

Mt Vernon Church of Christ

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Welcome Guest

We are glad you chose to worship with us. Please fill out a visitor's card so we have a record of your visit. Come and worship with us again and often.

Schedule of Services

Pioneer Home Service	8:30 am
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	12:00 pm
(at church building)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Ronald Bryant

Shepherds

Otto Buehler	Morris Guest
Gordon Gower	Glenn Kenner
	Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty	Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest	Eddie Redman
Bob Justice	Larry Sanderson
	Troy Trammell

Church Statistics

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to 1pm

ATTENDANCE	
Bible Class	84
Worship Assembly	120
Pioneer Home	26
FINANCES	
Weekly Budget	\$4018
Weekly Contribution	\$4217

Pioneer Home Schedule

Date	Lesson	Song Leader
Mar 13 th	Troy Trammell	Larry Miller

Greeters for March

Rick & Patty Pinney

Mt Vernon Messenger

March 6, 2016

THE GOLDEN RULE

"Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12).

This rule simply tells us how to live with others. Though simply stated, it is difficult to follow. This fact is evident for we continue to bungle human relationships. In a survey of more than 4,400 people who had lost their jobs, it was demonstrated that it was not a lack of technical skills, but the lack of people skills that created problems. This simple rule shall remain difficult for it requires purity of heart - the purest of conscience and of love. It requires genuine sympathy and the desire to truly understand others.

In one sense this is only a noble ethical rule, yet it reaches beyond ethics, finally bearing one into the presence of the Lord Himself. It establishes that our greatest need is our need of Him. Paul asserted: "Now the purpose of the commandment is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith" (I Timothy 1:5).

One sage suggested that while we cannot readily or easily fulfill this rule, we can at least try to do so. In honest effort to follow this rule we will find that it helps us in life, even as it marks us for eternity. It lays on us a God-honoring, and a life-long task, of endeavoring to search for and lay hold of that strength which God alone can provide. Only in this genuine endeavor can one be energized by His goodness, and ruled by gratitude toward Him. Only in this way can one live with the integrity, gentleness, and kindness that is part and parcel of this sacred rule. This rule is ever beneficial, for it is a reasonable abstract of all human and social virtues, and exalts the greatest objective of God.

Maxims similar to the Golden Rule are found in the teachings of many of the ancients. Socrates said, ["What stirs you to anger when done to you by others, that do not to others"], Buddha and Confucius said, ["What you do not want done to yourself, do not do to others"], the Orientals and the Jews said, ["Do not do to thy neighbor what is hateful to thyself"]. None of these come up to Christ's standard. They were negative and passive. They say: "Do not do to others what you would not have done to you." They focused upon "not doing" instead of "doing."

Jesus declared that this precept contains in it the substance of all that is to be found in the law and the prophets regarding our relationship with others, the sum of it being love and justice. Christ did not say, this is all the law and the prophets, but "this is the law and the prophets." Every person wants others to deal justly with him, giving him his due, whether honor, or tribute, or property, etc. When in need, who would not desire the help of another? "Do the same unto them," is finally a confirmation of the light and law of nature; what men would do if they would honor the light within them. Without this light men only pretend to be religious. As Jesus taught they pretend to be devout, giving themselves to rituals and ceremonies, (Mark 7:9-13). In doing this they leave out and omit the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith, (Matthew 23:23).

-Ronald Bryant

Morning Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Eddie Redman
Opening Prayer	Larry Sanderson
Scripture Reading	Roger Derda
Prayer Leader	Morris Guest
Lord's Table	Les Turner
	Gary Zito
	Greg Hendrickson
	Neil Simmons
Closing Prayer	Pat Myers

March 13th Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Roger Derda
Opening Prayer	Dieter Pleier
Scripture Reading	Jim Hixenbaugh
Prayer Leader	Glenn Kenner
Lord's Table	Bill Stewart
	Bill Davis
	Gary Zito
	Charles Hughes
Closing Prayer	Austin Wester

THOSE SERVING ASSEMBLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE PROMPTLY AT 10:20

Sermon notes:

WARNINGS

(Matthew 7:13-23)

I. "Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (7:13-14)

- A. What is the rule of worthy life? _____
- B. Name a course – name its requirements: _____
- C. What are the two ways? (Deuteronomy 11:26; Jeremiah 21:8) _____
- D. How many will find the way? _____

II. "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. You will know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes from thornbushes or figs from thistles? Even so, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a bad tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Therefore by their fruits you will know them." (7:15-20)

- A. The false prophets: _____
- B. True prophets are _____
- C. You can know them by _____

III. "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'" (7:21-23)

- A. Profession _____
- B. Life _____
- C. Survival _____

IV. "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. But everyone who hears these sayings of Mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand: and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it fell. And great was its fall." (7:24-27)

- A. The wise _____
- B. The foolish _____
- C. What is at stake? _____

Prayer List

Zito Family proud to announce the arrival of Rosanna Moriah Zito. She was born to Josh & Laura on March 1st at 10:15am, she was born prematurely and will need to be in the hospital for about 3 weeks. Laura (mom) is doing really well and was released from the hospital. Please keep baby Rosanna in your prayers that she will grow and flourish and be healthy enough to leave the hospital very soon.

