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Welcome!

To the Lord's church that meets here!

"Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man." -Ecclesiastes 12:13

Join Us Sundays!

BIBLE CLASSES
-9:30 A.M.
WORSHIP
-10:30 A.M.
EVENING WORSHIP
-5:00 P.M.

Our mission is to share the Good News of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ with our neighbors for their soul's salvation.

Join Us Wednesdays!

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-7:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDIES AND COUNSELING OFFERED

*Bible Studies With One Of Our Preachers Or Elders

*Free Bible Correspondence

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THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

"Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends"-John 15:13.

This is a true story of two boys who lived some two-thousand years apart. One who became a man the day he died; the other, a boy who grew into manhood before he died and left a legacy that has been told and re-told for two-thousand years. Both sacrificed their lives for others. However, very little is known about the early life of either boy.

One was a carpenter's son, and I speak from experience when I say that the carpenter's family was probably poor. My own father was a carpenter. This boy's birth was foretold some seven hundred and forty years before he was born. The prophet Isaiah foretold of the birth of this boy: "And there shall come forth a rod from the stem of Jesse and a branch shall grow out of his roots"-Isaiah 11:1. *"And, she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn"-Luke 2:7.* I can well imagine the pride that Mary felt as she wrapped and held here first born. The book of Luke, Chapter Two, in verses 8 through 14, tells us that Angels announced his birth to Shepherds in the fields; praising God and saying: *"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth, peace and good will toward men."*

The other boy was from Memphis, Tennessee, whose birth was not announced the same way, but I can imagine the pride his mother felt when she saw him for the first time. As a father, I can well imagine the pride his father felt when he first saw the boy and held him in his arms. The boy's name was Ed Claiborne. That boy had a hard life because of the time in which he grew up. He couldn't drink at a public water fountain if it was reserved for "Whites Only." He had to ride in the rear of the bus, which by the way, was the noisiest section of the buses of that time. He was limited to the number of places that he could eat a meal in public, or rest his body at night. He was ridiculed in public and called various and sundry unsavory names. The irony of Ed's life is that our constitution declares that "All Men Are Created Equal." But, many people of the time believed otherwise. However, at the same time though, neither do we know much of the early life of the carpenter's son.

We know that at age twelve, while visiting Jerusalem for the Feast of the Passover, he remained behind after Joseph and Mary left for Nazareth. They missed him the second day, and returned to Jerusalem. After three days, they found him in the Temple talking with, and astonishing, the doctors with his questions and answers. When questioned by Mary and Joseph, he replied: *"How is it that ye sought me? you should have known that I must be about my Father's business?"-Luke 2:49.* As one reads that passage, one can almost feel the frustration felt by Jesus as he seems to be torn between his responsibility to his earthly parents, and his responsibility to God his Heavenly Father. Later in his ministry, Jesus tells the people to repent, or perish (Luke 13:1-5).

Just as Ed Claiborne was not accepted by the public, Jesus was not accepted by his people, either (Matthew 13:54-58; Mark 6:2-4; Luke 4:24; John 4:44). The Scribes and Pharisees, of his time, questioned his lifestyle and his authority (Matthew 12:1,2; Mark 2:23,24; Luke 6:1-11). The night of Jesus' arrest, he prayed that what was to come to pass be removed, saying: *"Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will, but thine be done"-Luke 22:42.* Jesus also challenged the chief priests, the captains and the elders who came to arrest him: "Be ye come out as a thief with swords and staves? When I was daily with you in the Temple, ye stretched forth no hands against me: but this is your hour, and the power of darkness"-Luke 22:52-53. If there be any doubt in the minds of the readers that Jesus Christ was not only the son of God, but a man facing a terrible ordeal read Luke 22:39-44, and pay particular attention to verse forty-four.

