

REFLECTIONS

I am always asking myself, 'What time is it?' That question ranks right up there with my other self-talk question, 'What am I going to eat next?' I wore a wristwatch for many years, except for that brief period during the post-hippie era when three-piece suits and pocket watches were all the rage. I was hard on my wristwatches. They broke or they cracked or clouded up with condensation. I resorted to having a Sunday or special occasion watch, and an everyday one. I have discovered that it is not really about the watch; it is the tyranny of the clock I am wrestling with.

During my college days I served as song leader with Evangelist Bob Posey. We held revivals in small towns and in rural churches, mostly in Alabama. It is amazing how God puts unlikely experiences in our lives to help equip us for future service. We discovered one church that was dominated by the tyranny of time. It was an old country church near Phenix City, Alabama. (That is the correct spelling of Phenix, founded in 1830 as Girard, but re-named in the 1880's after the local mill.) To an outsider it can be the most confusing place in America. The town proper is in both Lee and Russell Counties, Alabama, and intersects into Muscogee County, Georgia. Therein lies the time problem. Alabama is in the Central Time Zone; Georgia is Eastern Time. Crossing the street can put a person across the invisible time boundary. Phenix City tends to be on Eastern Time even though it is in Alabama. But many hardcore time purists stay on Central Time for the principle of it. When we announced that revival services started at 7:30 p.m. we had to clarify that meant 6:30 p.m. Central Time. Starting things on the half-hour was sort of a compromise in order to reach the community for Christ.

I no longer wear a watch since I can always find the time on my cell phone. The drumbeat of time marches onward. Ephesians 5:15-16 teaches us to redeem the time, seize the opportunity, for the days are evil. 'Hear my voice,' says the Lord, 'Now is the day of salvation.' (see 2 Corinthians 6:2)

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Discern the time. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast

Worship

Bible Study & Conversation

9:20 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening

The People's Pantry

The Clothes Closet Ministry

Prayer Service

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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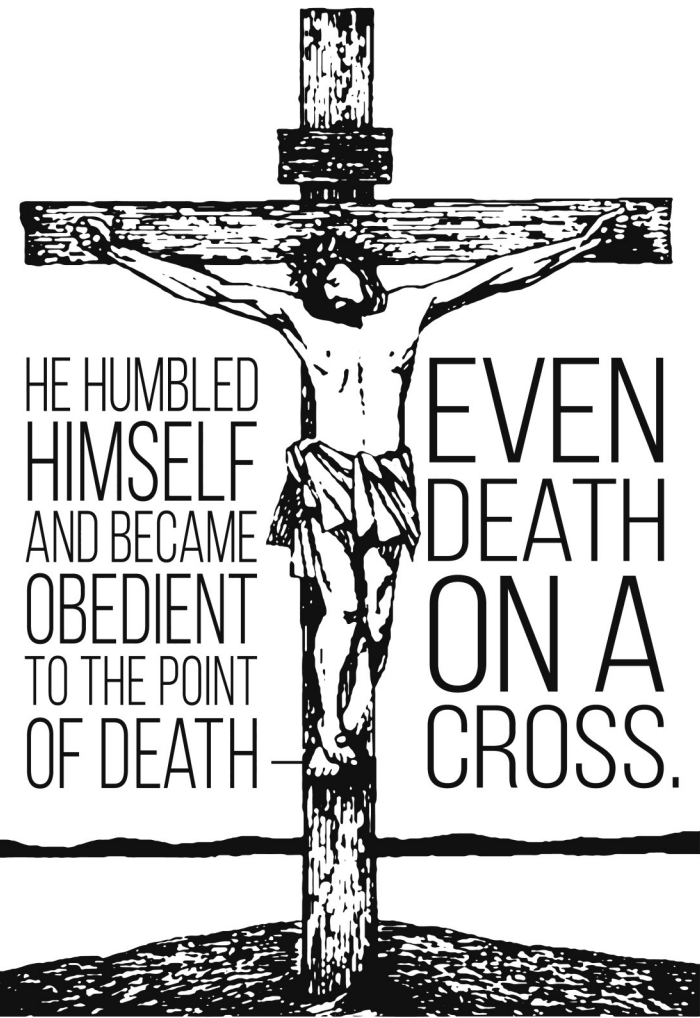


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Our Church Family

AT HOME

Kevin Avery	Paula McPherson
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Elizabeth Burke	Bonnie Nutting
Joe Crotser	Annette and Dennis Parker
Marion Corbett	Margaret Van Horn
Lydia Ford	


HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 24 Lori and Ron Heerlyn 38 Years

?? ? **Bible Quiz** ? ?

The "Christ hymn" in Philippians 2 proclaims that after Jesus humbled himself even to the point of death, God exalted him, and that eventually all will worship him. What two body parts are named as part of that worship?

A. knee; tongue
B. hands; feet
C. arms; lips
D. heart; mouth



Answer: A (See Philippians 2:10-11.)

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 19

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. The Joy Set Before Us
 —Philippians 2:5-11

Our sermon series Pure Joy continues this week as Paul likely quotes from one of the earliest hymns of the church. This passage underscores the motive and victory of our faith and service. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
 Conversations with the Pastor
 11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, MAY 20

8:45 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers
 Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, MAY 21

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations
 Kevin Avery's Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
 Clothes Closet Ministry
 Community Supper in Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, MAY 25

10:30 a.m. Shining Joy

Behind the Scenes

Official Grand Opening of Corner Store

Saturday, May 18, marks the official Grand Opening of *The Mailing Center*, located on the southwest corner of 4th Place and Yale Ave. There will be food and fun from **10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** with the ribbon cutting at the very first. Parking will be up on the church parking lot to make room for the activities. Join with us to welcome this new business to the neighborhood.

New Classroom Flooring

New tile flooring has been installed in the children's department located on the east end of the second floor of the education building. Over the years a large section of the center flooring had deteriorated and needed to be replaced. Thank you Pastor Francisco Gaona and Monte Los Olivos.

Mother's Day Breakfast Thank You

Congratulations to our hospitality team for the amazing breakfast and brunch on Mother's Day. It was a wonderful time to celebrate together. All of it was topped off with large strawberries dipped in chocolate with a sugar glazing and a rose for every lady in church. A big thank you to Russell, Ben, Patty and Katy for your efforts in this special celebration of our very special ladies!

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts May 12	\$ 1,625.30
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

Thank You to all who are providing sustaining tithes and offerings.