

Sunshine Baskets for 12/04/2011

Patsy Scott, Louise Haney, Pam Peterson,
Peggy Anderson, Shirley Howell, Doris Martin

Happy Birthday!

Betty Smallwood (11/28), Diane Duke (11/29),
Bob Gentry (11/30), Amy Holloway (12/01)

Happy Anniversary!

Mike & Deborah Martin (11/27/1971)

Pantry Items Needed:

Black Eyed Peas

Announcements & Upcoming Events...

TODAY: 4th Sunday Singing here @ 2:00 pm

December 2: Parents' Night Out in the Fellowship Hall. There's a sign-up sheet in the back of the auditorium with more information. If you have any questions, please see Donna Loftis-Young.

December 4: Meeting in the annex building after evening worship service to plan the calendar for 2012. Please have your dates ready!

December 9: Prepare Christmas baskets for the 65 years & older @ 6:00 pm. All help is appreciated!

December 10: Christmas Caroling @ Mabry Nursing Home. More details to come!

December 11: Hand out Christmas baskets after morning worship.

December 11: Christmas Dinner & Annual Report Presentation after morning worship in the fellowship hall.

December 16: Roadrunners' Trip to Nashville. More details to come!

December 18: Secret Sisters' Santa Swap. More details to come!

Privileged To Serve Dec. 4th, 2011

Ushers	Thurel Flatt
.....	William Stafford
.....	Mark Collins
.....	Brian Dawson
Announcements.....	Steve Hensley
Song Leader	Roy Young
Scripture Reading.....	Charles Mitchell
Speaker.....	John Mabery
Opening Prayer	Bill Dudney
Closing Prayer.....	Hollis Chaffin
Oversee Lord's Supper..	Sjon Gentry
Prepare Trays	Carl Call
Scripture Reading.....	Dale Dennis
Serve	*Robert Crabtree
.....	*Sjon Gentry
.....	*Roy Flatt
.....	Roy Smallwood
.....	Jerry Wilson
.....	Fred Heady
Alternate to Serve.....	Jeremy Kirby
.....	Jeremy Broome
Dismiss Classes.....	Jerry Young
Count Contribution	Jeremy Broome
.....	Jonathan Conner
.....	Steve Hensley
.....	Caden Fox
Response Card	Randy Duke
Power Point.....	Blake Maberry

Sunday Night (12/04/2011)

Speaker.....	Chris Mabery
Scripture Reading.....	Jonathan Conner
Song Leader	Jerry Young
Opening Prayer	Roy Young
Closing Prayer.....	Bill Coe
Power Point.....	Jesse Anderson

Wednesday (12/07/2011)

Song Leader	Billy Scott
Devotional.....	Ronald Strong
Opening Prayer	Charles Mitchell
Closing Prayer.....	Charles Whitaker

*Take to the sick & shut-in.
Let Rellon Burris know if you can't serve.
Home: 268-4738Cell 319-4720

Elders:

Ted Ragland	268.9387
John Mabery	268.0651
Carl Call	268.2040
Sjon Gentry	268.3273

Deacons:

Billy Scott	268.0569
Robert Crabtree	268.4417
Raymond Haney	268.2493
Rellon Burris	268.4738
Jerry Young	268.2215

Ministers:

John Mabery	268.0651
Cell:	265.3835
Bill Coe	268.1777
Ronald Strong	432.0374
Cell:	267.5480

To Be Saved, JESUS Said We MUST...