When the Scribes and Pharisees finally had Jesus arrested, they made untrue accusations even though Pilate could find no fault in him. The people and rulers mocked him with a crown of thorns, spit upon him and hit him. *"And the men that held Jesus mocked him and smote him. And when they had blindfolded him, they struck him on the face, and asked him saying, Prophecy, who is it that smote you?"-Luke 22:63-64.* As Christ hung on the cross dying, he asked God to forgive those who were killing him. One man, crucified near him, said: *"Lord remember me when you come into your kingdom."* Jesus promised him: *"Verily I say unto thee, Today you shall be with me in paradise"-Luke 23:42-43.* Jesus' last words were: *"Father, into thy hands, I commend my spirit": and having said thus, he gave up the ghost"-Luke 23:46.*

I challenge the reader to try to visualize and imagine the pain that Jesus suffered. His arms were outspread, spikes driven into his hands and into his feet just below the ankles, then the cross was lifted and dropped into a hole in the ground. The full force of Jesus' body weight pulled down on his outstretched arms creating excruciating pain and making it difficult to breath. Not to mention the pain in his feet while trying to support some of his body weight to ease the pain in his hands, arms, and chest. Jesus suffered this agony, shedding his blood in place of animal sacrificial blood, as atonement for your sins; and for people he never knew.

In the 1950's, an eighteen year old was not considered a man. However, in the fall of 1950 the second boy, now eighteen years old, died in a cold, lonely, foxhole in Korea. This eighteen year old was a member of an All Black Army Unit. The years have dulled this writer's memory, so that I no longer remember the Unit designation. Christ once said: *"Greater love hath no man than this, that he lay down his life for his friends"-John 15:13.* This young black man did just that. He gave his life for his companions. His unit was being overrun by North Korean soldiers. No longer a boy, this man remained behind manning a fifty caliber machinegun so that the remainder of his unit could escape. He gave his life that others might live. A reporter for a Memphis newspaper wrote this epitaph: "The color of the skin, how little does it mean when heart and mind are in the test and values true are seen." -Charles Culver.

Note: Brother Culver has done an excellent article. We further note that the brave soldier was awarded The "Congressional Medal Of Honor", (posthumously).

Speakers & Sermon Dates:

***Dan Carter**

Graduate, Brown Trail School of Preaching

- July 1st, 8th
- August 12th, 19th

***Al Washington**

Graduate, South West School of Bible Studies

- July 15th, 22nd
- August 5th, 26th

***Boyce Edwards**

Graduate Sunset School of Preaching (SSOP)

- July 29th
- September 30th



Old Testament Chapter Study
(In Chronological Order)

- Day 20 - Genesis 25-26
- Day 21 - Genesis 27-29
- Day 22 - Genesis 30-31
- Day 23 - Genesis 32-34
- Day 24 - Genesis 35-37
- Day 25 - Genesis 38-40
- Day 26 - Genesis 41- 42
- Day 27 - Genesis 43-45
- Day 28 - Genesis 46-47
- Day 29 - Genesis 48-50
- Day 30 - Exodus 1-3
- Day 31 - Exodus 4-6
- Day 32 - Exodus 7-9
- Day 33 - Exodus 10-12
- Day 34 - Exodus 13-15
- Day 35 - Exodus 16-18
- Day 36 - Exodus 19-21
- Day 37 - Exodus 22-24
- Day 38 - Exodus 25-27
- Day 39 - Exodus 28-29
- Day 40 - Exodus 30-32

*If you would like to join the forum to ask questions, share insights, or to receive encouragement, please see Gaylen or Nichole Williams.

