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Schedule of Services

Sunday

9:30 a.m. Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Worship
 1:30 p.m. Worship

Wednesday

6:00 p.m. Bible Class

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"Living the word, loving the lost and lifting the brokenhearted."

Galatians 2:20a NKJV

**Gospels in a Month
 Reading Plan**

✓	Day	Passages to Read
	Day 1	Matthew 1-3
	Day 2	Matthew 4-6
	Day 3	Matthew 7-9
	Day 4	Matthew 10-12
	Day 5	Matthew 13-15
	Day 6	Matthew 16-18
	Day 7	Matthew 19-21
	Day 8	Matthew 22-24
	Day 9	Matthew 25-27
	Day 10	Matthew 28, Mark 1-2
	Day 11	Mark 3-5
	Day 12	Mark 6-8
	Day 13	Mark 9-11
	Day 14	Mark 12-14
	Day 15	Mark 15-16, Luke 1
	Day 16	Luke 2-4
	Day 17	Luke 5-7
	Day 18	Luke 8-10
	Day 19	Luke 11-13
	Day 20	Luke 14-16
	Day 21	Luke 17-19
	Day 22	Luke 20-22
	Day 23	Luke 23-24, John 1
	Day 24	John 2-4
	Day 25	John 5-7
	Day 26	John 8-10
	Day 27	John 11-13
	Day 28	John 14-16
	Day 29	John 17-19
	Day 30	John 20-21

**Only three chapters a day.
 Only ten minutes a day.**



Care to be Committed

If you are unaware, the Washington Redskins have been under fire over the name “Redskins.” Considered a form of ethnic stereotyping, many have cried out saying that Native Americans have been disparaged by the name as well as the logo of this NFL team. What I find interesting is that, on May 16th of last year, *Washington Post* ran an article stating that 78% of Native Americans **say that the issue of the Redskins name is “not too” or “not at all” important.** Naturally, many challenged the statistic itself while others said that even if 1% was offended we should get rid of the name and logo. On the other hand some Native Americans posted that they were “proud to be Native American and of the Redskins.” I want to focus on a particular comment from Twitter about this debate. In the midst of defending and attacking the statistic one person came out and said, “I’m fine with them keeping it and offending some. I’m fine with them caving and changing it. Just want it to go away!”

Think about his response. *I don’t want to read about this anymore. I don’t want to hear about this anymore. Do whatever you want and leave it (and me) alone!* Wherever you side on this argument over the name of Washington’s team, I hope you can agree with me that this response is pitiful. It is one thing to be unsure of where you stand; it’s another to be unwilling to stand!

I think this attitude of apathy has crept into the church. There are certain things that we as Christians just don’t think are worth the fight. When difficult matters come up, we bow out and let the battle take place. It’s not that we don’t *care*; it is just that we would rather not cause a scene. Apathy takes many forms, and we often mask our apathy with the following:

1. **Tolerance.** Now, there is a good kind of tolerance found in Scripture. We are to be patient with our brothers who are weak in the faith (Rom. 14:1-4; 13). It is one thing, however, to tolerate a brother who is weak, and another to be permissive against unfaithful living! We might say *I don’t want to seem intrusive or judgmental* when Christ actually told us to judge with the righteous judgment (John 7:24).

2. **Uninformed.** *I don’t want to get involved because I just don’t know enough.* I used the example above of saying that “it’s one thing to be unsure,” and I think that is true. Sometimes Scripture is difficult to understand (2 Pet. 3:16); however, in the same chapter Peter told us to “grow in the grace **and knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (2 Pet. 3:18).” We should never allow ignorance of Scripture to hinder us from growing; in fact, if challenged on a matter of doctrine we ought to become more passionate in our Bible study to find the right answer.

3. **Loving.** *I don’t want to get involved because I don’t want to come across as hateful or callous.* This is probably the most commonly used as well as the most unbiblical response in this article. We have the wrong perspective when it comes to this excuse. We think by allowing sin to continue in someone’s life we are showing love and patience; when we view these actions from the perspective of eternity, we realize we are hurting our loved ones by knowing their final destination if they continue! We must “teach the truth in love (Eph. 4:15).” You can’t separate love from truth.

As a Christian, are you prepared to make a defense for the hope that is in you (1 Pet. 3:15), or are you giving approval to worldly practices (Rom. 1:32)? Care to commit, stand on the Rock!