Believe Him (Jn.8:24; Heb.11:6)

Repent of our sins (Lk.13:3, 5)

Confess Christ (Rom.10:9-10)

Be immersed in water for remission of sins
(Mk.16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; Rom.6:3-4)

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Jesus Was Rational

By Dave Miller of Apologetics Press (Taken from <http://bit.ly/uHoz9B>)

A study of the life of Christ on Earth quickly reveals that Jesus functioned rationally, logically, and sensibly. Unlike many religious people who claim to represent Him, Jesus possessed high respect for doctrinal correctness (after all, He authored the Law!). In all of His interactions with people, He conducted Himself with logical precision. One example of this attribute of our Lord is seen on the occasion when Jesus entered the synagogue and encountered a man who had a deformed hand (Matthew 12:9-13). This circumstance prompted His enemies to ask Him a question in hopes of being able to accuse Him of breaking the Law. They asked: "Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?" Of course, they had pre-decided that the answer to the question was "no," that, in fact, the Law would naturally forbid such an action.

Unfortunately, the prevailing interpretation of the Law of Moses at the time, at least among the Jewish leaders, was that the Sabbath law enjoined total inactivity—as if everyone was to sit down for 24 hours and **do nothing**. This view was a distortion of God's law on the matter. The Law gave the right, even the obligation, to engage in several activities (that could rightly be designated "work") that did not constitute violation of the Sabbath regulation. On this occasion, Jesus pinpointed one such instance: "What man is there among you who has one sheep, and if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not lay hold of it and lift it out?" (vs. 11). Jesus was recalling a directive from the Law of Moses:

You shall not see your brother's ox or his sheep going astray, and hide yourself from them; you shall certainly bring them back to your brother. And if your brother is not near you, or if you do not know him, then you shall bring it to your own house, and it shall remain with you until your brother seeks it; then you shall restore it to him. You shall do the same with his donkey, and so shall you do with his garment; with any lost thing of your brother's, which he has lost and you have

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Worship @ 10:00 a.m.
Worship @ 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Bible Classes @ 7:00 p.m.
Our A.M. Service is **Televised** on Monday
on Cable Channel 16 @ 6:00 pm

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found, you shall do likewise; you must not hide yourself. You shall not see your brother's donkey or his ox fall down along the road, and hide yourself from them; you shall surely help him lift them up again (Deuteronomy 22:1-4; cf. Exodus 23:4-5).

Such passages give insight into the nature of God, and provide tremendous assistance in making proper application of God's laws to everyday circumstances.

Observe that God's laws never contradict or countermand each other. Unlike manmade laws which often manifest inconsistency and contradiction, God's laws function in perfect harmony with each other. The Mosaic passage to which Jesus alluded demonstrates that the general principle of the cessation of usual work on the Sabbath did not conflict with any number of specific circumstances in which benevolence and compassion were to be expressed. In an agriculturally-based society, a family's survival depends on its farm animals. If a sheep, ox, or donkey were to break out of its stall, flee the premises, and then fall into a pit from which it would be unable to extricate itself, the animal would most likely die or become seriously ill if left in its predicament for 24 hours. To expend the necessary effort (i.e., "work") to retrieve the animal from danger was not considered by God to be included in the Sabbath prohibition. Hence, Jesus stated the logical conclusion: "Of how much more value then is a man than a sheep?" (vs. 12). If action could be exerted to see to the well-being of a dumb animal, then obviously, God would approve of action taken to see to the physical care of a human being! The logic is penetrating and decisive. Far from suggesting that law is unimportant and may be ignored under the guise of "human need," or implying that humans can break the "letter of the law" in order to keep the "spirit of the law" (see Miller, 2003), Jesus demonstrated that inherently built into God's laws are all concerns deemed by Deity to be necessary. The benevolent, loving thing to do will **always** harmonize with God's laws, since "love is the fulfillment of the law" (Romans 13:10), i.e., every truly **loving** action has already been defined by God in His legal admonitions.

The religion of Christ surpasses all human religion. It is rooted in the very essence of Deity. When Jesus took on human form on Earth, He showed Himself to be the Master logician Who always conducted Himself in a rational manner. May we do likewise.

REFERENCES: Miller, Dave (2003), "The Spirit and Letter of the Law," Apologetics Press, <http://www.apologeticspress.org/APContent.aspx?category=11&article=1225>.

