

The Encourager

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.

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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.

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

Silence is Sometimes Best



There is an old saying, 'Silence is Golden.' This saying is so true because silence can guard and protect us from saying something needless, foolish, or sinful. Silence can be uncomfortable and awkward when it results from memory loss or when it forces us to consider essential questions, especially questions concerning our soul and our salvation. Noise often helps us to hide from God, others, and ourselves. Silence can shout! Its voice can be louder than thunder, more piercing than a scream, and penetrate the heart more deeply than a curse.

Our Lord recognized the profound significance of silence in relationships with other people. Although it is often overlooked, one of the outstanding aspects of the suffering and crucifixion of our Lord is His deep silence during His trial and death on the cross. It is striking that Jesus had so little to say while He stood before His accusers and not much more when they hung Him to die. During the entire six hours on the cross, Jesus spoke only seven times. "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep, before her shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth" (Isa 53:7)

"Now Jesus stood before the governor. And the governor asked Him, saying, "Are You the King of the Jews?" Jesus said to him, "It is as you say." And while He was being accused by the chief priests and elders, He answered nothing. Then Pilate said to Him, "Do You not hear how many things they testify against You?" But He answered him not one word, so that the governor marveled greatly." (Matthew 27:11-14)

As He will through this tragic movement of grace, Jesus remained silent and in control. He does not react out of fear or jealousy, a path determined by God's will and His love for us. It is so amazing that we witness Jesus' control through his silence. He is Lord in His submission to the will of God and in the face of the hateful actions of His enemies! He was not goaded into saving or protecting Himself but dies for us—for you and me.

In Matthew 15:21-28, as we read of Jesus's encounter with the women from Canaan, we see another example of His silence. ²³"But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." If one reads the entire passage, they may be appalled at Jesus' comments, but we see in verse twenty-seven the mercy of the Lord. Perhaps His comments were sarcastic for His disciples who wanted to send her away. Yet, Jesus knew the faith of the woman. She showed her faith through her persistence. Jesus' silence, in the beginning, speaks volumes. I believe

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Keith, Sandra & Pete Parker

Gospel Meeting

October 24-27, 2021

Speaker - Keith Parker

Fantastic Faith	—	October 24	9:00 AM
Heavenly Hope	—	October 24	10:00 AM
Lasting Love	—	October 24	12:30 PM
Beautiful Blessings	—	October 25	7:00 PM
Saved Sinner	—	October 26	7:00 PM
Precious Place	—	October 27	7:00 PM

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the silence of Jesus is something we need to keep in mind when we do not receive an immediate answer to our petitions to God. When heaven seems silent, mercy never is. When Jesus heard the cry of the woman, He was pleased with her, for He saw her heart and faith. He strengthened her with strength in her soul so that she might pursue her request (Psalm 138:3).

Here she was wrestling with God like Jacob had (Genesis 32:24). She was going through a test of faith (Genesis 22:1). The Lord was using her to show you and me that no one is 'too bad' to receive the mercy of God. You might have a distance to travel before you can touch Him, but it's worth hanging on and seeking His face.

Several things happened during the time of the Lord's silence

- He reduces us to pure faith
- He exposes our sin and pride
- He prioritizes our life
- He simplifies our calling
- He deepens our love for Truth
- He trains us to hear His faintest whisper
- He opens our eyes to see the true pain of our fellow man
- He deepens our love for those suffering
- He lets us see things from His perspective
- He teaches us the impetus of His heart in Divine Guidance

When Jesus is Silent...He still speaks! In His silence, He is still very active and doing beautiful and transforming work in our lives. It may not be noticeable by us, but it is evident to those we are around. What can we learn from the Lord when silence is best? ~PJH



This Week's Question

What prophet was murdered between the temple and the altar?

Please give your answer with scripture to Adam or Lil Warren by Wednesday Evening.

October 3 Question: The Bible says I am a mocker and a brawler, and those who are led astray by me are not wise. What am I? (Answer: Wine/strong drink Proverbs 20:1) Great job Paula Anderson, Fred & Tommie Heath, Bobby & Darlene Pruet, Tammy Puckett-Goss, and others who did not want to be listed, for answering correctly!

Pulpit Preview



Sunday - 10:00 a.m.
There is Something About That Name

Sunday - 6:00 p.m.
Evangelism 101



- October 10** Back to Bible School Sunday
- October 10** Bible Bowl Practice at 5 p.m. (answer questions on first page and Joshua chapter 1)
- October 15-16** Ladies Retreat at Big Reedy. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- October 15-17** Grief Seminar at South Green Street in Glasgow. Speakers are Ron and Don Williams. 10/15 - 5:30 pm | 10/16 - 8:30 a.m.
- October 17** Youth Devo at the Warren's after evening service. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer.
- October 24-27** Gospel Meeting with Keith Parker.
- October 24** Fellowship meal following the morning worship service. The evening worship will be held at 12:30
- November 13** Youth Devo at the Martin's.
4-8 p.m.

