

January 21, 2024

A.M. Worship	112
Contribution	\$5,967.00
Weekly Budget	\$5,884.00

THOSE WHO SERVE

January 28 February 4

LOCK BUILDING

John Trammel WE NEED YOUR HELP

PROJECTOR AM

Shane Young	Joel Sarabia
Jeff King	John Trammel

SCRIPTURE READING

Stephen Bailey David Johnson

FIRST PRAYER

James Carr James Henry

LORD'S SUPPER

Scott Ratcliff	Gerry Austin
Sean Alsobrook	Carl Barrow
Justin Alsobrook	D.D. Lindsey
Quincey Trammel	Brian Casey
William Stidman	Braxton Haseloff
Drew Stidman	Darrin Griffith
James Carr	Randy Wilkinson
Kyle Teat	Gary Faycosh
Cesar Vereen	Taylor Rieck
Lucas Byrd	Jeff King

CLOSING COMMENTS

Jeff King Curtis Sanford

CLOSING PRAYER

Darrin Griffith Larry Timaeus

EVENING

PROJECTOR PM

Joe Davis	Caleb Griffith
Gary Faycosh	Drew Stidman

SCRIPTURE READING

David Johnson James Carr

FIRST PRAYER

Dan Talbot Joe Davis

LORD'S SUPPER

Gerry Austin	Rick Arnold
Curtis Sanford	William Stidman

CLOSING PRAYER

James Henry John Trammel

Wednesday Night with the Master

January 24th
6:00 p.m.

Come enjoy taco salad and fellowship.



JANUARY 28, 2024

GREETERS

January 28	Kyle Teat
February 4	Mandie Faycosh, Carol King, Karen Ratcliff
	Gerry & Sharon Austin
	D.D. & Francene Lindsey
	Larry & Jean Timaeus

MONITORS

January 28	Scott Ratcliff
February 4	Gerry Austin

MEN TO COUNT CONTRIBUTIONS

1-28 & 2-4 W. Stidman & G. Austin

SPECIAL SERVICE

Communion Preparation/Clean Barrow's

SONG LEADERS

January:
28 Stan Murray

February:
4 Richard Thompson **11** Scott Ratcliff
18 Sean Alsobrook **25** Stan Murray

March:
3 Scott Ratcliff **10** Richard Thompson
17 Sean Alsobrook **24** Stan Murray
31 Scott Ratcliff

ELDERS

Curtis Sanford

DEACONS

William Stidman

Jeff King

Scott Ratcliff

John Trammel

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"WITH ACCENTS ON ACTIVITIES OF THE CHURCH"

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VBS Planning Meeting

January 28, 2024

Immediately following morning services on Sunday, January 28th, we will have a Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting. If you would like to help, there is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please make plans to attend.



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES	9:30 A.M.
SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP	10:30 A.M.
SUNDAY EVENING WORSHIP	5:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY NIGHT WITH MASTER	6:00 P.M.
ACTIVITIES & BIBLE STUDY	6:30, 7:00 P.M.

FROM THE PREACHER'S DESK

BY: DAVID OLMOS

Have you ever met someone who was passive-aggressive? Or is "passive-aggressive" one of those terms that you hear, and even use on occasion, but struggle to define? My daughter Kaylee has a very intriguing way of explaining things. When we ask her what something means, she doesn't define it but rather gives us an example. If you asked her what it meant to be lazy, she wouldn't define it, but instead, say something like, "Imagine you had someone who had a list of jobs to accomplish, but instead of doing what is on that list, they just want to sit there and watch something on the TV instead. That's what it means to be lazy."

Allow me to begin with the dictionary definition of passive-aggressive: "indirect resistance to the demands of others and avoidance of direct confrontation." Now let's look at it like my seven-year-old would. Imagine someone you work with has a new idea that you don't like, but your boss wants to try; someone who is passive-aggressive isn't going to make their feelings known publicly, but rather their behavior can appear in the form of resistance by procrastinating, expressing grumpiness, or acting stubbornly. Passive aggressive behavior can also be expressed with the silent treatment, backhanded compliments, moody behavior, and gossiping. Passive-aggressive people are indirectly aggressive rather than directly aggressive. What's sad is that this behavior is a favorite amongst people who call themselves Christians because we convince ourselves that we are still righteous since we aren't being outwardly angry or mean. I believe people are passive-aggressive because they misunderstand scriptures that can be used to justify their condition.

Take for example the command given by Jesus in John 15:12, "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." People choose the passive-aggressive path because they feel it's the best way to show absolute love. Instead of being honest about their feelings, passive-aggressive people put on happy faces and try to "love" as they are commanded to love. But their aggression doesn't go away it's just directed inward leading to fake smiles, outward silence, and private complaints which often turn to gossip. Here is a great truth we all need to remember, loving everybody doesn't mean I will never again disagree

with anybody. Or that surrendering my life to Jesus Christ means that I will never again feel or express difficult emotions such as anger. When Jesus flipped tables and took a whip chasing out those who were perverting the temple, he expressed anger, (John 2:13-17). There was nothing sinful in Jesus' anger, if so he would not have been our perfect sacrifice, (Hebrews 10:1-18). What Jesus didn't do was allow that anger to turn into wrath; not to mention; that Jesus' love never ceased even at the height of his emotions.

Here's the point of this week's article: passive-aggressive people are extremely hard to deal with because of their effort to maintain a rather serene picture of themselves as sensible, proper, non-violent human beings. But they are seldom the peaceful and loving personalities they pretend to be. If you know that you are passive-aggressive, then stop it. It doesn't make you a good Christian. If you don't know if you are, ask yourself, when you disagree with something, do you find those you like and express your feelings to them privately while pretending to be okay outwardly? If so, you might be passive-aggressive. Guess what? It's okay to disagree with what someone says or to have a difference of opinions about an idea, and still be in fellowship. The best way to address differences is to talk it out, (Matthew 18:15-20). I understand people don't like to deal with confrontation, but the other option is to "pretend" to be happy, to be passive-aggressive. When we choose this approach we gamble with our salvation. James 1:26, "If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless."

If you haven't noticed by now, I've chosen to use my bulletin articles this year to offer encouraging thoughts. Several people have told me how they appreciate the motivation they get in their email boxes. But there might be some who don't like this new approach and if that's the case I want to encourage you to come and talk to me about it. Don't be passive-aggressive, be open to having a conversation. One of my favorite quotes is from Truman Capote, "A conversation is a dialogue, not a monologue." This is the same help I'd suggest with any struggle you might find yourself in, don't be afraid to have a conversation. God bless and I hope you have a blessed week!



Youth News

Youth Devos

We are NEEDING hosts for our Youth Devotionals. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. They are scheduled for Sundays following evening service. If you would like to host a devo, please sign up!

We need
YOU!



We are continuing to collect gently used items for the Impact garage sale. The **DEADLINE** for donations is Wednesday, January 24th.

Men's Bible Study



There will be no Men's Bible Study this Thursday, January 25th. Will resume the following Thursday, February 1st.



Please Pray

Debbie Armentor is home following an ER visit...Cindy Gernand is home recovering and will begin therapy soon...David Johnson is home and doing much better...Arturo Ramirez remains hospitalized and will be having another surgery in a couple of weeks...Rachel Gardner, sister of John Trammel, began radiation and is doing well...Theresa Malish, sister of Annette Griffith's, thyroid surgery has been postponed, and now must see an Endocrinologist...John Shaw, brother-in-law of Tammy Sanford, will have extensive cancer treatment and surgery...Laurie Trammel, grandmother of John Trammel, had surgery and is in rehab.