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<u>Prayer List</u>		
Jean Haney	Linda	
Cheryl Focer	Bobby Elkins	Vanlandingham
Catherine Mabery	Mildred Elkins	Megan M. Hoersten
Joann Ledbetter	Polly Camper	Pauline Richardson
Missy West	Mary Young	Billy J. Stafford
Sandy Haney	Nell Haney	Reba Mayberry
Brenda Meredith	Jewell Fox	Elaine Hayes
Ann Johnson	Betty Stafford	Merlene Hall
Gary Smith	Lena Moore	Huston Fox
Bill Wisdom	Paulette Radtke	Crystal Maberry
Bessie Young	Billy P. Stafford	Chloe Maberry
Harlon Haney	Robert Mabery	Betty Mayberry
Karen Rogers	Dale Smith	Earl Crabtree

Area Rest Homes & Rehab. Centers:

NHC: Ruby Ward, Dorothy Lock

Mabry: Edna Roberts

Masters: Mary Pearl Judd, Ila Petty

Rivergate Terrace in Michigan: Lassie Oliver

CRMC Rehab.: Sue Davidson

Area Hospitals:

CRMC: James Smallwood

Centennial: Tommy Hunter

Our Sympathy & Prayers Goes out to

the Families of: Glenn Parks, Bobby L. Waters, Milard Young, Andy Honeycutt, Vanis Young

Jesus Was Logical

By Dave Miller of Apologetics Press (Taken from <http://bit.ly/tkPCdW>)

The view of Jesus that prevails in popular culture is one that portrays Him as unconcerned with logic and correct attention to doctrinal detail. Diluted Christendom has conjured up a Jesus that is non-confrontational, "politically correct," and would never be "judgmental" or "intolerant." Nevertheless, the New Testament—the only source for ascertaining the identity of Jesus—depicts Him in a completely different light.

Take, for example, the occasion in John 7 when the Jews were critical of Jesus for having healed on the Sabbath a man who suffered from a 38-year-old ailment (John 5:2-9). Many would suppose that Jesus would not be concerned with careful conformity to the Law. They would assume that Jesus would chide the Jews for their nit-picky, legalistic approach to religion, and that He would be quite willing to dismiss the requirements of the Law in order to give priority to human need in the name of compassion. Unfortunately, this viewpoint is fraught with error, not the least of which is its demeaning assessment of law—law which God, Himself, authored. Law, according to God, is given for human well-being (Deuteronomy 6:24; 10:13; Proverbs 29:18). God's law is "holy and just and good" (Romans 7:12), and serves divinely-intended, positive purposes (e.g., Romans 3:20). Indeed, Jesus' handling of His persecutors on this occasion illustrates the high regard He had for law, the necessity of carefully conforming to it, and the critical importance of applying it accurately.

Calling attention to the miracle He performed, Jesus offered a logical rebuttal to the allegation that He violated the Sabbath. Here is that argument placed in syllogistic form:

1. If the Law of Moses requires the circumcision of a male infant on the 8th day after birth—even when the 8th day falls on the Sabbath—then healing a man on the Sabbath is equally legal.
2. The Law of Moses requires the circumcision of a male infant on the 8th day after birth—even when the 8th day falls on the Sabbath.
3. Therefore, healing a man on the Sabbath is equally legal.

Jesus then offered a concluding admonition that cinched the validity of His argument: "Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment" (vs. 24). Making application of God's laws based on "appearance" refers to doing so based on how things seem or look to the person making the judgment, i.e., forming an opinion based on **inadequate evidence**. To the contrary, to "judge with righteous judgment" means to make accurate assessments by drawing only warranted conclusions from the evidence, i.e., thinking and acting rationally.

This one incident in the life of Christ is typical of His behavior on other occasions, proving that Jesus was logical in His approach to life. It demonstrates the high respect He had for law. It spotlights Deity's concern for careful compliance with law. All who desire to be like Christ must emulate these same concerns. As Jesus Himself stated: "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" (Matthew 7:21).

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