

BETTER OFF

A man was making fun of one of his friends who was a sincere Christian who believed, and trusted Jesus for the forgiveness of sin and the hope of an eternal life in heaven. He stated, "You Christians think that you are better than anyone else." To which the Christian replied, "Not better, better off"

How true. As Christians we need to awaken every morning knowing that we have a Savior who has promised to be with us always even to the end of the world (Matt. 28:20), and to know every evening as we ask for the erasing of the scars of another day, that our Savior through His suffering, death, and resurrection has restored us to being true children of God, is indeed a blessing for which there is no measurement, but the reason for giving the Lord continual thanks.

--Walter Wendt

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THE REMINDER

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April 1, 2018

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY

Bible Class.....10:00 A. M.

Worship.....11:00 A. M.

Afternoon.....1:30 P. M.

THURSDAY

Bible Class.....6:30 P. M.

YOU WILL ALWAYS BE WELCOME
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NEWS AND NOTES

WELCOME VISITORS! Please fill out a visitor's card so we will have a record of your visit.

PRAYER LIST: Ryan (Jessica's son – neurofibromastosis,, Kyle and Brad Young-health issues, Deby Maldonado, also her son Michael- health issues, Verdos & Wanda Mullins-heart issues and cancer, also John and Dorothy Callahan their care givers, Bettye Fell-stroke, Larry Rogers-stroke, Rita Blair, Phillip Hickson, Linda Thrall (both of her parents), Patsy Robertson, Walter Mullins.

PRAY for our congregation and the efforts to reach the lost. Let us all work together to make the church the best it can be, and remember to pray for our fall meeting with Mike Bonner.

SPECIAL DAYS: July 8th, presentation on World Bible School. June 17th, presentation of the church's Disaster Relief Effort Inc.

JUST FOR THE RECORD Last Week Last Year
SUNDAY:

Bible Class	14	8
Worship	33	28
Evening	12	10

EVENING
Bible Study 16 13
CONTRIBUTION \$1179.00 \$1121.00

WORDS OF WISDOM

Wild oats take something out of the soil of a man's life that no system of crop rotation can restore.

It is a sad religion that is never strong except when its owner is sick.

Don't criticize the Bible, let the Bible criticize you!

THE SUPPER

“...The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, “This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me” (I Cor. 11:24).

It was Passover!

This was the highest feast day of the Jewish religion. In an upstairs room Jesus and His friends prepare to celebrate this special day.

They eat the unleavened bread and think how their people ate unleavened bread while death passed their houses, protected by the blood of the lamb.

They eat the lamb and think of the its sacrifice for their sakes. They eat bitter herbs and think of the bitterness of their lives in Egypt.

Now Jesus takes the loaf of the unleavened bread and blesses it, and then, as He gives it to His friends, He teaches and give the bread a new symbolism.

“Take, eat. This is my body which is broken for you; this do in remembrance of me (I Cor. 11:24).

Then Jesus takes the fruit of the vine and gives it a new symbolism. “This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me” (v. 25).

The event in the upper room occurred twenty-one centuries ago. To this day faithful Christians still celebrate that event.

The bread represents Jesus' tortured body. All done so that He who knew no sin might become sin for our sakes. . . taking the punishment for our sins so we might be saved (II Cor. 5:17-21).

And as we partake, we reflect on what Jesus and His sacrifice means to us. And we proclaim the Lord's death until He returns. What a great blessing, honor, and privilege is given us!

-- Larry Fitzgerald

If you should have an attack of real Christianity, be careful, it can be contagious.