

**JESUS WAS SENSITIVE**

Jesus was sensitive to people's needs. He identified with their problems. His compassion was demonstrated in His encounter with the woman caught in the act of adultery. By suggesting that the sinless among her accusers cast the first stone. He demonstrated the forgiveness and mercy each of us should extend to others.

Confronting the rich young ruler, He give another example of His understanding approach to the complex questions. Jesus understood all facets of human nature. His ability to penetrate the hearts and minds allowed Him to instruct in a life-changing way.

His ability is not restricted to the people of His time, but is available to every person of all time – including those of us living in this complex time.

People will listen to us if we convey sympathetic understanding. Christ—like empathy involves not just knowledge, about people, but a love for them. Without love, the faults and failures of others make us cynical, censorious, vindictive.

--From the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Christian

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**THE REMINDER**

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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.

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**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 - neurofibromatosis,, 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, Larry Rogers-stroke, Rita Blair, Phillip Hickson, Linda Thrall's mother and son, Patsy Robertson, Walter Mullins, Debbie Breshears.

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, September 9-12 with Mike Bonner.

SPECIAL DAYS: July 8<sup>th</sup>, presentation on World Bible School.

June 17<sup>th</sup>, presentation of the church's Disaster Relief Effort Inc.

May 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>, Billy Palmer and his family will be here for a weekend meeting.. Billy will teach class and preach. Please make this on your calendar and be present.

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JUST FOR THE RECORD      Last Week      Last Year

### SUNDAY:

Bible Class                      17                      14

Worship                              28                      29

Evening                              17                      11

### EVENING

Bible Study                      13                      10

CONTRIBUTION                      \$1031.00      \$104.00

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Some people are like buttons—always popping off at the wrong time.

## PREACHING THE WORD

Preaching is a tough job. No one like to make people feel uncomfortable, and that is what preaching the truth does many times. The apostle Paul said, "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20:27).

All preachers face the temptation of preaching what people want - not what they need. God wants preachers in our pulpits preaching "thus saith the Lord," not politic preaching to please the people.

Paul told Timothy to preach the Word (II Timothy 4:2). He went on to say, "For there is going to come a time when people won't listen to the truth, but will go around looking for teachers who will tell them just what they want to hear" (II Timothy 4:3). When you go to the doctor do you want him to give you what will make you well, or what you would like to take? It should be the same in regards to one preaching God's Word.

There are some subjects that are rarely preached today because they make people uncomfortable. Preaching about hell convicts the backslider, converts the sinner, and stirs Christians to remain faithful. Remember, Jesus taught more about hell than He did about heaven.

Folks really don't like sermons about sin. What is sin? Sin is disobeying God's commands. It is disobeying convictions and conscience. James tells that one who knows right and yet refuses to do right is committing sin (James 4:17). We also know that sin separates us from God (Isa. 59:1).

Space will not allow the listing all the subjects that people don't want the preacher to speak on. But, we must remember that God will judge Christians as well as preachers for how they obeyed God, for how they worked or refused to work, for words as well as thoughts. There will be regrets at the judgment along with tears.

Preachers need to preach the "whole counsel of God" and let the chips fall where they may.

--Floyd