Jan Stevens (Jean & Rudy Kantu's sister-in-law) had a really good report, chemo seems to be working and will continue the weekly treatments then follow-up with at CT scan in 6 weeks. Jan appreciates all the prayers so much.

Kathleen Hall is discouraged because her kidney is not working as it should. She has resigned herself to a life of dialysis three times a week. She will not be able to return to work full time, but at least needs to return for one shift. She has a lot weighing heavy on her and is asking for your fervent prayers.

Keith Drochak slowly recovering from eye surgery. **Darrellene Faber (Kim Cureton's sister)** having more tests done and still receiving dialysis in the hospital. She is discouraged and needs encouragement.

Continual Prayers Health Reason/Treatment

- ~ **Mary Pleier** lung and heart issues
- ~ **Marjorie Trammell** hip surgery recovery, is now at Samaritan Village in room 202
- ~ **Lynn Hughes (Charles' mother)** cancer
- ~ **Cathy Verley** under hospice care.
- ~ **Steven Lemm, 55 years old (nephew of Jean & Rudy Kantu)** failing in health, with no diagnosis.
- ~ **Dale Cureton** hepatitis treatment
- ~ **Christian (Becky Hanna's nephew)** terminal leukemia.
- ~ **Nick Cureton (nephew to Dale Cureton)** acute leukemia rare type.
- ~ **Larry Simmons (friend of Larry Miller)** prostate cancer
- ~ **Helen Stalmaker (friend of Marcia Serrano)** lung cancer.
- ~ **Joe Hixenbaugh** cancer.
- ~ **Those in the Pioneer's Home** who suffer physical problems.
- ~ **Gene Harmon** Alzheimer's / **Dolores** caregiver
- ~ **Eddie Redman's niece Rose** terminal illness
- ~ **Bill & Ellen Larremore** both having more health concerns
- ~ **Deanna Larremore** health problems

Our Shut-ins

Ruth Hague Dwain Oliver
Danny Jones feeling discourage and could use some visits.

Daily Scriptures

**READ IT, WRITE IT, REFLECT ON IT SO
GOD MAY WRITE THEM ON YOUR HEART**

March	
6	Ephesians 2:4-10
7	Ephesians 4:22-28
8	Ephesians 4:29-32
9	Philippians 3:12-14
10	Psalm 91:5-8
11	Psalm 91:5-8
12	Psalm 91:9-13

Psalm 103: 8-13

*The LORD is compassionate and
gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in
lovingkindness
He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to
our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our
iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above
the earth,
So great is His lovingkindness toward
those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our
transgressions from us.
Just as a father has compassion
on his children,
So the LORD has compassion on those
who fear Him*

Things to Know

Nursery/Cry Room

Available at the back of the auditorium

Sunday Evening Assembly

6pm TONIGHT

Wednesday Night Bible Class

7pm Ronald Bryant teaching Hebrews.

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

Sing Practice

TONIGHT 5:30pm

Elders, Deacons & Preacher Meeting

March 8th 7pm

Breakfast at IHOP

March 9th 8am

GAME NIGHT (ADULTS ONLY)

Friday March 11th 6:30pm Come and join the FUN. Questions see Maxine or Don Dillahunt

Dessert Social

March 20th following evening services. Please bring a dessert and enjoy the fellowship.

LOST

Pattie Brunner lost a gold colored ballpoint Cross pen, please contact please turn it into the church office if you found it.

Thank You

To the family who donated the drapes for the auditorium.

New Mexico Christian Children's Home

Annual Paper Napkin and canned Tuna collection. Items to be donated can be put into the church kitchen. Thom Moore from NMCCH will pick up our collection on April 23rd.

Welcome to the Family

Brent Nancy and Joe Cooper have placed membership here at Mt Vernon. They are in the process of moving to Chino Valley full-time so will not be here "all" the time until the move is final.

New Directories

Updated directories are available in the church office.

*faith
hope
+ love*

THE GREATEST IS LOVE

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

Can You Count the Apples in a Seed?

By Mark Adams

In 1877, James A. Harding (for whom Harding University is named) went to Clark County, Kentucky, where he held a gospel meeting. When asked how the meeting went, one of the elders at the congregation responded, "It was not much of a meeting.

Oh, brother Harding did his usual powerful preaching, the attendance was fair, but the results were negligible. Only little Jimmy Shepherd was baptized."

God doesn't always perceive things the way that we do. When we work hard to serve people in the name of Christ and few respond to our message, it is easy to think, "The results of my work are negligible."

But we must never underestimate the power of one seed that really takes root. In the case of little Jimmy Shepherd, the sole response to Harding's preaching in that gospel meeting, he stayed dedicated to the cause of Christ all of his life. He is better known to some as James W. Shepherd. While he was in college, he began preaching. In 1883, he helped to establish the Berea Church of Christ in Madison County. In 1888, he left with his family to do mission work in New Zealand for several years, preaching all around the country, as well as in Australia.

Upon returning to the states, he worked from 1905 to 1912 as the office editor of the Gospel Advocate, where he both wrote and edited some works that have been treasured for decades.

In Luke 8:8, Jesus is teaching a parable about a sower. Though much seed might never take root or grow, the seed which does take root can produce "one hundred times" what has been sown. Every seed you plant matters, because only God knows just how much good can be done when a person plants a seed through a single act of Christian conviction.

- from the weekly bulletin for the Calvert City church of Christ, Calvert City, KY.