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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

January 9-12: Gospel Meeting at Willow Ave. church of Christ

January 16: Brian Hall will be giving a Guyana report during the evening service

March 13: Zack Holmes will be giving an India report during the evening service

April 16: Easter egg hunt

June 5-9: VBS here

July 17-23: JSCYC

August 17-25: PTP

November 6-9: Gospel Meeting here with Cliff Goodwin

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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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"Revisiting "Tolerance""

By Jack Wilkie of Focus Press

It wasn't too long ago that tolerance was one of the biggest buzzwords our culture had. "You don't have to agree with all lifestyles, but we should be tolerant of all people." "Don't hate, tolerate." "Your intolerance is showing."

Then "Don't ask, don't tell" was repealed. Then the *Obergefell* decision came down, legalizing gay marriage (despite numerous states – even California – having voted for the opposite). Then the White House, the Empire State Building, and other landmarks were lit in rainbow colors. Pride Month received almost universal corporate support. Government schools shifted heavily in favor of LGBT support. The kinds of debates we were having just 7-8 years ago don't even exist anymore.

And, all of a sudden, nobody is talking about tolerance anymore.

No, now any public figure who voices a dissenting opinion to the LGBT madness is labeled a bigot. Average people like you and me have been bullied into silence socially because of how heavily the tides have turned. None of the preachers of tolerance actually believed in tolerance, or they would be tolerating us.

Their values haven't changed, though. As sci-fi author Frank Herbert wrote, "When I am weaker than you, I ask you for Freedom because that is according to your principles; ...continued inside

when I am stronger than you, I take away your Freedom because that is according to my principles.”

When they quoted “Do not judge lest ye be judged” (Matthew 7:1) at us, it was not a good faith argument. They were using God’s authority out of context as a weapon, despite the fact they had no interest in submitting to His authority. They twisted the Biblical commands to love our neighbor to create a false choice between either agreeing with people or being unloving to them. They pointed to a nebulous idea of a “niceness” expected of Christians, saying that Christianity means “not being a jerk.”

To tolerate that which God has ruled intolerable is to undermine God’s authority. This is why God has labeled friendship with the world as enmity toward Himself (James 4:4). You can’t accept the terms of people who hate God and despise His precepts and still maintain a close relationship with Him.

To tolerate that which God has ruled intolerable is also to recast God in our image. The clear, time-honored interpretations of basic Scriptural teaching is against homosexuality. The world tells us this is unloving and hurtful. If you believe them, you either claim that God is unloving and hurtful (as many have), or you find a way to re-interpret the Scriptures so as to make Him into the tolerant God the world wants Him to be. This is idolatry, creating a false god who we find more palatable.

The end result is unsurprising. Predictably, Christians who fell for this tolerance trick play ended up becoming more tolerant toward the world and its sins, yet less tolerant toward their fellow Christians – the very people they were *actually* told to tolerate (Ephesians 4:2). The world will keep running that trick play to divide and conquer the church unless we get an understanding of what we should and should not tolerate.

This is why we must be so diligent as students of the Word. As soon as we start listening to cultural pressure and capitulating to what sounds good and what makes sense to us, we start betraying Scriptural authority. Scriptural authority is the only grounds upon which we can have unity, though. When we choose to capitulate to pressure to be friendly toward the world and unfriendly toward our fellow Christians, we set a course for disunity and ultimately apostasy.

Tread carefully. Submit to God and not the world.

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:
CRMC: Carrol Hensley

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:
Donneitta Johnson, Maibelle Dyer, Ruby Anderson, Silas Anderson, Andrew Burris, Chick Ranson, John Mabery, Kendra Burris, Greg Scott, Mathis Anderson

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Toni Johnson, Clorence Martin Allen,
Juanita Herron

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Ray Pippin, Jerry Wilson

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Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-

Prayer List:

Adele Birdwell, Anna Bell Stafford, Barbara Walker, Bradley Murphy, David & Debbie Wilson, Debbie Allen, Donathan Durham brother of Crystal Scott Delores West, Earl Carr dad of Marcia, Gail Bryant, Hillary Broome, Jackie Mathis, Jeanie Thomas, Jo Helen Brown, Lela Durham, Lora Cravens, Margie Dyer, Margie Goodwin, Moydene Robinson, Pam Crespo sister of Jimmy Strong, Raymond Haney, Sandy Haney, Pauline Richardson, Savanna Davidson daughter of Donnie Mayberry, Shawn Staggs son in law of Tim Mitchell, Shelby Bryant, Sherri Merwine, Sherry Arms, Thomas Brown, Velma Hix,

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Vanderbilt apartment’s: Lori Davenport

Privileged to Serve December 26, 2021

Ushers	Mark Collins
.....	Ronnie Martin
Announcements	Carl Call
Song Leader	Titus Anderson
Scripture Reading	Dale Dennis
Speaker	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Ronald Strong
Closing Prayer	Kevin Moss
Oversee Lord’s Supper..	Roy Young
Prepare Trays	
Scripture Reading.....	Mike Martin
Serve	Ben Gentry
.....	Roy Smallwood
.....	Caden Fox
.....	Donnie Mayberry
.....	Roger Anderson
.....	Carl Call
Alternate to Serve	Sjon Gentry
.....	Jerry Young
Dismiss Classes	Jerry Young
Count Contribution	Rellon Burris
.....	Dakota Burris
.....	Andrew Burris
.....	Jackson Conner
Response Card	Burton Young
PowerPoint.....	Mike Martin
Live Stream.....	Blake Mabery
Adult Bible Class.....	John Mabery

Sunday Evening December 26, 2021

Speaker	Jeremy Kirby
Scripture Reading	Jimmy Strong
Song Leader	Jonathan Conner
Opening Prayer	Chris Martin
Closing Prayer	Tim Mitchell
PowerPoint.....	Brian Trisdale

Wednesday Evening December 29, 2021

Song Leader	Jeremy Kirby
Devotional	Ronald Strong
Opening Prayer	Bill Coe
Closing Prayer	Carl Call
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Jonathan Conner

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