

Happy Birthday!

Jonathan Conner 2-06
Opal Robinson 2-08
Silas Anderson 2-09
M.B. Ragland 2-10
Debbie Wilson 2-11

Happy Anniversary!

Steve & Linda Hensley 2.10.79



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & UPCOMING EVENTS...

WE CARE: Ladies that participate in the We Care funeral program: it is time to donate again. Thanks for all you do, Judy M.

Run4Don is now accepting scholarship applications for 2022. They must be postmarked by March 31, 2022.

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

March 31: Happy Haven Banquet at Leslie Town Center at 6:30pm

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
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"Cutting the Roots – But Still Expecting Fruits"

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Here's a quote from the U.S. Supreme Court which may surprise you: "Where can the purest principles of morality be learned so clearly or so perfectly as from the New Testament? Where are benevolence, the love of truth, sobriety, and industry, so powerfully and irresistibly inculcated as in the sacred volume?"¹ That statement, part of the official records of the nation's highest court, was made by Justice Joseph Story, appointed by President James Madison in 1811. Known as the "Father of American Jurisprudence," Story had earlier written, "Christianity ought to receive encouragement from the state, so far as is not incompatible with the private rights of conscience, and the freedom of religious worship. An attempt to level all religions, and to make it a matter of state policy to hold all in utter indifference, would have created universal disapprobation, if not universal indignation."²

The interesting backstory to this Supreme Court case involves the death of Stephen Girard in 1831. At that time, Girard was the richest man in America. In his will, he provided for the establishment of Girard College in Philadelphia, PA. But the will was challenged by his familial heirs, who argued that it was void because by excluding scholarly instructors from the various sects, it was adverse to the principles of Christianity. ...continued inside

The argument was eloquently presented by Daniel Webster, Esq., but was ultimately rejected by the Supreme Court. Interestingly, while the Court agreed with Webster that Christianity is part of the common law of Pennsylvania, it went on to recognize that support for Christianity is so natural and desirable that it is generally intended and presumed in our legal documents. Statements in a will which could conceivably be understood as opposed to Christianity will not be so interpreted without clear and plain evidence to that effect. In other words, if it is possible to interpret the will in agreement with the principles of Christianity, it must be so interpreted, and allowed to stand.

I find this case fascinating because it provides insight into the mindset of our Founding Fathers, including the Supreme Court in its early days. They not only recognized the principles of Christianity as part of and consistent with the common law, they found it unusual or unthinkable that anyone would question this. They saw it as harmful that documents such as wills should be interpreted otherwise. Justice Story agreed with Daniel Webster as to the honorable and necessary role of Christianity in our nation's legal system. But he went on to affirm that such recognition is to be presumed as natural and obvious. In 1844, these Founding Fathers and statesmen would not have dreamed of questioning or denying the critical place of Christianity in our laws.

Story's recognition that Christianity was deeply valuable to society, and that "it ought to receive encouragement from the state" would seem odd or unthinkable to many modern observers. The prevailing view of so many today is that church and state should somehow be "separated" and our country would get along quite well without the principles of Christianity. But that's not the way the Founding Fathers saw it. They recognized Christianity as part of the common law, critical to our nation's health and strength. They knew that the principles taught by Christ in the New Testament make for a prosperous and successful land.

Those who deny these truths are like the man who expects fruit from the tree after cutting away its roots. He destroys that which made the tree strong, and which gives it its nourishment and productivity, then demands that it produce as it did before. He cannot understand why the tree appears to be weak and sickly, struggling to match its former glory.

The roots of America's strength run deeply into the Word of God. The eternal principles of truth and honesty, fair dealing, charity and integrity, sobriety and industry, mutual respect and good will form a bedrock upon which all great civilizations are built. To the extent that we honor and respect such godly principles, we can look for His protection and blessings. And as surely as we cut off and turn away from them, we need not expect the fruit of His divine approval.

<https://apologeticspress.org/cutting-the-rootsbut-still-expecting-fruit-5598/>

Area Hospitals & Rehabs:

CRMC: Teresa Scott, Shelly Good, Donald Cherry
St. Thomas: Johnny (Pencil) Smith
Signature Algood: Delores West

Sick at Home Asking for Prayers:

Roy & Betty Smallwood, Jerri Ann, Lance & Jaylen Anderson, Jimmy, Rita & Delenn Strong, Liz Howell

Our Condolences to the Families of:

Nick Carter, Ruth Robinson

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

Bethesda: Grace Sloan, Carrol (Stick) Hensley

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Hillsboro Rehab: Lovia Cowgill

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

NHC: Paul Pippin, Connie Ballard

Oklahoma: Eden Mayfield

Those Battling Ongoing Health Issues-

Prayer List:

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

BATTILING CANCER

Anna Lee Burchett, Barry Turner, Ben Young, Frances Luck, Haylee Mathis, Haylee Strong Kayla Pippin, Kinner Hawkins, Layla Ledbetter, Lori Davenport, Maibelle Dyer, Mike Hamlet, Rex Berry, Rosie Killian sis of RubyRoslyn Stout sister of Ruby, Ruby Anderson, Steve Higginbotham, Vickie Pigg, Villary Campbell

Privileged to Serve February 13, 2022

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

Sunday Evening February 13, 2022

Speaker	Mike Martin
Scripture Reading	Parker Harless
Song Leader	Jeremy Kirby
Opening Prayer	Burton Young
Closing Prayer	Caden Fox
PowerPoint.....	Brian Trisdale

Wednesday Evening February 16, 2022

Song Leader	Mike Birdwell
Devotional	Jeremy Kirby
Opening Prayer	Sjon Gentry
Closing Prayer	Brian Trisdale
Adult Bible Study.....	Ronald Strong
Powerpoint.....	Kevin Moss

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