

## Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler  
Usher: Delbert Leavens

### RECORD

Attendance:

Contribution:

**Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00**

### *Thought for The Day*

“Our deeds determine us, as much  
as we determine our deeds.”

GEORGE ELLIOT

### MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Bill Burnside  
Songs: Marty Wingo  
Sermon: Ted Wheeler  
Closing Prayer: Glen Law

### EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell  
Songs: Marty Wingo  
Sermon: Song Service  
Closing Prayer: Delbert Leavens

### COMMUNION

Tim Simmons Mike Weber  
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## Good Point, Mr. Cosby

In a recent column in the Nashville Tennessean, Brad Schmitt reported some thoughts by Bill Cosby, who spoke in Minneapolis about the influence of television. Mr. Cosby said, *"The networks say they don't influence anybody. If that's true, why do they have commercials? Why am I sitting there with Jell-O pudding?"*

Mr. Cosby is right!

Television is making a strong impact upon our attitudes and values. We are accepting and tolerating as *"normal behavior"* some really terrible and harmful things. Adultery... premarital sex ... indecency ... disrespect for those in authority ... profanity ... blasphemy ... etc., are but a few of the sinful things which are said and done openly in our homes through this mesmerizing medium!

These things were repulsive to generations past, but are now tolerated and hardly noticed by our desensitized culture. “ Good Point, Mr. Cosby!”

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

### Elders

Delbert Leavens  
Wayne Vowell  
Ted Wheeler

### Minister

Ted Wheeler

### Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am  
Worship-11:00 am  
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

### Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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We are so accustomed to the portrayal and glorification of evil on the electronic screen, that hardly anything is unacceptable if it is done in the name of entertainment! We are commanded to, "*Abstain from every form of evil*" (I Thessalonians 5:22, NKJV), but instead, we are "*entertained*" by every form of evil.

And, if you are inclined to say that TV does not influence us, then, as Mr. Cosby suggested, explain the enormous amounts advertisers pay. Those advertisers are certain that we are influenced by what we see and hear!

Also, and this is a frightening thought, consider what such is going to do to the values and thinking of our children and grandchildren who get a daily, steady diet of such from early childhood through the teenage years!

By the way, during the same speech, referred to above, Mr. Cosby also contended that viewers influence programmers. He said, "If there's violence and sex, it's because you turn it on."

**DAVID SAIN**

## Just Don't Quit!

At any given moment in the life of any given church, there are those tottering on the border of departure. But if you quit, will you be happier? Will your children be thereby improved? Will those who know and love you be encouraged? And will the angels in Heaven weep or rejoice? There is no more essential ingredient in life than that of simple perseverance.

Who does not over the long haul, get tired, bored, discouraged, or hurt? The pressures become overwhelming and the futility of our labors oft seem all too real. But don't quit! Instead, seek time alone with God and good people. Think through once more the real issues of time and eternity. "*Run and not be weary ... walk and not faint.*" Running or walking, weariness or fainting, do not quit!

**Author Unknown**

## Psalms 51:1-4

NKJV

*"Have mercy on me, O God."*

A P T R A B E G F P U T H G I S L  
 G D E N N I S N D T M R U H Q O N  
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 N G D U Y J N D N U G N H I L U H  
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 F F V T P W I T O N L Y L S I K E

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AFTER	JUDGE	SPEAK
ALWAYS	JUST	TENDER
BATHSHEBA	FOUND	THIS
BLAMELESS	MERCY	THOROUGHLY
BLOT	MULTITUDE	EVIL
CLEANSE	NATHAN	UPON
DONE	ONLY	WASH
TRANSGRESSIONS	PROPHET	WENT
LOVINGKINDNESS	PSALM	WHEN

## TODAY'S SERMON

I Want A Heart Like God's

*Psalms 51:1-4*

## Remember in Prayer

KERRY KEATHLEY  
 DELBERT LEAVENS  
 JANET WEBER  
 CHARLES HESSON  
 DORIS WHITE  
 PAT BURNSIDE  
 CLARENCE RIGGENBACH  
 PATRICA SMITH  
 FRANK SMALL  
 IVA & LEM TURNER  
 PATRICIA FORD  
 JEANETTE THOMPSON  
 TED WHEELER

## Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Nov. 26: Song Service 6 pm
- ✓ Dec 3: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Dec. 31: Song Service @ 6 pm
- ✓ Jan. 15-18, 2007: Florida School of Preaching. *32nd Annual Lectureship: Do You Understand The God Of The Bible?* The 15th is a holiday and hopefully we can get a group to go up on that Monday. Let Ted know if you are interested in going.