-Jason Campbell

PRAYER REQUESTS - Darren Elston (nephew of Tyrone Streeeter), B.A. Ward, Jr. and Billy Ward, Kama Monroe, Martin Anderson, Mary Ann Crump, Joseph Farrar (Curacao resident who has cancer), Vera Steen. Urel Shelton, Ray Cranmer, Jim Townsend, Glenn Harris, Sherry Mabry, Sherae and Keith Luker, Tyria Streeeter, Ann Coody, Sandra Coffin, Karen Coleman, Mary Fikes, Steve Iverson, Davie Hill, Misty Davis, Nancy Hayden,, Pat Methvin, Drew Pettus, Mike Randall, Deborah Ingram, B. A. Ward Jr., Elmer Bowman, Clellon Tims, Bobby Coley, Vickie Cole, Doris Dickerson, Wayne Greer, Shzavia Hill, Betty Shackelford George Benson, Inez Smith and Ralph Burleson.

CONTACT ELDER - Vance Moore is the contact elder for January - March.

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS - Tammie Bland (1/05); Gracie Gunter (1/05); Justin Nowland (1/06); Clay Blackwell (1/08); Jason Campbell (1/08); Hiro Umetsu (1/08); Rachel Bland (1/10).

ANNIVERSARIES - Anthony and Carla Pettis (1/06).

SINGING - Fairview Road church of Christ, Gadsden, AL, January 6th, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Refreshments to follow.

Munford church of Christ, Munford, AL. Singing is Friday, January 20th, 7:00pm.
Refreshments to follow.

GSOP—The Georgia School of Preaching at the Munford church of Christ will begin meeting each Monday night January 16th-February 27th from 6pm-8pm. The class will be on Colossians & Philemon, and Cliff Goodwin will be the instructor. All are encouraged to attend. Call John Murrell (205) 288-8330 if you have any questions.

YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD

Thursday, January 5th - Teen Discussion Group resumes at 6pm

Sunday, January 8th - Lads to Leaders: Debate practice (3pm), Songleading and Songs of Praise (3:45pm).

Area Wide Youth Devo at Lincoln. Bus will leave at 4:30pm.

Evangelism

Bible Correspondence
Bible Tracts
Campaign For Christ
CD Ministry
Cliff Goodwin, "Preaching the Word"
Curacao Mission Work
Friends & Family Day
Gospel Broadcasting Network
Guyana Preacher Training
House To House
Oxfordfest
Spring & Fall Gospel Meetings

Benevolence

Childhaven
Coat Drive
Golden Age Day
Disaster Relief
Food Pantry
Four Students at MSOP
Nursing Home Fruit Baskets
Rainbow Omega

Edification

Area Wide Youth Devo
Annual Youth Day
Backwoods Christian Camp
Bible Classes
Exposure Youth Conference
GAP Group
Golden Living Nursing Home Devo
GOT MILK Class
Ladies' Day
Lads-To-Leaders
Learn and Serve
NHC Nursing Home Devo
Pew Packers
Teen Discussion Class
Vacation Bible School

Lynchburgh, Virginia Hospital: Aimiee Rigney, Doris Dickerson's cousin.

NURSING HOME: Donald Yates (NHC, Room 404); May Rene Turner (Autumn Cove); Jack Cofield (Golden Living); Melba Greer (NHC); Phoebe Strickland (NHC Place); Lillian Dollahite (Gadsden Heathcare); Wayne Greer (Retirement Home, Tennessee)

HOME: Virginia Moore, Frances Pugh, Clellon and Ann Tims, Reba Kendrick, Juanita Meredith, Charles Norton

WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS (January 8)

Welcome/Announcements - Clyde Huckeba

Song Leader - Clay Blackwell

Prayer Leaders

Communion

Tom McKleroy (Head)

Jason Campbell

Taylor Ward

Coby Mayne

Chad Bland

Anthony Pettis

Scott Nowland

Back

Ronnie Nordan

Night Drew Pettus

Alternates:

Kris Bell

Ronnie Nordan

Welcome/Announcements
Wednesday Evening (January 11)
Clyde Huckeba

Building Lock-up - Ronnie Nordan

Greeters - Joe Walters and Walter Ward