TODAY IS BACK TO BIBLE SCHOOL SUNDAY

PRAYER REQUEST

- Jennifer Akins
- John Crisp Sr. - Multiple ruptured discs
- Loretta Dicicco - Home
- Brenda Gilbert - Cancer treatments
- Betty Grimes
- Billy Gross - Cancer treatments
- Kenny Hart - COVID
- Tommie Heath - Pneumonia
- Victoria Jackson - Health Issues
- Jennifer Kelton
- Alma Martin
- Hunter Morrison - Medical tests
- James Miller - Cancer treatment (*Jessie Wilson's relative*)
- Alexis Ogles - KCIW Alexis Ogles 312280, P.O. Box 337 Ridgeview, Pee Wee Valley, Ky 40056 (*White envelopes only, with the senders full name and address*)
- Michael Runner
- Cora Skaggs - Back surgery
- Janice Stewart (*Tommie Heath's sister*)
- Nancy Stewart - Stage 4 breast cancer (*Elizabeth Kemp's mom*)
- Carolyn White
- Cheryl Watt - Lung cancer

Remembering our homebound



- Wilma Blankenship
- Michelle Clemmons
- Charlene Ford
- Marvin Pruet
- Charles Wilson
- Johnnie Young

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO

SILENCE

YOUR PHONE

Masks are only required when assembling in fellowship hall.



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!

If you have any questions about what you see or hear during our services, please do not hesitate to ask us for more information. We would be more than happy to answer any questions you might have, or to provide a further individualized Bible study for you. Worshiping our God and knowing and understanding His Word is our passion and we want it to be yours too!

Sunday Morning Services	October 10	October 17
Announcements	P.J. Hicks	Greg Isenberg
Security 1	Willard Raymer	Perry Cole
Security 2	Gordon Harlow	Scott Grimes
Security 3	Zach Martin	Mark Young
Security 4	Joshua Barrett	Matthue Harmon
Security 5	Shawn Hudson	Richard Eubanks
Audio Video Controls	Reagan Young	Andy Wagoner
Song Leader	Chris Robison	Jason Kelton
Opening Prayer	Adam Warren	Ralph Young
Welcome	Brian Martin	Chris Young
Worship Service Prayer	Chris Young	Denver Young
Communion Prayer	Greg Isenberg	Fred Heath
Scripture Reading	Matt Williams	Jacob Williams
Closing Prayer	Cody Basham	Stephen Clingenpeel
Sunday Evening Services		
Security 1	Willard Raymer	Mark Young
Security 2	Zach Martin	Scott Grimes
Security 3	Joshua Barrett	Perry Cole
Song Leader	Shed Johnson	Zach Martin
Opening Prayer	Gary Basham	Jeff Morrison
Scripture Reading	Landon Miller	Jason Kelton
Lord's Table	Richard Eubanks	Joshua Barrett
Closing Prayer	Jacob Williams	Mason Miller
Wednesday Night Bible Study	October 13	October 20
Security 1	Matt Williams	Jeff Morrison
Security 2	Gary Basham	Fred Heath
Security 3	Cody Basham	Brian Raymer
Song Leader	Adam Warren	P.J. Hicks
Opening Prayer	P.J. Hicks	Kane Barrett
Closing Prayer	Matthue Harmon	Zach Martin
Monthly Assignments		
October		
Lock Building	W. Tom Hall	
Baptismal Laundry	Amanda Barrett	
Assist with Men's Baptisms	Travis Young	
Assist with Women's Baptisms	Monica Ross	
Bread Distribution	Bake	Give Out
October 3	Amanda B	Kristie & Donna W
October 10	Dana Depp	Melissa & Claire

BIBLE READING PLAN

October 10-17

- Oct. 10 - 1 Kings 13; Philippians 4
- Oct. 11 - 1 Kings 14; Colossians 1
- Oct. 12 1 Kings 15; Colossians 2
- Oct. 13 1 Kings 16; Colossians 3
- Oct. 14 1 Kings 17; Colossians 4
- Oct. 15 1 Kings 18; 1 Thessalonians 1
- Oct. 16 1 Kings 19; 1 Thessalonians 2
- Oct. 17 1 Kings 20; 1 Thessalonians 3

For The Record Week of October 3, 2021	
Bible Class	86
AM Worship	138
PM Worship	68
Wed. Bible Study	54
Contribution	\$ 10,777



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 pm

****If unable to serve, contact Michael Runner (270) 535-5906****

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