

Happy Birthday!

Ray Pippin 2-21
 Logan Broome 2-22
 Steven Collier 2-23
 Rebecca Collins 2-24
 Hailey Dodson 2-26
 Bearchie Taylor 2-27

Sunshine Baskets

Pantry Items Needed:

Enroll now in the free Bible Correspondence Course lessons. You will find it refreshing to delve into God's Word & you will find out some things that surprise you. Give Bill Coe your name & address to get started.

We have devices for those who are hard of hearing to help you during our worship services. If you are in need of one, please see Jeremy Broome.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

- *Sunday morning worship service at 10 am will be held at the building as well as broadcast on Facebook live for those unable to attend. We will not be meeting in person for our other services at this time.
- *John Mabery will have a Bible study live on Facebook on Tuesday nights at 6pm.
- *Titus Anderson and Ronald Strong will have a Bible study live on Facebook on Wednesday nights at 7pm.
- *Please let Titus Anderson or Blake Maberry know if your child, ages 2-4th grade, would like to join the children's bible class on Zoom on Wednesdays at 6:30.
- *Our website is being updated: **centergrovecoc.com** - Facebook is no longer required to view our livestream. Our livestream can be watched on our website as soon as our services or bible studies begin.
- *If you would like to receive the bulletin in your email, visit our website and subscribe to our mailing list.

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To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
 (Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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Schedule of Services

Sunday: Bible Classes @ 9:00 a.m.
 Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
 Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.

Radio: "The Lord's Word" on WLIV 920 AM
 10:10 a.m. Monday - Saturday
 (We broadcast Thursday, Friday, and Saturday)

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"Talking or Listening"

By: Bill Coe

Do we talk to ourselves or listen to God? This question was asked by someone who wanted to know about authority in religion.

If the Bible is the only standard of authority in religion, it needs to be preached in every pulpit in the land. We need to let the Bible speak its own language in telling men it is their only hope.

The casual reader of the Bible will admit that pure Christianity existed in the first century. They will also admit that the church of Christ had its beginning on the day of Pentecost when the apostle Peter preached the first gospel sermon to those who crucified Christ, (Acts 2 and forward).

(Just a side thought – many do not preach from Acts 2 due to the reason that Peter, inspired by God, gave instruction as what to do to be saved. You see – the denominational world says that baptism isn't necessary for salvation.)

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Now to continue with the original thought. Even with this knowledge many are content to be a part of man made changes. Could it be that they are talking to themselves rather than listening to God? Many religious people know what Galatians 1:8-9 says. “But though we, or an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, if any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.”

In many Bible study classes those verses are read and those studying those verses are guilty of not teaching what the apostles taught. How can people who say they want to do God’s will shun a directive not to teach anything other than what the apostles taught? (Look at one small example: The apostles did not teach tithing because God said through Paul to give as we are prospered 1 Cor. 16: 2). Tithing went out with the law of Moses. Simply – many talk to themselves rather than listen to God.

How can anyone be what the early church was, Christians, while going beyond the word or not teaching all the word? Again – much talking to self, not enough listening to God!

It has been proven that if we talk to ourselves long enough and tell or preach something long enough we actually start believing what we say is true. The same thing can happen in religion. If a particular doctrine or religious belief is preached constantly the listeners will believe it as truth. It could be, but then again it could not be.

Look at this example. Should you as a religious person hear your preacher teach from the pulpit, and in classes, that there is a place called Purgatory, a place to be purified, you will believe it is from the Bible. But with further study you will find that it is not even mentioned one time in the Bible but was made a “Church” doctrine in the Council of Florence in 1439 some 561 years after Christ established his church. See what you can find out with a little study?! Can you see that many have been talking to themselves and not listening to God? With study you will find in Hebrews 9:27 that it is appointed unto man once to die and after this the judgement. God never inspired anyone to even write the word Purgatory. (2 Tim. 3:16).

Since the seed of the kingdom is the word of God, Luke 8:11, men and women can be just Christians. This means giving up all the doctrines of men and anything not taught in the Scriptures will have to be avoided – why? – because it is vain, (Matt. 15:9)

We must have Bible reasons (authority) for what we do in religion because 1 Peter 4:11 tells us, “If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God.” Don’t be guilty of talking yourself into a false doctrine. Listen to God!

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

CRMC: Herby Fox

Mabry Rehab: Ray Pippin

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

Winnie Craighead, Marcia Mitchell,
Chris Fox, Austin Eagle, Crystal Scott,
Hope Threadgill, John Mabery

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Dale Holloway, Malcolm Goolsby,
Frank Cabral, Robbie Sue Netherton

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesada: Grace Sloan

Cedar Hill Senior Living: Jean Haney

Mabry: Lovena (Cricket) Wilson, Fred Heady,
Ray Pippin

McFarland Rehab: Ricky Strong

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard, Nell Thomas,
Sherry Arms

Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill

Georgia Rehab: Buddy Flatt

**Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-
Prayer List:**

Adele Birdwell, Anna Bell Stafford, Barbara Walker,
Doris Martin, Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Earl Crabtree,
Emily Jones, Fred Garrison, Geneva Brown, Glen
Thomas, Hillary Broome, Jeanie Thomas, Jeremy &
Ashley Broome, Jo Helen Brown, Johnny Stafford,
Joyce Pippin, Larry Smith, Lela Durham, Lewis Fox,
Lisa Garrison, Louise Richardson, Margie Dyer,
Margie Goodwin, Mary Pearl Judd, Melissa Young,
Moydene Robinson, Olivia Deason, Pam Crespo,
Paulette Rainey, Raymond Haney, Roberta Hunter,
Sandy Haney, Sherrie Merwine, Steve Hensley,
Shirley Smith, Tim & Judy Chambers, Toni Johnson
daughter of Roger, Velma Hix, Zander Dixon, Wilean
Heady her son Terry-, Faye Winstead sister of W.C.
Howell

BATTILING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Ben Young, Bill & Betty (Sad)
Ransom Pries, Frances Luck, Hope Threadgill, Kinner
Hawkins, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike
Hamlet, Nancy Blankenship, Rex Berry, Ruby
Anderson, Roslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Steve
Higginbotham, Tammy Crockett, Villary Campbell

Privileged to Serve February 28, 2021

Ushers	Ronnie Martin
.....	Roy Young
Announcements	Sjon Gentry
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Roy Smallwood
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Carl Call
Closing Prayer	Kevin Moss
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Chris Mabery
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Jacob Martin
Serve	Jonathan Conner
.....	Mike Martin
.....	Jeremy Kirby
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Brian Trisdale
.....	Jerry Young
Alternate to Serve	Mark Collins
.....	Ronald Strong
Dismiss Classes	
Count Contribution	Jim Young
.....	Caden Fox
.....	Chris Fox
.....	Greyson Smith
Response Card	Chris Martin
PowerPoint.....	Chris Mabery
Live Stream.....	Blake Maberry
Adult Bible Class.....	

Sunday Evening

Speaker

Scripture Reading

Song Leader

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

PowerPoint.....

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader

Devotional

Opening Prayer

Closing Prayer

PowerPoint.....

Adult Bible Class.....

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