TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Daniel Balch /Opening Prayer by: Bobby Rader

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#851 I'll Fly Away
#867 To Canaan's Land I'm on My Way

Scripture Reading by: Joseph Girard
#666 I Am Thine, O Lord
Lord's Supper and Contribution

#895 I'll Live in Glory
Sermon: "Unconditional Surrender"
Mark 12:35-37

#947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling
#881 Manson Over the Hilltop

Closing Prayer by: Reiko Walker

Welcome by Daniel Balch

Second Sunday night service project

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 5:00pm — Worship
Wednesday: 6:30pm — Bible Study Classes

June 13, 2021

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Situation Normal

My brother emailed me this little article earlier this week. It is courtesy of Dr. H. Wayne Shamblin, who authors a brief weekly devotional thought. Dr. Shamblin is evidently an interesting character in his own right: he wrote the music for the hymn "Rejoice in the Lord" which appears in several of our songbooks, and played basketball at Abilene Christian University, where he still holds some records. He is a retired basketball coach who is a member of the Bullard Church of Christ, where my brother also attends.

I enjoyed reading it and thought that you might too, so I decided to publish it here in our bulletin. It echoes many of the points I have made myself in sermons, classes, and articles, but it is often insightful to hear old lessons from the perspective of a different voice. The article has been lightly edited for grammar, punctuation, and formatting to better fit into this space, but the content is solely the original author's. BP

As I read my bible, it becomes very clear to me that everyone is not going to accept the offer of God to be one of His children. All through the Old Testament the word that is most often used to describe the number of those who accept His call is the term "remnant."

For example, in **Jeremiah 23:3**, the prophet says "*I myself* (the Lord) *will gather together the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their Pasture*." And then again in **Micah 2:12** we find these words: *I will surely gather all of you, O Jacob, I will surely bring together the remnant of Israel. I will bring them together like sheep in a pen, like a flock in its pasture; the place will throng with people*."

Even the words of Jesus Himself indicate that the numbers of believers will always be smaller than unbelievers. Remember His words, "*Enter through the narrow gate, for wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it* **(Matt. 7: 13-14).** So it has always been the case that the pool of believers in God's will has always been smaller than the world's numbers.

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Oscar Cantu is taking chemo treatments and has received some good news.

Lynn Taylor, Don Taylor's sister in law, had surgery and is at home.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Gwen Pettit, Gary Nielsen, Harold & Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Jackie David, Frank & Tina Garcia, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Winston Leifester, Caitlin Smith, J. C. Whitfield

Shut Ins
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Larry Hicks, Catherine Parker

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Mwanza, Africa, Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meet Monday, June 14th at 5:30 p.m.

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Thursday, June 17th at 8:00 a.m.

Baby Shower for Lacey Arthur on Sunday, July 11th. She is registered at babylist.com. More information to come.

VBS is tentatively scheduled for Monday, July 19-Thursday, July 22nd. For more information, see Abbey Perkins.

Remember Sunday evening service tonight is at 5:00 p.m.

Elders	Deacons	Minister
Ken Coleman	Daniel Balch	Bryant Perkins
Bobby Rader	Danny Balch	
Don Taylor	Phillip Strickhausen	
Robert Ward		

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Today all I seem to hear is doom and gloom: what if this group takes control, what if that idea takes hold, what if this party outnumbers that party, or what if the wrong people are elected to office? Why are we surprised when we are outnumbered—hasn't it always been that way?

I found an interesting paragraph in a little book titled, "Finding God in the Land of Narnia" by Bruner and Ware that I would like to share with you. The authors say:

> In view of all this, should believers ever be surprised to find themselves in the minority? Hardly. What if the atheists and secular humanists gain the upper hand? What if the media mock the biblical faith? What if prayer is outlawed and Christians marginalized? Would David be shaken? Would Elijah be shocked? Would Jesus be caught off guard? Not likely. On the contrary, they would probably take a look around, shrug their shoulders, and say, "Appears to be 'situation normal'. Now lets get back to work (page 67).

It is time to get back to work and not be looking on all the problems this world seems to have and focus on the God who said, "Follow me". God is bigger than all of the problems the world has to offer!

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