

Closing Prayer.....Kaleb Bush

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY – 7:00 PM

Announcements.....Steve Anderson
Song Leader.....Jacky Carver, Sr.
First Prayer.....Glen Reece
Opening Prayer.....Justin Draper
Invitation.....Sam Willcut
Closing Prayer.....Roger Draper

Prepare Communion for **MARCH**

Patsy Reece

Suggested Daily Bible Reading for March:

Read 7 chapters of **Genesis** each day
(with 8 chapters on the final day of the week)

PRAYER LIST

Sawyer Cole (grandson of Larry & Vickie Cole), **Billy Halliburton** is home from rehab, **MC Hix** (father of Maria Anderson) is not doing well at home, **Linda Phillips** (friend of Janice Pinckley, battling pancreatic cancer), **Ruby Mae West** (friend of many) is now living with her daughter

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

The week of 3/24/19
Worship Sunday AM.....86
Bible Study Sunday AM.....74
Daily Bible Readers.....43
Worship Sunday PM.....66
Wednesday (3/20/19).....62
Offering.....\$3793.00

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

March 31— Young Men conduct PM service
April 7— Men’s Business Meeting after AM Bible Class
April 7— Concordia Afternoon Service, 2:00 PM

AREA EVENTS

April 13— Ladies’ Day, East Main, Murfreesboro
April 13— Ladies’ Day, Charlotte Heights, Nashville

April 13—Ladies' Day, Livingston

April 25—Smith County Drug Prevention Coalition Meeting on Addiction, Smith County
Historic Courthouse, 6:00 PM

May 18—Ladies' Day, Philippi, Castalian Springs, 9:00 AM—1:00 PM

Drive Sin Out!

When Jesus entered Jerusalem (Matthew 21:12), He went into the temple and saw the Jews who were selling doves to those who needed sacrificial animals, more likely than not at exorbitant rates. In addition, they were exchanging foreign money for Jewish money (for the temple tax) to make a profit. He described them as a "*den of thieves.*" This is one of the cases where we actually see the Lamb of God becoming the Lion of Judah! Jesus drove them out of the temple, overthrowing their tables and making the point that the temple is no place for sin. Thus, Jesus drove sin out of the temple. The Bible commands us to drive sin out of the temple as well.

We are to drive sin out of our own lives. Paul tells us that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (1 Corinthians 6:19-20). As Jesus drove sin out of the temple, we have an obligation to drive sin out of the temple (our lives) as well. Jesus said, "*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*" (Luke 13:3). The longer we let sin cultivate in our lives, the stronger the roots of Satan will grow.

We are to drive sin out of the church. Paul hears of a report of fornication in the church at Corinth, and their attitude was being "*puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you*" (1 Corinthians 5:2). Their attitude needed to change to "*deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus*" (1 Corinthians 5:5). We must purge old leaven. The Bible gives various scriptures to withdraw from ungodly brethren (cf. Romans 16:17-18; 2 Thessalonians 3:6). Elders have the responsibility to rebuke sinful brethren and false teachers (Titus 1:9-11). In order to maintain the purity of the church, Christ knew that sin must be driven out of the spiritual temple (Ephesians 2:20-22), just as He drove sin out of the temple in Jerusalem.

We are to drive sin out of our nation. We are in a time where sin is becoming increasingly rampant in America. The voices of many are taking God out of our country. We need to stop this sinful assault against our Jehovah God. What can we do? We can pray. Paul tells us of our obligation to pray for our leaders (1 Timothy 2:1-2). We need to pray that our nation will have respectable men to lead us. We already have too much legalized sin; we certainly do not need any more. It is bad enough fighting sin that is against the law, but fighting legalized sin seems to be more difficult. Moreover, we can preach and teach the gospel (Romans 1:16). When the church strives to change politicians, then it will forever change politics (Mark 16:15-16).

Jesus promised, "*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you*" (Matthew 7:7). After Jesus drove the buyers and sellers out of the temple, He

said, *“It is written, My house shall be called the house of prayer.”* I aspire that we will drive sin out so that God may call us “the house of prayer.”

—Sam Willcut

March 26, 2019

Disfellowshipped from Church

It is recommended that we withdraw from and avoid association with the following members:

- ★ Sister Lipsa Draggin
- ★ Brother Luke Warum
- ★ Sister Carrie A. Grudge
- ★ Brother Emperson Ator
- ★ Sister Tubiz Zee
- ★ Sister Ima Barelycummin
- ★ Brother Never Anything
- ★ Brother Letters Doit
- ★ Sister Dona Wannaspeak
- ★ Brother Alaway Complanes

Are you helping the church to grow?

—Selected

