

EDDIE’S EDITORIAL

In Matthew 13 Jesus gives a parable about the kingdom known as the parable of the soils. In this parable seed is sown and falls on various types of soil. The seed represents the word of God and how it can work in the lives of people.

The first seed falls on hard, unprepared ground. The birds quickly remove these seeds before they can germinate. This shows how Satan works quickly to remove the seeds before the hearer can come to an understanding of the word.

The second seed falls on the rocky ground. It sprouts but lacks the soil to sink its roots in. The sun quickly destroys the seed due to no depth in the soil for nourishment. Jesus compares this seed to a quick conversion. Without depth it fails when difficult times arise.

Third, is the seed that was sown among the thorns. It sprouts and for a time grows into a healthy plant but then the thorns appear and choak the plant out. This would represent one who lets the worldly cares overtake him and does not become productive in the kingdom.

Fourth, we have the good ground. The same seed is sown and it grows and becomes productive. This would be the Christian who grows daily and is productive in the kingdom. Some of the seed produced a hundredfold, some sixty and some thirty. The good ground brought about fruit.

The kingdom is made up of people receptive and grow in their knowledge of God’s word. They become productive and bear fruit. We produce at different levels and that is expected because we are not all the same but we can all be productive.

May each of us grow where we are planted and produce fruit as the Lord would have us to do. See you Sunday, Eddie

OUR RECORD

Sunday Bible Study	99
Sunday Morning Worship	142
Sunday Evening Worship	90
Wednesday Night Bible Study	80
Contribution	\$7321

Prayer list:

KEITH MITCHELL is home from the hospital recovering from surgery. Will have a follow-up with doctors next week to see about future treatments. His address is:
13145 County Rd. 9. Millport Al. 35576.

FRANK GADDY, Mindy Bardon’s father, will be having surgery 9-20-23 to remove a melanoma cancer.

Remember our shut-ins in your prayers: Robbie Collins, Lola M. Edwards, J.C. Hutchison, Martha Rye, Jo Seay, Norma Stanford, Mary Thomas.

Congratulations to the Bible Bowl team in winning 2nd place in this month’s competition.

PRAYERS

A.M. Curtis Heatherly
P.M. Michael Randolph

SONG LEADERS

A.M. – Landon Olson
P.M. – Jason Burks
WED – Curtis Heatherly
Announcements – Lynn Pennington
Contribution – John Windle
Lord’s Supper – Austin Brown

Security – 9-17 – Jerry Merchant, Mark Thomas
9-20 – Lynn Pennington, John Windle

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES:

Sept. 17 – Bible Bowl practice at 4:00.

Sept. 15 – 16th Annual singing at Christian Chapel 7:00-9:00. See bulletin board for details.

Sept. 17 – Meeting of all the song leaders after AM service in the library.

Sept. 17 – Lads/Leaders kickoff lunch after the AM service. Lunch will be provided.

Sept. 24 – Youth Devo at the Finch’s after the PM service. Sign-up sheet on bulletin board for food items to bring.

There is a sign-up sheet for Exposure Youth Camp on the bulletin board. The deadline to sign up and pay is September 27th.

Landon's Letters

There are many things in this life that people tend to fall short on and one major thing I think people struggle with is worrying about things that are out of our control or things that truly don't matter. When we sit and worry about something in essence we are telling God that we don't fully trust him. I know it is common human nature to worry because that is the way we are taught to be from a young age. People will tell us if we want something done right that we have to do it ourselves or they will say that you are the only person who truly cares about your well-being and so therefore you put so much pressure on yourself to achieve things or do certain things. When we have these things come up in life we will spend many hours stressing over them when what we should be doing is praying about it and letting God take control!

Don't forget if you are interested in the Lads 2 Leaders program come to the kickoff lunch this Sunday!

What's Going On With The Youth

September 17th L2L kickoff lunch after am services for all who are interested in attending convention in 2024.

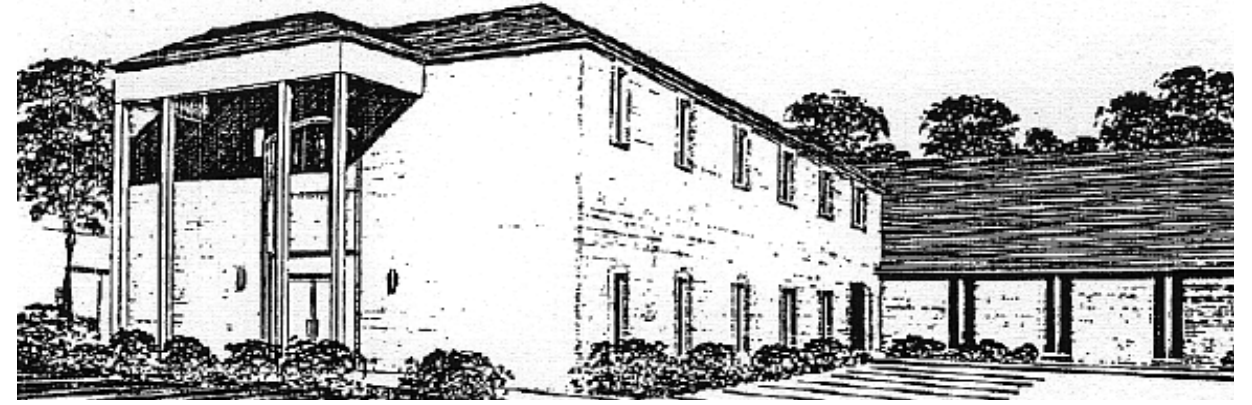
September 24th Youth devo at Eddie and Kathy's after the pm service.

September 27th deadline to sign-up and pay for EYC.

Sept. 17, 2023

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ELDERS

Glenn Butler
Allen Chandler
Burt Hankins
Hugh Windle

DEACONS

Jason Burks
Alvin Foster
Kurt Hankins
Curtis Heatherly
Mike Randolph
John P. Robertson
O.Z. Rhudy

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 10:00 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship
10:45 a.m. Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m. Wednesday
Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

"The churches of Christ salute you . . ." Romans 16:16