



The Lamplighter

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**We will not have
Wednesday Night Suppers in Au-
gust. They will**

*Church Council meeting and planning
for new church year will be
Aug. 13th at 3:30 pm
in the Conference room.*

*Business Meeting will be
Aug. 16 at 6:30 pm*



*Friendship will be
hosting a Free Car Wash at
Quick Care,
Saturday, Aug. 12th,
9 a.m. to 12 p.m.
5th Graders up to Senior
Adults are invited to come
help and share the love
Friendship has for Grenada!!*

Mark your calendars!

ONEWAY QUARTET

AUGUST 13TH 6:00PM

**FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH
475 PEARIDGE ROAD, GRENADA**



*Blessings from
Bro Brian*

Author William Arthur Ward once said, "Flatter me, and I may not believe you. Criticize me, and I may not like you. Ignore me, and I may not forgive you. Encourage me, and I will not for get you." We live in a world that constantly criticizes us. Sometimes, it seems that we cannot do anything to please any one. The Apostle Paul lived in a time where people also criticized one another. He knew that the young church should not focus on the negative things in the lives of fellow Christians, but together, members should build one another up for the glory of God. He writes in 1 Thessalonians 5:11-12, "Who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep, we will live together with Him. Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing." The idea is that whether we live on this earth or go to Jesus in glory, we should strive to build one another up.

Emilie and Braden have a game of wooden blocks. The object of the game is to stack the blocks, and each person takes turns taking a block out of the stack until the stack falls over. Whoever pulls out a block and makes the stack fall loses. I think sometimes we are like that as Christians. We try and pull out people and certain things from people's lives that we don't like so as either to belittle the person or make ourselves look better. This hurts people . . . and it hurts us as well. No Christian will ever be perfect. The closer we grow to Christ, the more we will see the inadequacies of our lives-how we fall short, but God's grace sustains us.

Perhaps you struggle with encouraging others, or maybe, you need encouragement. I want you to consider Ephesians 4:29 this week: "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." May God bless you as you serve Him and encourage others!

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Have a great school year stu-

SUNDAYS

- 9:15 am Sunday School
- 10:30 am Morning Worship
- 11:30 am Library Open
- 4:45 pm Adult Choir Practice,
Mission Friends, Hands & Feet for
the Maker, Youth Bible Study
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship
- 7:00 pm Library Open

MONDAYS

- 6:30 pm Men's Prayer Ministry

WEDNESDAYS

- 6:15 pm Movie Madness month in Aug. for children
In the Children's Department
- 6:30 pm Adult Prayer Meeting, 2/20 Youth Worship,
Women's Bible Studies, Men's Small
Group Study
- 7:30 pm Ladies Ensemble



"Empty your pockets." We usually don't like hearing words like that. It usually means that a hefty bill arrived in the mail or an unexpected repair took place and all our "pocket money" suddenly was designated for the expense. We don't like it but it's necessary at times.

When I was a kid in the delta my friends and I would occasionally get to work in the fall packing cotton. In those days when the cotton picker would empty a load into the trailer the farmer would have some young boys hired, usually for pocket change, to pack the cotton down. This packing process amounted to a lot of running around, wrestling, playing and the like but the end result was that the cotton was packed down and you could load much more cotton into the one trailer. But each time before we started the instructions were always the same, "Empty your pockets." Sounds like unusual orders to give some youngsters that will be working in a cotton trailer.

My friend, Tommy, is the one that taught me about fire bales. His father usually got the contract of loading and carrying the bales of cotton from the gin in Crowder, MS to Clarksdale, MS. Tommy's dad had an International tractor/trailer rig and he and his sons would work at the gin during the fall loading bales and also hauling the cotton seed to the mill in Marks, MS. Once I was hanging out with Tommy while he was waiting for the truck to return and he showed me a bale of cotton with a large red tag on it. He explained to me about fire bales and why the farmers would always tell us to empty our pockets.

The reason was that if you had change in your pocket there was the potential for a penny, nickel, dime or quarter to accidentally fall out into the cotton. When the cotton was taken to the cotton gin in town then the coin would be sucked up in and through that giant vacuum hose that emptied the trailer. Then that tiny piece of metal would go through the gin where all those mechanized fingers removed the cotton fibers from the seeds and in the process the coin would get hotter and hotter. The end of the process was when the cleaned cotton was put into the press that formed it into a bale that generally weighed around 500 lbs. Somewhere inside that bale would be a tiny coin that was very hot and in that compressed cotton there was no way for it to cool. The heat just intensified slowly and it would begin to create more and more heat as it worked its way outward until finally it would erupt to the outside in a blaze. If the gin workers didn't catch it in time, tear the bale apart and remove the burning cotton, the entire bale would be lost.

You see the farmer knew that if we didn't empty our pockets that the potential for great loss existed in the end. The days of boys packing cotton are mostly gone now so I would imagine that fire bales are more rare. But the lesson still remains true.

