

A Righteous Life

Psalm 1

Dan Murphy

This familiar Psalm contrasts the righteous and the wicked. I want to concentrate on those who walk in God’s way. The psalmist describes the attitude of the righteous toward divine instruction and his avoidance of sinful company. The author unfolds the blessings that result from a godly walk.

Psalm one begins with “Blessed is the man” (vs.1). Blessedness is a state that constitutes real happiness. It is an everlasting joy unto him who remains in the way of the Lord. The word “blessed” has the force of an emphatic interjection, thus translated by some, “O how very happy is the person!” This person will find a full measure of blessings. The word “man” is a general term for any person, male or female, yet the psalmist qualifies that only the individual who walks in the “way of the righteous” will be blessed.

This psalm defines the characteristics of the godly. In verse one it is he who avoids the path of the ungodly, the sinner, and the scorner. One who steers clear of the lifestyle that will erode his walk with God and rob him of joy. In verse two the righteous man delights in instruction from the Lord. God’s law continually occupies his thoughts so that he becomes well acquainted with the divine way.

The writer pictures the godly as a strong and healthy tree which is filled with fruit and full of leaves (vs. 3). It is a life “planted” purposefully to accomplish what God intends for His people to be — a blessing. He is one near plenty of water which enables him to be strong and stable and nourished by God’s instruction. Jesus said the individual who hears and obeys His sayings will stand firm in the storms of life (Mt. 7:24, 25). Another description of the spiritual person is one who bears fruit of righteousness. He will not just survive but will thrive as a constant source of blessings.

Psalm one reminds the Christian that he must be concerned about his associations. He must notice where he is sittings, standing, and walking. The righteous person cannot make the world his friend knowing that “evil companions corrupt good habits” (1 Cor. 15:33). One devoted to Jehovah cannot go to places that involve the way of sin and will not sit before technology that supplies foul language, violence, and sexual images.

The spiritual person who follows Psalm one will ask, “What do I enjoy most?” The righteous will delight in pleasing the Father, living like Jesus, and wanting more than anything to go to heaven. He will accomplish God’s will by being a blessing to others.

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Sunday

Bible Class –9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship – 10:30
Evening Worship – 6:00

Wednesday

Bible Study – 7:00 P.M.

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Privileged To Serve

If you can not serve as assigned please contact
Jerry Willis, James Burden, or Bobby Davis as
early as possible.

Sunday A.M. March 30

Song Leader: Jim Kelley

Reading:

Matt. 7:7-12 & Prayer David Donaldson
1 Cor. 11:23-29 Tom Caudill

Prayer: James Cody & Robert Garrett

Sunday P.M. March 30

5th Sunday Singing

Prayers: Eddie Ingram & Kenney Gulley

Menifee Support: Alan & JoAnn Newkirk

Foyer Assist : Charlotte Ingram

Greeters: Carol & Brenda Kimbrell & Dee Goldy

Wednesday P.M. April 2

Song Leader: Rob Frederick

Prayer: Wes Vernon

Devotional: Doug Frazier

Sunday A.M. April 6

Song Leader: David Donaldson

Reading:

2 Cor. 9:10-15 & Prayer Jerry Willis
Matt. 26:17-29 Eddie Ingram

Prayer: Lindsey Back & Gerald Vinson

Sunday P.M. April 6

Song Leader: Mike Donaldson

Prayers: Brackstan Duncan & James Smoot

Menifee Support: Jim & Patty Welch

Foyer Assist : Sharon Willis

Greeters: S. Willis; Jan G. & Debbie Smallwood

Wednesday P.M. April 9

Song Leader: Jim Kelley

Prayer: Kenney Gulley

Devotional: Robert Garrett

Serve Communion During March

Jim Brown Tommy Willis
Travis McVey Charles Smallwood
Arthur Ricketts Doug Frazier
Brent Wilson (rear) Wayne Bailey

Prepare Communion During April:

Robert Garrett & Rod Kendrick

Close building March: Kenneth Donaldson

Announcements March: Ken Webb

Close Building April: G.David Donaldson

Announcements April: Charles Moore

Remember These In Prayer

“The fervent prayers of a righteous man can accomplish much.” James 5:16

Members Sick or In Need of Prayers

Betty Conley will have surgery on Friday morning to have a needle removed from her foot. She will be in a surgical boot for 3-4 weeks.

