

PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

WEEK OF SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023

Announcements	Jordan Rothfus
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SUNDAY DOOR MONITOR

Gary Robinson	Ricky Davis
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MORNING WORSHIP

Adult Bible Class Prayer	Allen Cantrell
Song Leader	Jonothan Whitson
First Prayer	Al Beaty
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Jordan Rothfus
Closing Prayer	Todd Webb

EVENING WORSHIP

Song Leader	Joel Knight
First Prayer	Jay Whitson
Sermon	John Chowning
Lord's Table	Jonothan Whitson
Closing Prayer	Glen Belcher

Wednesday April 12, 2023

Song Leader	Bobby Rothfus
Scripture Reading	Adam Swallows
First Prayer	Ron Brown
Devotional Talk	Adam Swallows
Closing Prayer	Jeff Allen

Wednesday Door Monitor

Jere Whitson

Jere Whitson is responsible for worship assignments. If you are going to be absent or need to request changes, please contact him.

Gospel Broadcast Supported
Preaching the Gospel
Sunday 7:30 A.M. – Ch. 11

Important News:

2023 Theme Back to Bible Basics

Example of the Lessons to be Taught:

-New Testament church

-Christian Living

-Matters of Salvation

-How to Teach Others

-Organization of the Bible

The intent of 2023's theme is to teach a wide range of subjects throughout the year.

THIS WEEK'S TEXTS

AM class-- Revelation 22:6-21

AM sermon--Philippians 4:8-9

PM sermon-- Mark 1:40-2:12

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SUNDAY

Bible Study9:00 AM
Morning Worship.....10:00 A.M.
Evening Bible Study.....5:25 P.M.
Evening Worship.....6:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 P.M.
Ladies Bible Class10:00 A.M.
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Profanity and Euphemisms

Guy N. Woods

One is profane who uses sacred things in an irreverent and blasphemous manner. The word **vain**, in the third commandment of the decalogue, is translated from the word in the Hebrew language which means in a light, flippant and contemptuous fashion. It is of serious consequence that many members of the church today have allowed to creep into their phraseology words and phrases the use of which amounts to profanity. Others, who would not dare use the holy names, God, Christ, Jesus, Jerusalem, Heaven, Hell, Hades as interjections (“An ejaculatory word of form of speech, usually thrown in without grammatical connection,” Webster) and for emphasis, will, nevertheless, use euphemisms (the substitution of a word of phrase less

offensive or objectionable), the derivation of which goes back to one of the foregoing forms. Were those who thus do aware of the origin of many of these common by-words they would be shocked! It is therefore important that we obtain a clear conception of the significance of such words and phrases and avoid all which even indirectly border on the profane. Among them as such words as Gee Whiz, Gosh, Gad, Egad, Golly, Good Gracious, Good Grief, My Goodness, Jemniny, Zounds, Jove, etc., etc.

Gee is an euphemistic contraction of the name of Jesus. It is slang, and has no proper use in our language. It is used as an interjection and to express surprise. It is, in effect, to say: “Jesus!” (cf. Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary which says that it is “a minced form of Jesus, used in mild oaths.”)

Gosh is an interjection and is used euphemistically for God. It is an exclamatory slang expression indicating surprise. The Century Dictionary says it is “A minced form of God: often used interjectionally as a mild oath.” Webster’s Unabridged Dictionary says that it is “a softened form of God, used as a mild oath.”

Gad, Egad are interjections and are used euphemistically for the word “God”, in mild oaths. They indicate surprise, disgust, dismay, and similar emotions, and are ejaculatory in character.

Golly, of extremely common use, is described by the New World Dictionary as “an exclamation of surprise, a euphemism for God.

Good Gracious! Good Grief! My Goodness! etc., are all mild oaths, where the word good or goodness is used euphemistically for God.

Heavens! Good Heavens! For Heaven’s Sake! And similar expressions are statements of exclamatory character in which the heavens are called to witness to the truth of a statement made or to support the affirmation. All such expressions when used as by-words, as slang, and in flippant, frivolous fashion, violate our Lord’s injunction: “Swear not at all; neither by the heaven, for it is the throne of God; nor by the earth, for it is the footstool of His feet; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King” (Matthew 5:34).

We are not to conclude that it is wrong to use the various names of God in our conversation when such usage is reverent, respectful and sober. We have, indeed, numerous instances of such usage in the Scriptures. (cf. “God forbid”, “If God wills”, “The Lord grant mercy”, etc.) The Jews regarded the name of Jehovah as ineffable and to this day refuse to pronounce it in Hebrew. It is the profane use of sacred things and names against which the Bible inveighs, and all such expressions as these we have above analyzed which should be rigidly excluded from our vocabularies.

(Excerpts from A Commentary on the Epistle of James, (1967), pages 290-292)
Sadly, in the over fifty years since brother Woods wrote this material, several more words and phrases can be added to category of euphemisms. Such expressions as **Heck, OMG, and Lordy** are irreverent and profane the sacred.

ILLNESSES

Ray Scoggins, is not doing well at this time , he remains at Life Care Center in Sparta.

Deuel White, was admitted to CRMC last week with pneumonia, he did have fluid drained on Sunday morning in hopes to help with his breathing.

Grandson of Thelma Brown, had open heart surgery and is doing well at this time.

EXTENDED ILLNESS

Bonnie Stockton, Jasper Birdwell, Jerry Vincent, Carol Meadows, Rellon Allen, Junior and Lou Bryant. Ray Scoggins, Ora Lee Whitaker, Bill and Betty Barnes , Sam and Earlene Qualls.

Let’s not forget a simple phone call or a card in the mail can and will brighten anyone’s day.

Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.

I Thessalonians 5:11

PANTRY ITEM
Small Jars of Peanut Butter

SYMPATHY

Jim Greene, former elder and member of Algood, passed away early Sunday morning. Visitation will be in Dickson on Tuesday, April 4th from 4 p.m. to 8p.m. at the Taylor Funeral Home. There will be a celebration of life in Pennsylvania in May.

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