The Bible gives us the same instructions when it comes to sin. We should empty our pockets of it. Paul doesn't describe it by using the illustration of a bale of cotton. He talks about a fellow that is going to run a race and how he should remove everything he is carrying that is unnecessary and has weight to it so he will have the absolute best opportunity to win the race.

Have you noticed that feeling that you have when you are clean before God and you know that there is no sin that stands between you and Him? It is a closeness that is hard to describe but it has that feeling of comfort, security, and oneness that passes our understanding. That oneness with Christ makes it well worth the trouble of emptying our pockets to avoid the heat that occurs in our lives due to those sins that have been left unattended.

Let's remember to meet with the Lord each day in prayer. Let's praise Him and thank Him. And while we're talking with Him let's empty our pockets of sin, confess them, turn away from them, and ask forgiveness of them.

So let's try to remember the lesson on dealing with sin that can be learned from a cotton field.

*Bridal Shower
For Kelli Thomason,
Bride-elect of Steven Markway,
Sunday, August 13th, 2-3:30 p.m.
Circle of Faith room
Registered at Amazon.com,
Target, Bed Bath & Beyond, Gift Box and Knicks.
Kelli is the daughter of BJ and Nancy Anderson
Please come join us!!*

You are invited to a Bridal Shower for
Laurie Wright, Bride-Elect of Matthew Tassin,
Sunday, August 27th.
2:00 - 3:00 p.m. in the Circle of Faith room.
The couple is registered at Tassin's, Gift Box,
McCarty Pottery, Peter's Pottery,

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

August 13—August 19

Donny Hodges 226-2305/Daniel Beach 417-4534

August 20—August 26

Chip Graham 229-0106/ Alonzo Horne 226-5802

Prayer Room

08/13 Sue Weir

08/20 Gloria Wilbourn

08/27 Martha Wilson

NURSERY SCHEDULES

08/13/17

BED BABIES: Lisa Melton, Bradley & Tiffany Gore
TODDLERS, and 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS: Wanda Carpenter,
Kathy Lindley, Linda Davis
SUNDAY EVENING: Tim & Misty Edwards

08/20/17

BED BABIES: Kelly Brasher, Will & Tiffany Goff
TODDLERS, and 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS: Kalen Lindley,
Lauren Winters, Karen Allen
SUNDAY EVENING: Samy and Billie McCracken

08/27/2017

BED BABIES: Laurie Wright, Cassondra Raney, Lori Chavis
TODDLERS, and 2 & 3 YEAR OLDS: Bonita Moore,
Dawn Towles, Dian Waits
SUNDAY EVENING: Charles Jones, Sarah Dickson

Please contact Lisa Melton @ 614-0813 for Morning service
or Freda Weir @ 417-4154 for the Evening service
if you are unable to work your rotation
or have any questions. Thank you!



08/13 Anne Robertson,
Wanda Carpenter

08/20 Dian Waits,
Margaret Wilson

08/27 Robin Griffith,
Charles Blaylock

Happy Birthday!

08/13 Wanda Ward 08/14 Gene Dulin, Billy Meredith,
John Wright 08/15 Zach Crouch, Gwen Graham,
Keith Marter, Joe Rutkowski 08/16 Kelly Brasher
08/17 James Ferguson, Lee Ann Meredith
08/18 Dimitri Blunt, Johnnie Sue Rogers
08/19 Ellen Moss, Cheryl Revell, Kenneth Ross, Sylvia
Smith 08/21 Terry West 08/23 Linda Smith
08/24 Minnie Logan, Jady McMechan, Cherrie Wilkey



Movie Madness Month in August

Each Wednesday night in the children's building
6:30—7:30 p.m.

**Growing and Proclaiming (GAP) begins
September 6th**

Wednesday Nights 6:30 - 7:30

Preschoolers will participate in music, games,
and Bible activities from
Bible Studies for Life

Elementary Students will participate in music
and activities focusing on the foundational
truths of the Gospel.

Week 1: Narration - students will be
introduced to the Bible truth and begin
working on the memory verse/s.
Weeks 2 - 4: Games, Projects with a Purpose,
Journaling (The activities in each of these
weeks are designed to reinforce the Bible
truth and/or review the verse from week 1.)

Each week the students will be given a
"take home" card that has the memory verse
on one side and a suggestion for a family
Activity on the other side. This verse, as well
as additional verses that are optional for
them to learn, all come from the Red Cycle of
Bible Drill from the SBC.

September's Bible Truth/verse:
*God created man in His image. Genesis
1:27*

Sunday Night classes will resume on Sept. 10th

4:00 -4:45 Bible Drill - for students in
grades 4-6th

4:45 - 5:45 Mission Friends and Hands & Feet
for the Maker

May the Love & Favor
of the Lord Jesus Christ
rest upon you and yours.

1 CORINTHIANS 16:23,24

