon the Lord. “Indeed, let God be found true, but every man a liar” (Romans 3:4). Never should we sit by idly as God’s word is being trashed. There definitely are matters worthy of argument! But there are also “disputes and arguments over words” which we ought to avoid (1 Timothy 6:4).

The world is filled with complaining and bickering. As people whom God has called out of the world, let us rise above such self-centered attitudes and behavior. Listen to Paul’s reason why we should not murmur or dispute: “that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world” (Philippians 2:15). May God help us to be gracious and humble, that we may shine brightly for Him!

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Schedule of Services

Sunday	
Bible Class	9:00 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Worship	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	
Bible Study	6:30 p.m.
Elders	
Richard Eubanks	270.792.3050
Greg Isenburg	270.202.4609
Brian Martin	270.576.2936
Chris Young	270.202.2252
Denver Young	270.799.8559
Deacons	
Perry Cole	270.202.6214
L.W. Jackson	270.996.1451
Michael Runner	270.535.5906
Adam Warren	270.980.2548
Matt Williams	270.779.7733
Mark Young	270.791.0140
Evangelist	
W. Tom Hall	O: 270.777.1828 M: 270.792.2132

We stand ready to assist you with any need you may have.

You may call the church office at 270.777.1828.

We would be honored to help if we can. May God bless you with a wonderful week.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”
Mark 10:45

ATTENDANCE SUMMARY FOR SEPTEMBER					
September	Bible Study	Worship A.M	Worship P.M.	Contribution	Wed. Night
4 th	116	195	93	\$6,561	94
11 th	145	231	107	\$6,053	100
18 th	127	203	106	\$5,672	106
25 th	137	222	100	\$6,839	76
Averages	131	213	102	\$6,281	94
ATTENDANCE SUMMARY FOR OCTOBER					
October	Bible Study	Worship A.M	Worship P.M.	Contribution	Wed. Night
2 nd	128	164	101	\$6,048	86
9 th	124	190	100	\$5,956	77
16 th	127	180	87	\$5,162	93
23 rd	111	174	86	\$4,954	89
30 th	107	179	91	\$6,766	86
Averages	119	177	93	\$5,777	86
Attendance Goals for 2022 Sunday Bible Study: 200 A.M. Worship: 250 P.M. Worship: 165 Wed. Night Bible Study: 150					

Fall Quarter Classes

Sunday Morning		Wednesday Evening	
Nursery (Under 2)	Summer Basham	Nursery (Under 2)	Tina Hall
2-3 years old	Claire Young	2-3 years old	Amy Raymer
4-5 years old		4-5 years old	Karli Rager
1 st -2 nd Grade	Donna Wheeler & Hannah Miller	1 st -2 nd Grade	Kami Howard
3 rd - 4 th Grade	Lenora Isenberg	3 rd - 4 th Grade	Lenora Isenberg: <i>Pearls</i>
5 th - 8 th Grade	Matt Williams	5 th -12 th Grade Girls	Amanda Barrett & Tammy Miller: <i>Pearls</i>
9 th - 12 th Grade	Jason Kelton	5 th -12 th Grade Boys	Brian Martin: <i>Pearls</i>
Twenty Somethings	Adam Warren: Why We Do What We Do		
Alternate Adult	Tom Hall: Misconceptions Concerning Christianity	Alternate Adult	Chris Young: Revelation & Heaven
Auditorium Adult	Willard Raymer: James	Auditorium Adult	Tom Hall-First Thessalonians

Announcements

- November 20th** Thanksgiving Box Delivery
 - November 20th** Men's Planning Session @ 4:15 P.M.
Wedding of Andrew Wilson & Hannah Wagoner
 - December 3rd** 2:30 PM at Mt. Pleasant
Reception Immediately Following in the Fellowship Hall
 - December 4th** Elder, Deacon, & Preacher Planning
- If you would like to host a Youth Devo in your home, please see Adam Warren for details.*



Pulpit Preview
Sunday 10 AM
 Just Be Thankful
Sunday 6 PM
 Role of Leadership

Grab a Box or Two!
 Helping families in need to have a Thanksgiving meal.
 This year our goal is to make food boxes for at least 80 families and we need money donated to purchase 80 turkeys or hams.
Delivery Date November 20th
 For any questions, please see Tammy Miller.

