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OPPORTUNITIES OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day
Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Worship Services 10:30 a.m.
Worship Services 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday
Wednesday Morning Class 10:00 a.m.
Mid-Week Bible Study 7:00 p.m.



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Betty Sage Room 206

NHC

Helen Harrison Room D3
Velnora Wilkening Room D11

Pleasant Valley Manor

Marie Carpenter Room 405
Velta Hambelton Room 107
Charlie Ward Room 407

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Margaret Alvis Room 309
Madge Brown Room 814
Helen Collins Room 608
Bobby Jo Gish Room 819
Hazel Henry Room 712
Lois Shelton Room 807

**Members Home-
Bound or with On-
Going Illness**

Loeta Barr, J. G. Batterton, Floyd & Marcella Brown, Helen Collins, Leota Crawford, JoAnne Eagleman, Marie Good, Connie Griffin, Udean Halford, James Henry, Pete & Rachael Hensley, Minnie Hicks, Sue Moore, Jean Osborn, Betty Sage, Bonnie Wallace, Leona Willard & Sibyl Wright

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King James Version is requested for the pulpit, classrooms, and scripture reading.

For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

Romans 1:16

As the discussion began, the woman said she and her husband just didn't seem to

What Would Your Advice Be?

be getting along as they once did. Some of the "spark" seems to have gone from their marriage. After their marriage, she loved to be with her husband, but as time passed she let other things slip in. It seemed that time with her friends, other family members, her job ... so many things came between them now. She came home later and later, until it came about that at times she wouldn't even come home at all some nights. She also said she didn't really like to talk with her husband much anymore, though they talked together. Now she just doesn't have a great zeal in doing her house, input into decisions he interests are elsewhere. she realized his authority. behind the decisions he made decisions. Now it seems she every decision and if she doesn't this leads to the real problem at husband doesn't believe her - that she still loves him as she always did. What would you tell this woman? Is her marriage in trouble? What should she do? **Before you answer, read Ephesians 5:22-32 (emphasis on v. 32).** *Think of your relationship to the Lord as His Bride when you first became a Christian. How does it compare to now ... attendance, working, submission, giving, praying...? Do you think the Lord Is convinced we still love Him as we once did?*

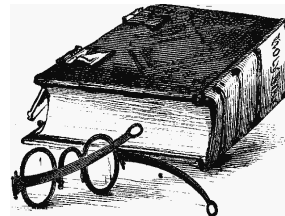


for hours on end when they were first have much to say to him. She used to part in the marriage — care for the would make; now she says her Also, when they were first married She never questioned the love and humbly submitted to his wants to be equal. She questions his like it she simply disregards it. Now all hand. She can't understand how her

Jack H. Williams

"The Sin of Murmuring"

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"Do all things without murmurings and disputings:" (Philippians 2:14).



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Strong defines murmuring, "1112, gogusmos, gong-goos-mos; from 1111, goguzo; a grumbling: - grudging, murmuring" (STRONG, pg. 24). Vine tells us that above, we find the noun form of gogusmos. He defines the verb form of this word, "gonguzo (1111), 'to mutter, murmur, grumble, say anything in a low tone' (Eng., 'gong')," (VINE, pg. 422). Webster says of murmuring, "A low, continuous or continually repeated sound ... a complaint uttered in a low, muttering voice; a grumble or mutter; ... To utter or give out a murmur or hum; to grumble; to utter complaints; to mutter. - v.t. To utter indistinctly; to mutter. ..." (WEBSTER, pgs. 628 - 629).

God's people have been prone to murmur from their early history, "And the whole congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness:" (Exodus 16:2). According to Numbers 33:3, the children of Israel left Egypt on the 15th day of the 1st month and the events of Exodus 16:1ff took place on the 15th day of the 2nd month. Thus, in less than one month out of Egypt Israel began to murmur against Moses and Aaron. However, Moses told Israel that their murmurings were not against him and Aaron, but rather against the Lord, "And in the morning, then ye shall see the glory of the Lord; for that he heareth your murmurings against the Lord: and what are we that ye, murmur against us? ... your murmurings are not against us, but against the Lord" (Exodus 16:7-8). To reject God's established leadership is to reject God! Paul later uses their example to warn the Corinthian Christians against the sin of murmuring, "Neither murmur ye, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer" (1st Corinthians 10:10).

We are not surprised by the murmurings of Jesus' enemies against Him, "The Jews then murmured at him, because he said, I am the bread which came down from heaven" (John 6:41). But it is sad to know that His disciples also murmured against Him, "When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?" (John 6:61). Perhaps the disciples had forgotten how it felt when others had murmured against them, "But their scribes and Pharisees murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with publicans and sinners?" (Luke 5:30). At that time, Jesus came to their defense, "And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are whole need not a physician, but they that are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance" (Luke 5:31-32). But now, the tables had been turned, and they themselves were the ones who murmured against their Lord. And, instead of defending Him, a few moments after their murmurings the scripture says, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66).

This same sinful attitude found its way into the early church, "And in those days, when the number of disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecians against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration" (Acts 6:1). Jude also wrote of murmurers in the Christian Age, saying, "These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their own lusts, and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, having men's persons in admiration because of advantage" (Jude v-16). Finally, Peter warned, "Use hospitality one to another without grudging [(RV, 'murmuring')] 1st Peter 4:9]. **We have not learned to tame the tongue until we first learn to refrain our lips from**

the sin of murmuring!

Sunday Class & Sermon Titles

Sunday AM Class: "A Leper Healed & Much Popular Excitement"

Sunday AM Sermon: "Anxiety and Depression"

Sunday PM Sermon: "Three Dispensations of Time"

Daily Family Bible Reading

Titus 2: 11, 12

In Sympathy: Our sympathy goes out to Dennis Willard and family at the passing of his mother,

Marjorie.

Her services were held on Thursday, Dec. 1 at Robertson-Drago Funeral Home. Continue to keep Dennis & family in your prayers.

Fruit Basket Thank You Cards: Don & Loeta Barr, Louise Cook, Randy & Connie Griffin, Agness Hill, Mose & Nadine House, Mary Metcalf, Mary Sue Marsh and Alta Newberry. The cards will be posted on the bulletin board.

Congratulations! The following 3rd and 4th graders have been busy learning the books of the New Testament according to author and category. **Hayden Brown, Daegen Green, Ayden Hollis and Jackson Wright.** We hope to add more names soon!

Holiday Party: Ladies, you are invited to Donna Shipley's house for fun & fellowship on Monday, December 12, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring snack foods and a \$5 - \$7 gift.

December Family Night: The Autry's will be having a potluck at their house on December 17, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. There will also be a white elephant gift exchange. See Sandy for details.