Gladys Fugate fell while in Florida and broke her foot and twisted the knee on her other leg. She also had pneumonia. She is improving and may get to come home this weekend.

Missy Roberts is ill and undergoing tests this week. Keep this family in prayers.

Patty Barrett is in Central Baptist Hospital with blood clots in her lungs and pneumonia. She is in room 5163.

Loved Ones and Friends

Monica Smallwood Mynk asks for prayers for her mother-in-law, **Sue Mynk**, who had cancer surgery Wednesday.

Remember newborn **Conley Bell** who had surgery for a malignant brain tumor last Friday. He remains at UK Hospital.

Congratulations
April & Wes!!

For the Record		
Budget: \$6800	March 23: \$7120	
Sunday	Mar. 23	Last Year
Bible Class	168	183
Sunday Worship	407	352
Sunday Evening	175	183
Mid-Week Service	Mar. 26	Last Year
Bible Study	151	172

Directory Updates

Please make the following changes in your church directory.

Venus Amburgey's new address:

1608 Old Silo Hill Drive

Patty Barrett's new phone#: 513-0911

Carol Tapp's new phone#: 432-5945

Make plans NOW to Participate in **The Windsor Care Singing** every month. On March 16th only 5 people from Rolling Hills came to sing. We can do better than this! I made a personal commitment this year to be at the singing every month unless I am out of town or sick. Maybe you can make a similar commitment now and come every month to help sing for the residents at Windsor Care. The singing is every 3rd Sunday at 4 PM. Hope to see you there. Bettye



Housewarming

Sunday, April 6th immediately after A.M. worship in the fellowship hall.

Karen & Cicely invite you to a housewarming reception for new homeowner **Julie Murphy**.

Please stop by with your well wishes and enjoy refreshments and a slide show presentation of her new home in Menifee County.

Julie's wish-list is on the bulletin board. She is registered Wal-Mart; likes anything from Country Home & Décor; and could use Lowes' gift cards.

Visitation Group #3 will meet Sunday evening after worship.

Potter Children's Home Commodities Program

The truck will be here to pick up the commodities right after morning worship on April 6th. Please bring your items this week if possible.

\$15 will feed one child a dinner meal each day for one week.

GROCERY LIST

Instant Mashed Potatoes

Beef Rice Mix

Macaroni

All-Purpose Flour

Dish Soap



The family of **Katherine Mansfield** invites you to a 90th Birthday celebration for **Katherine** on Saturday, March 29th from 2 to 5 PM at the Clay Community Center.

The new chart of **Leaders' Responsibilities** is available in the office if you did not yet get one.

New Visitation Group Leaders:

Group 2 leaders: **Don & Susan Wilson** will replace **Jimmy and Patty Welch**.

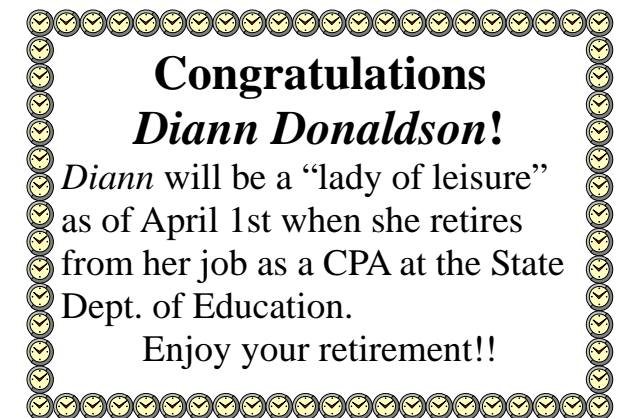
Group 3 leaders: **Allen & Dee Dee Johnson** will replace **Mike & Nancy Donaldson**.

Other Leader Changes:

Robert Garrett will replace **Kenney Guley** as the deacon over classroom teachers.

Kenney will concentrate on the camp.

Please let **Robert** know any time you need a substitute teacher for your class. Also see him if you are interested in teaching.



Congratulations

Diann Donaldson!

Diann will be a "lady of leisure" as of April 1st when she retires from her job as a CPA at the State Dept. of Education.

Enjoy your retirement!!