**THOSE TO SERVE THE WEEK OF
JULY 1, 2018:**

PARKING LOT DUTY: TONY SHELTON

HALL MONITOR: PATRICK SELLERS

AUDIO/VIDEO SYSTEMS FOR JULY:
JOHN HOBSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: BOYCE EDWARDS

SONG DIRECTOR: REGGIE BASS

COMMUNION:
(NORTH) ZACK PETTIES, ROGER DEEM
REY CRUZ, BRUCE BROWN

(SOUTH) LEE FISHER, JACOB BRYANT
TREVOR HEILMAN, CHARLES CULVER

SCRIPTURE READING: DENNIS MARLER

PICK UP CARDS: BO BRYANT
ANDREW FORKEY

PRAYERS:
(A.M.) ANDRE PETTAWAY, JIM DUKES
(P.M.) DERREL HEGINBOTHAM, ROGER DEEM

NURSERY ATTENDANTS (A.M.):
VICTORIA & ISABELLA POLANCO

EVENING SONG DIRECTOR:
ZACK PETTIES

EVENING COMMUNION:
TREVOR HEILMAN, DENNIS MARLER

WEDNESDAY SONG LEADER:
JOHN LLEWELLYN

WEDNESDAY PRAYER:
ROGER DEEM

PREPARE COMMUNION FOR JULY:
REY & CONNIE CRUZ

NEWS FROM THE PEWS



Happy Fourth of July!

REMEMBER OUR MILITARY: Please keep Rey & Connie Cruz's son, Ronnie Cruz, and Zane Wilson in your prayers as they are deployed.

OUR SICK: Linda Deem's brother has been diagnosed with bladder cancer. Please keep him in your prayers.

-Millie Simcox is recovering from pneumonia. Please keep her in your prayers.

--Billie Lentz went Friday to have a cataract removal consultation. Please keep her in your prayers.

CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR OUR SICK & HOMEBOUND:

Marcella Williams' sister, Jim Dukes' sister (Marie Session), Lois Brown, Dora Ray Chanslor, Diedre Jones' mother, Alice Allison, Garnie & Nada Miller, Mildred Butlar, Shawn Forkey, Donna Hines's friend's granddaughter (Kylie Pruitt), Jodi Culp's mother and her husband, Trudy Perrault's granddaughter (Lieda), her granddaughter's husband, great grandson (Jesse), & her daughters (Trudy & Carol), Linda Moore's brother (Carl Britton), James & Tammy Garner & family members (Christel Alcozer & Mary Simmons), Connie Cruz and her friends (Jane Rubio, Juanita Cardenas & Yolanda Perez) & Rey & Connie's family here & in Puerto Rico, Willard Dunn, Linda Walts, Tina Pallo, David Shilling, Brenda Sellers' mother, stepmother, nephew (Matthew), & her sister (Jesse), Al & Gayle Wilson's sister-in-law (Regina Farmer), Alice Saffor, John Llewellyn's sister (Janet Schleyer), Nelda Cox, Sybil Cason, Jonathan Simmons Sr., Janet Simmons, Jonathan Simmons Jr., Gail Mende's son (Eric), Shirl Foster, and Amanda Petties' nephew. Please keep these members and loved ones in your prayers as they battle health problems.

VISITATION TEAMS: Visitation Team #4 will meet with their leader, Derrel Heginbotham, today, to get their visitation assignments. Team members are: Derrel & Carla Heginbotham, Lee & Natalie Fisher, Roger & Linda Deem, Dan Carter, Angela Thomas, and Martha Bell.

SUNNY GLEN CHILDREN'S HOME DRIVE: We are collecting trash bags and refried beans through July 8, these items can be placed in the foyer.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Join us for this year's VBS which will be July 22-25. This year we will be discovering "Noah's Ark Adventure."

Adults-WE NEED YOU! All hands on deck to teach, assist, and help with food! *Sign-up sheets for teachers, volunteers and those attending are posted in the foyer. Donations are gladly accepted. Please see any of the elders, deacons or office.

*Please sign up your children under the grade they had just finished, and not the grade they will go into. Thanks!

FELLOWSHIP WITH THE HAMILTON CONGREGATION TUESDAY, JULY 3rd: The Hamilton congregation has invited the youth for a devotional and food on Tuesday, July 3. The event starts at 7:00 pm, and will last about an hour. We will be taking the church van and it will leave here at 5:15. Please see Boyce Edwards for further details.

*Our speaker for today is Dan Carter.

Please fill out an Attendance Card and pass it to the inner aisle so we may have a record of your attendance.

THANK YOU!

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JULY

4-The office will be closed in observance of Independence Day.

7-Men's Breakfast, 8:30 A.M., at the Killeen Golden Corral.

14-Ladies breakfast & workday, 9:30 A.M., in the Fellowship Hall.

22-25 Vacation Bible School