

Upcoming Events

Ron & Kaye McDonald

Anniversary 05/18/2021

Carrie Burks

Birthday 05/22/2021

Natalie Bruce

Birthday 05/22/2021

Contributions

For those able to attend worship services at the building please leave your contribution in the box at the rear of the auditorium.

For those who give by check and are meeting by Zoom, you can simply mail your check to Kerry Lashlee 9748 Bent Brook Dr Montgomery, AL 36117

Contribution last week

\$5,616



Current Schedule of Services at the building and Zoom

Schedule of Services: The schedule of services will be as follows:

9:00 AM Sunday Adult Bible Study; Bill In Auditorium and ZOOM

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classrooms

10:00 AM Sunday morning worship In Auditorium and ZOOM

Mask now optional in the center and right sections of the auditorium . Mask Required in the left section of the auditorium.

5:00 PM (ZOOM ONLY) -
Followed by all group ZOOM

6:30 PM Wednesday Bible study with Bill in the auditorium and zoom

Roger Cobia and John Demas in adult classrooms 1 and 2 and no Zoom

Children's classes in normal classroom

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The Folly of Trying to Please Everyone



From Aesop's Fables is this story with a great moral—*The Man, The Boy, and The Donkey*.

A man and his son were once going with their donkey to market. As they were walking along by its side a countryman passed them and said: "You fools, what is a donkey for but to ride upon?" So the man put the boy on the donkey and they went on their way.

But soon they passed a group of men, one of whom said: "See that lazy youngster, he lets his father walk while he rides." So the man ordered his boy to get off, and got on himself.

But they hadn't gone far when they passed two women, one of whom said to the other: "Shame on that lazy lout to let his poor little son trudge along."

Well, the man didn't know what to do, but at last he took his boy up before him on the donkey. By this time they had come to the town, and the passers-by began to jeer and point at them. The man stopped and asked what they were scoffing at. The men said: "Aren't you ashamed of yourself for overloading that poor donkey of yours—you and your hulking son?"

The man and boy got off and tried to think what to do. They thought and they thought, till at last they cut down a pole, tied the donkey's feet to it, and raised the pole and the donkey to their shoulders.

They went along amid the laughter of all who met them till they came to Market Bridge, when the donkey, getting one of his feet loose, kicked out and caused the boy to drop his end of the pole. In the struggle the donkey fell over the bridge, and his fore-feet being tied together he was drowned *Continued inside*



LATEST MEMBER NEWS

Sawyer Burch update 5/13/2021 - in March we told you about a serious genetic disease (Trifunctional protein deficiency) that promised life-long problems for our great grandson, Sawyer, Burch. He will always have it, but the insurance company has approved the terribly expensive oil that is already giving him improved

motor control, stamina and the ability to live a much more normal life. Thank you for your prayers and support! God is good

Linda Lashlee status 05/13/2021 - Linda Lashlee did well with her medical procedure in Birmingham today and doctors found her biopsy benign. Praise God!

Marion Daniel (Dot McDaniel's older sister) 05/12/2021 - Please pray for Marion Daniel, who is Dot McDaniel's older sister (and last remaining sibling). She is hospitalized at Baptist East. She has been dealing with multiple myeloma for several years. She has also tested positive for COVID and has strep pneumonia. She is also experiencing fluid around the heart and kidney problems. Her situation is dire. Marion, who lives in Wetumpka, is unable to be visited by her daughter (or anyone else, for that matter). Her husband passed away a few years ago.

Katherine Trefethen requests prayers 05/12/2021 - Katherine seeks the prayers of the congregation as she is under the care of a neurologist at this time to determine the cause of impaired swallowing and other nerve related issues that could become very serious. Please remember her in your prayers

New Address for Cindy Knighten 5/9/2021 - New Address for Cindy Knighten who has moved in with Alan & Leigh Ann White: 648 Chesson Hills Drive, Fitzpatrick, AL 36029. Cindy's cellular phone is: 334-300-0983. You can also reach Alan at 334-799-0428 or Leigh Ann at 334-799-0428 Cindy Knighten's mail cindyknighten42@knology.net. Please make a note of it or see the church directory,

Please see <https://www.perryhillchurch.org/members/prayer-list> for the complete prayer list.

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“That will teach you,” said an old man who had followed them: *“Please all, and you will please none.”*

The lesson from this ancient Greek story-teller is as applicable today as it was 2500 years ago. It’s impossible to please everyone. This is true in sports, government, business and even in the Lord’s church.

Coaches, politicians, and CEO’s as well as preachers and pastors who try to please everyone, appease every opinion, and placate every personal whim or fancy by the masses, will eventually please no one. And like the characters in the fable will probably see their donkey drown.

From a spiritual perspective our foremost desire should be to please the Lord. Paul expressed it with these rhetorical questions: “For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man?” His response was simple, “If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ” (Gal. 1:10).

Not everyone will be pleased with the Truth. Some deny it. Others don’t like to hear it. And many disregard it. Yet Pastors, Preachers, and Bible Teachers must base their teaching and their decisions on the revealed Word of God. Neither customs, culture or circumstances change what is right.

Of course, there are many things in the realm of scriptural expediency. Means and methods of ministry vary from church to church and preacher to preacher. You will never have 100% agreement in a congregation regarding a specific area of judgment. Someone always has a different opinion. A better idea. A better way to do it. A better way to say it.

There probably is a kernel of truth in every criticism. The trick is to look for it and profit from it. However, critics will drive you crazy, if you let them. Dr. Charles Lever was right when he wrote, “There comes a time in our lives when we have to tune out the antagonists and follow our own advice.”

John Mason offered excellence insight when he said, “The first great commandment about critics is, “Don’t let them scare you.” Or as the wise man wrote, “The fear of human opinion disables; trusting in God protects you from that” (Prov 29:25).

When we accept that it’s impossible to please everyone, then it’s easier to deal with it. After all, the donkey you save, may be your own!

–Ken Weliever, The Preacherman