

The Voice

"A beacon of light and a harbor of hope"

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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Class 9:30 AM

AM Worship 10:15 AM

PM Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Elders

Jack Jones

968-4277

Anthony Sweeney

968-5692

Deacons

Chris Hare

Freddy Nelson

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SELFISHNESS, THE ROOT CAUSE

Richard Kirkland

"For where envy and self-seeking exist, confusion and every evil thing are there" (James 3:16, NKJV).

According to the American Heritage Dictionary, the word *selfish* is defined as "being concerned chiefly about oneself." "Sordid selfishness doth contract and narrow our benevolence, and cause us, like serpents, to infold ourselves within ourselves, and to turn out our stings to the entire world besides" (Sir Walter Scott).

Selfishness is to be considered as a work of the flesh and a part of the sinful nature of man that causes him to be rejected by God. *"Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, idolatry, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God"* (Galatians 5: 19-21).

The Scripture speaks clearly in condemnation of selfishness. *"Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others"* (Philippians 2:3-4).

Selfishness is easily identified in the church and in the home. Some of the tell-tale signs are: stubbornness, manipulation through aggression or intimidation, and the use of anger to control others. Ultimately, such an attitude will destroy a person and every relationship he forms. The selfish person is all wrapped up in himself and makes a very small package.

Selfishness is contrary to the love we are to have for one another. *"[Love] does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil"* (1 Corinthians 13:5).

Selfishness can be viewed as the root cause of almost every problem in the home and church. If we will learn to love one another and seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness most problems will be avoided. May God help us all to eliminate the terrible sin of selfishness from our lives.

TO OUR GUESTS: We welcome you to our worship assembly! We are glad that you have come to be with us today. Our prayer for you is for God to be leading you in your life and in your search for a church home. We are continually praying for God to send more people to help us with His work. If you want to be a part of this loving Christian family, please fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate when it is passed. One of our elders or the preacher will then soon contact you personally.

OUR SICK: Please continue to remember the following individuals in your daily prayers: Bill Abernathy, Bob Baker, Raymond Barton, Jack Brown, Brian Davis, Doranda Finley, Lois Galloway, Sue Griffin, Tim Green, Lillian Hare, Jerrie Hare, Lilden Hefley, Mike Hickman, Faye Jimason, Jessie Kirkland, Dwight Mask, Morgan Melton, Lou Mitchel (cancer), Bob Molden, Jr., Betty Pierce, Joyce Poynter, Jamie Rees, Reba Spradlin, Etoile Sweeney, Sandy Sweeney, Emmett Wade, Dan Woods, Martha Yates.

OUR MILITARY PERSONNEL: Derek Jones, Phillip Sweet, SPC Destry Benton Branch.

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DEVOTIONAL SPEAKERS FOR THE MONTH: July 14th—Freddy Nelson, July 21st—Chris Hare, July 28th—Jerry Yates, Aug. 4th—Vernon Howard, Aug. 11th—Jack Jones, Aug. 18th—Jim Harrelson, Aug. 25th—Nick Nelson, Sept. 1st—Donnie Miller, Sept. 8th—Ben Hare, Sept. 15th—Matt Sweeney, Sept. 22nd—Adam Sweeney

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way is presented on Sundays on channel 4 at 7:30A.M. Tune in this week! Presentations for the month July:

- July 11th—Search Me, O God
- July 18th—Authentic Christianity
- July 25th—You Can Be Sure

Becoming a Christian:

We believe that we are saved by the grace of God which is accessed by our obedient faith to Him. Obedience includes making public confession of our faith in Jesus Christ as the Son of God, repenting of our sins, and receiving baptism by immersion for the remission of sins in the name of Jesus. Through this response we are forgiven of our past sins, receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, and enjoy the promise of eternal life. We welcome at any time a request for baptism.

Becoming a member at Fifth and Greenwich:

All believers who have received baptism by immersion for the remission of sins are welcome to place their membership with us. Doing so places you under the care of our elders and commits you to active participation in the work of this congregation.

Responding:

If you have any need – baptism, repentance, confession, the desire to place membership, or desire the prayers of the church – you are invited to come to the front of the auditorium during the singing of the song after the sermon. The preacher will help you communicate your need to the church.

<p><i>Southern Christian Home</i> Don't Forget to Bring your Food Items for this week: Toilet Tissue Bathroom Cleaners Mustard Now is time to restock!</p>	<p><i>Record July 11, 2010</i></p> <table> <tr> <td>Bible Study.....</td> <td>63</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Worship.....</td> <td>72</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evening.....</td> <td>44</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wed. night.....</td> <td>35</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Offering.....</td> <td>\$1,950.52</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Budget.....</td> <td>\$1,389.00</td> </tr> </table>	Bible Study.....	63	Worship.....	72	Evening.....	44	Wed. night.....	35	Offering.....	\$1,950.52	Budget.....	\$1,389.00
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FROM THE DESK OF BROTHER RICHARD:

The updated, new and improved church directory is on its way!! **Jim and Mary Harrelson** have done a wonderful job putting everything together and the finishing touches are being added. The completed directories will be available soon.

Also, I will be leading a Campaign for Christ effort with the **North Jacksonville Church of Christ on July 14-18**. I would very much appreciate your prayers during that event. **Freddy Nelson** will teach on Wednesday evening and **Anthony Sweeney** will preach on Sunday morning.

Vacation Bible School preparation is going well. The teachers are starting to get their materials together, classes are assigned, artwork and crafts are beginning to come together. We have a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to bring refreshments for a day. Also, Helen Molden is the resource person for refreshments so please see her for further instructions regarding refreshments and snacks.

The Bible Institute of Central America requests prayers on the part of Roberto Alvarez, director of the school in Guatemala. He and his family are being threatened by local gang members who are trying to extort money in exchange for allowing the school to continue unhindered. Several of you have asked how you can help support the **school in Nicaragua**. If you would like to help individually, your check can be sent to: **Northside Church of Christ, P.O. Box 3868, Temple, TX 76505**. This P. O. Box is specially dedicated to support for the school in Nicaragua and will be directed specifically to that work.

Alvaro Chavez, our supported preacher in Costa Rica, reports that the church in **Alajucla, Costa Rica** is growing. Brother Chavez has recently baptized two and had two others restored. Several Bible studies are currently in progress.

Due to maintenance on the baptistery, **we may be meeting in the fellowship building on Wednesday evening**. The baptistery will be sandblasted and repainted with epoxy paint that creates a very strong odor. The auditorium will need a couple of days for the odor to diminish.

Privileged to Serve**Sunday Morning**
July 18*Announcements*
Freddy Nelson*Song Leader*
Matt Sweeney*Opening Prayer*
Donnie Miller*Communion*
Bob Bell
Bill Benton
James Taylor
Ben Hare*Sermon:*
Anthony Sweeney*Closing Prayer*
Kevin Guinn**Sunday Evening**
July 18*Announcements*
Freddy Nelson*Song Leader*
Ben Hare*Opening Prayer*
Adam Sweeney*Sermon:*
Richard Kirkland*Closing Prayer*
Lloyd Sills

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! JULY 26-30

Each Morning from 9-11 a.m.

Ages 2 years - 6th Grade

Class for adults in auditorium

SCHEDULES

Sunday Bible Class:

Auditorium

The Book of Proverbs

Anthony Sweeney, teacher.

Adult Group Class

The Book of Revelation

Jack Jones, teacher

Sunday Singing Practice:

Each Sunday at 5:30 p.m.

Auditorium

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Book of James

Richard Kirkland, teacher

Wednesday

College & Teen Study:

Led by Matt Sweeney

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