Bible Bowl Practice
 at 5:00 pm
Nov. 27th
Ezra Chapters 5-6

Prayer Requests	• Nancy Stewart - Stage 4 breast cancer (E. Kemp's mother)	• Carolyn White
	• Donnie Goss - Leukemia treatments	• Thelma Wurst
	• J.L. Young - Massey Springs - Memory Care 2945 Small House Rd. Bowling Green, KY 42104 Phone 270.904.1999	• Lunell Upton
	• Gerry Utley	• Don Stallings
	• Kurt Butcher	• Pat Grimes
	• Larry Davis	• Dickie White
	• Dean Amour	• Curtis Wheeler
	• Jennifer Kelton	• Betty Grimes
	• Richard Prater	• Danny & Hilda Jones
	• Richard Prater	• Billy & Pauline Gross
	• Ronnie Cosby	
Remembering Our Homebound		<i>Wilma Blankenship & Johnnie Young</i>

Sympathy to Lousie Bratcher on the death of her daughter Brenda Gilbert November 12, 2022.

God's Plan of Salvation	
God's Part	Man's Part
Great love of God for man John 3:16	Hear the Gospel Romans 10:17, John 8:32
Gave His Son, Jesus Christ, as the Savior Luke 19:10	Believe the Gospel Hebrews 11:6, John 20:31
Sent the Holy Spirit as a guide John 16:13	Repent of past sins Luke 13:3, Acts 17:30
The Gospel as "the power" unto salvation Romans 1:16	Confess faith in Jesus Christ Rom. 10:10, Matthew 10:32
Provided atonement by the blood of Christ Romans 5:9	Be Baptized Galatians 3:27, Mark 16:16, Acts 2:38
	Be faithful unto death Revelations 2:10

Bible Trivia Challenge

This Week's Question
 What was Moses' sister's name?
 Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

November 13th Who said, "This is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh?"
 (Answer: Adam Gen. 2:23)

Bobby & Darlene Pruet, Tammy Puckett-Goss, Fred Heath, Jessie Wilson, Judy McBride, Logan Barrett, David Warren and others who did not want to be listed, answered correctly!

Sunday Morning Services	November 20	November 27
Announcements	Adam Warren	Andy Wagoner
Security 1	Joshua Barrett	Jeff Morrison
Security 2	Scott Grimes	Grant Cole
Security 3	Matthue Harmon	Michael Runner
Security 4	Tommy Flora	Travis Young
Audio Video Controls	Zach Martin	Reagan Young
Song Leader	Chris Robison	Mason Miller
Opening Prayer	Ralph Young	Paul Isenberg
Welcome	Greg Isenberg	Richard Eubanks
Worship Service Prayer	Doug Depp	Adam Warren
Communion Prayer	Fred Heath	Andy Wagoner
Scripture Reading	Anderson Young	Elijah Davis
Closing Prayer	Reagan Young	Cody Basham
Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Brian Raymer	Travis Young
Security 2	Cody Basham	Shawn Hudson
Security 3	Dillon Rager	Eddie Windham
Song Leader	Adny Wagoner	Zach Martin
Opening Prayer	Gary Basham	Stephen Clingenpeel
Scripture Reading	Landon Miller	Keary Simpson
Lord's Table	Willard Raymer	Denver Young
Closing Prayer	Jeff Morrison	Perry Cole
Wednesday Night Bible Study	November 23	November 30
Security 1	Fred Heath	Matt Williams
Security 2	Dillon Rager	Perry Cole
Security 3	Willard Raymer	Zach Martin
Song Leader	Hunter Barrett	Adam Warren
Opening Prayer	Cody Basham	Kane Barrett
Closing Prayer	Matthue Harmon	Jacob Williams
Monthly Assignments	November	
Lock Building	Perry Cole	-----
Baptismal Laundry	Victoria Jackson	-----
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Denver Young	-----
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Wanda Young	-----
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
November 20	Lenora Isenberg	Lisa & Hunter Morrison
November 27	Donna Eubanks	Kayla Johnson & Jenilyn Hall
** If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner at 270.535.5906 **		

For The Record
Week of November 13, 2022

Bible Class	117
AM Worship	183
PM Worship	101
Wed. Bible Study	89
Contribution	\$4,920

Attendance Summary on Back



- Watch Search on the following stations**
- WBKO DT 33 - Sun 6:30 am
 - WNKY TV 40.1 - Sun 7:00 am
 - Spectrum Cable Channel 184
 Mon 9:30 am/Thurs 6:30 am

Welcome

If you are visiting with us, please take a moment and fill out a visitors' card and place it in the collection plate located in the foyer. We are delighted that you're here to share in our worship service and hope that you will please visit us again real soon!

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