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Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----
---Matthew 5:16---*

Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor's card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.

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ATTENDANCE week of August 11, 2019

Sun School-----21
Worship----- 27
Wed, night-----10
Contribution-----\$1455
One-time gift-----\$1000

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will be sending out letters requesting additional support. If anyone has a personal connection to a congregation, they think would be willing to help please see Bro. Flowers.

If you wish to add anyone or take someone off the prayer list, please let Bro. Flowers know.

If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.

PRAYER LIST:

Jason Roach
Sonny Gay
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Martin Davis
Don Blackwell
Sheri Blackwell
Barbara Beard
Lowell Davis

Birthdays:

Doris Fry (22)

Wednesday Night Bible Study

1st Corinthians chpt 13 & 14

Did Paul Only Condemn Homosexuality in Idol's Temples?

By: Wes McAdams

The biblical-sounding arguments in favor of homosexuality abound. One of those arguments is that in **Romans 1:24-27**, Paul wasn't condemning the practice of homosexuality, only the homosexual acts that occurred in idol temples. Therefore, they reason, as long as homosexuality is practiced in the context of a loving and committed relationship, it isn't sinful.

Wesley Walker, in a short pamphlet on homosexuality, addresses this argument. Walker writes, "If it is true within this context homosexuality is only sinful when participating in an idolatrous ritual, then it would also be true that the sins listed in verses 28-32 would only be wrong if they are done in worship to an idol."

The sins to which Walker refers are sins like greed, envy, murder, strife, gossip, and deceit. Obviously, these other sins are *always* wrong, regardless of the circumstances in which they are committed. Likewise, "The practice of homosexuality, regardless of the context, is wrong," writes Walker.

Walker not only deals with the arguments surrounding this passage, but many other common arguments as well. I think works like this are necessary because we are seeing more and more pro-homosexual arguments coming from those who claim to be Christians. They are using the Bible to defend this abominable practice. Church members are often confused by these arguments and wonder, "What if the issue isn't as black and white as I always thought?" The truth is, the issue *is* black and white; and Walker's pamphlet will help you to see the issue clearly.

I also appreciate the fact that Walker makes a distinction between practicing homosexuals and those who struggle with same-sex attraction. He says, and I completely agree, "We can do a better job of helping those who struggle with same-sex attraction."

The gospel that has set us free can set others free as well. Anyone who is willing to die to self and live for Christ, is welcome with open arms! Whenever we tell people that homosexuality is a sin, we ought to feel compelled to tell them of the solution as well!

You can purchase a copy (or multiple copies) of Wesley Walker's pamphlet, Homosexuality: A Biblical Discussion on Amazon for only \$1.25.

SCRIPTURE READING – 1st Cor 6:9-11

THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY

Announcements.....Ron Weston
Bible Class Prayer.....Ernest McElrath
Song LeaderDon Roe
Direct Lord's Supper.... Martin Davis
Assist Lord's Supper.... Brian Farmer
Assist Lord's Supper.... Doug McElrath
Opening Prayer.....Ron Weston
Scripture Reading.....Martin Davis
Sermon.....Jason Flowers
Closing Prayer.....Ed Townsend

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

HEAR GOD'S WORD—ROMANS 10:17
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1ST COR 15:58

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