

Those Serving:

January 2

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Usher/Monitor: Lane Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Clay Perkins

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Jodi Mote

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Communion: Lew Wilson

Closing Prayer: Jodi Mote

Wednesday January 5

Announce/Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Song Leader: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Tom Becker

January 9

Morning Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Usher/Monitor: Tom Becker

Usher/Monitor: Richard Lee Davis

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Evening Worship:

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Communion: Darren Parks

Closing Prayer: Camaron Lancaster

Wednesday January 12

Announce/Prayer: Clay Perkins

Song Leader: Clint Perkins

Closing Prayer: Dave Lancaster

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SHOULD ERROR BE EXPOSED?

By Dale Parsley

I once heard a preacher say that he never specifically mentioned false doctrine or error in his sermons. He believed it was not necessary because in just preaching the truth, he was rebuking false doctrine.

One prominent preacher in the 19th century was a man named "Racoon" John Smith. His preaching often stirred up controversy and numerous people disliked him. It is said that his wife once asked, "John, would it not be better to let error alone, and just preach the truth?" They were at the dinner table. He answered half absent-minded, and presently said to his wife, 'Nancy, may I have milk instead of water?' holding up his glass. She took the glass to empty it, and he said: '...Why not just pour in the milk and let the water alone?' (Nieman)

Brother Smith's wife raises a good question. Not calling out false doctrine certainly is less offensive and controversial. Perhaps there are times where just preaching the truth and not specifically mentioning false doctrine is more effective. However, is that always the best approach?

The Scriptures at times specifically single out false doctrine. When the apostle Paul spoke about the resurrection of Christ in 1 Corinthians 15, he did so because some were saying "there is no resurrection from the dead" (verse 12). Jesus rebuked the church at Pergamum because they tolerated error that justified idolatry and sexual immorality (Revelation 2:14).

There are times when just stating a truth may not undo all erroneous beliefs because the implications from this truth may not resonate with everyone. For instance, marriage as defined by God is when a man "shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh..." (Matthew 19:5). Some have argued that Jesus never said anything about homosexuality. Even though it is excluded in the fact that marriage is between male and female, the inspired apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 14:37), specifically noted that "homosexuals" will not inherit the Kingdom of God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11).

Another story is told when brother Smith visited a community where some preachers were promoting the doctrine of universalism (which is the idea that no one is going to hell and everyone will go to heaven). He preached the following night on universal damnation. Even though he did not believe that everyone will be eternally lost, his point likely was anyone can take a few passages of Scripture out of context and not harmonize them with other verses, in order to teach one extreme or the other. In thoroughly refuting error, pointing out what a passage does teach and does not teach, will give one an overall, better understanding of truth.

References:
S.S. Lapin, Racoon John Smith, His Contribution to Evangelism and the Cause of Restoring New Testament Christianity, 1925, Christianstandard.com



Upcoming Events

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

****NEW MONTHLY TEACHER SIGN UPS IN THE FOYER!! IN NEED OF TEACHERS!!**

Upcoming Gospel Meetings are posted on the back bulletin.

- 2022 Birthday and Anniversary calendars are on the table in the back of the auditorium. Please take one per family.
- The elders have purchased assistive listening devices for those who need help hearing during Worship. We will be testing these out over the next couple weeks to fine-tune the process. The church will provide headphones for these 15 devices, but you are welcome to bring your own corded headphones if you prefer.

**Thank you so much for the bag full of goodies! Everything will be useful and appreciated. I think of you often and love to watch the sermons online. It's good to know I'm not forgotten. God bless you all! Evelyn Hall*

Notes

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Sun Bible Class: 9:00 AM
 Sun AM Worship: 10:00 AM
 Sun PM Worship: 5:00 PM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

*Larry and Delores Butcher are doing better and will be Brad and Pam's for another couple weeks. They both have doctor's appointments this week and want to thank everyone for the cards and prayers.

*Lorraine Dutton had successful surgery on the 20th and is improving.

*Jim Bennett hopes to have surgery on his knee as soon as possible.

*Dale Parsley's mother is at home recovering on oxygen in Tennessee.

*John Rockhold is back home after being at Belpre for rehabilitation.

*Jennifer Collins is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Jan 21st.

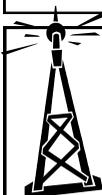
*Jessie Williamson is undergoing new treatments and is in need of prayers.

* Fay Williams has been under the weather.

Gerald Burns, Rodney Ramsey, Sharon Baker, Brenda Davis, Neva Wright, Betty Wilson, Ruth Eddy, Lorraine Dutton, Fred Arnett, Tony Stewart, Sandy Mote, Jane Ann Becker, John Rockhold, Evelyn Hall, Colleen Kiester, Cecil Cline, Madeline McFadden, Fran Kettren, Greg Williams, Lisa Westbrook Smith, Jessie Williamson.

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Any updates for the bulletin, please drop off in box by office door or contact: Terri Parks (304) 299-1650, terrinazelrod@hotmail.com



Radio and TV Programs

Good News of Peace: Sundays: 8:00 AM on WRRR 93.9 FM

Gospel Broadcasting Network: Dish Network Channel: 9407 (noon); Direct TV Channel: 376 (7:30 AM)

In Search of the Lord's Way: 7:30—Channel 4, Parkersburg; 7:30—Channel 15, Parkersburg; 8:00— Channel 7, Wheeling; 11:30—Channel 5, Clarksburg