

Goodwood church of CHRIST

family news

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By Joshua Fowler

Hypocrisy is one of the most frequently lobbed accusations against the church from the inside and outside. But I think we frequently mistake humanity for hypocrisy. The word hypocrite is used to describe one who is playing a part as in a play or a drama. There is intentionality to the behavior of the hypocrite. Hypocrisy is a state of being that while claiming to be have one identity or collection of characteristics, a person lives a life to the contrary of those claims with the objective of convincing or deceiving an audience. The accusation of hypocrite is a serious one to hand out. On the other hand, we cannot be content to perpetuate such an image in our lives. We may say something along the lines of, “Do as I say, not as I do.” Even though this is generally an attempt to acknowledge our humanity and our mistakes, Jesus asks more of his disciples. His requirement of his people is that our actions will be consistent with our claim. Even if we fall short, this is our pursuit.



YOUVERSION LIVE - If you use the YouVersion Bible app, check out our live events. Select [Events] from the menu. If it doesn't show up automatically (using your location), you can search manually for Goodwood Church.

Schedule of Services

Sunday Morning
Bible Study – 9:00 AM
Worship – 10:00 AM
Sunday Evening
Worship – 5:30 PM
Wednesday Evening
Bible Study – 6:30 PM

It is the Lord's desire that we love one another. In the spirit of love and friendship, we welcome all who have come to worship. May we all be blessed as we praise God. Thank you for being our guest at the Goodwood Boulevard church of Christ.

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Order of Worship

AM

Welcome

553 - Rise Up, O Men of God
118 - Count Your Blessings

Prayer

Matthew 23:1-4

526 - Pass me Not

Communion

340 - Into Our Hands

Jesus vs the Pharisees;

Hypocrites

193 - Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

632 - The Gospel is for All

Prayer

PM

Welcome

40 - Be with Me Lord

237 - His Grace Reaches Me

Prayer

Lamentations 3:22-24

282 - I Know That My Redeemer Lives

892 - The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Collapse; Goodness

209 - He Knows Just What I Need

297 - I Want to Be A Worker

Prayer



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UPCOMING EVENTS

4/9 ----- Meal & Easter Egg Hunt
4/18 ----- Ladies Bible Class
4/22 ----- Ladies Spring Tea
4/22 ----- Youth Devo

Visit our website for a complete list of upcoming events and information

www.goodwoodchurch.org

Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread (Part 2)

Continued from last week

The Bible speaks about sufficiency, being satisfied with enough. Paul says, “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work” (2 Corinthians 9:8). And again, Paul says, “Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God” (2 Corinthians 3:5). God promises sufficiency. God promises what we need. Being satisfied with enough is called contentment. Paul says to the young minister, Timothy, “But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content” (1 Timothy 6:8). And to the church in Philippi Paul says, “Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content” (Philippians 4:11). I’m not suggesting that material blessing is inherently bad. I am suggesting that we need to say with Paul that no matter where we find ourselves materially in this world, we can learn to be content. It is so easy to begin putting our hope and trust in our prosperity. But God desires for his people to hope and trust in him alone.

There are a couple points about prayer that deserve to be mentioned here. Prayer has fallen victim to the “American Dream.” Cultural beliefs will get interwoven with religious beliefs in every culture. The “American Dream” makes it good to aspire to riches and affluence. It’s easy for that which is “American” to then become “Spiritual”. Thus, we paved the way for the “Prosperity Gospel” to which many today have yielded. It then becomes acceptable and good to pray for luxuries, and then to expect that we should get them. God is interested in our daily provisions. God doesn’t relegate daily provisions of the “non-spiritual” category, and therefore is unconcerned with what we need. We often miss the importance of Matthew 6:11 because we buy groceries by the week. Maybe it’s not that simple. Or maybe it is. Most of the world will work tomorrow for tomorrow’s food. Some three billion people across the world work for less than \$2/day. Many have no idea where their next meal will come from. Because of globalization, we are able to see more and more of the struggles that many people have.

What a blessing to know that God is concerned about me and how I am doing today! Not a sparrow falls to the ground without his notice (which is not to say that God causes the fall of the sparrow, just that God’s knowledge is that encompassing). The very hairs of our head are numbered (which is not to say that God chooses when each one falls out, just that he knows every detail about us). We are of much greater value than sparrows. This is all to say how important we are to God! David said in his old age, “I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging bread” (Psalm 37:25). “Give us this day our daily bread.” Speaking these words acknowledges our dependence on God. Speaking these words acknowledges that it is God who sustains us. Speaking these words acknowledges our trust in God. Do you trust in God? Do you depend on Him?

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A PRAYER AND STUDY GUIDE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 09

NEW REQUESTS TODAY

**MONDAY
Psalm 92**

Recent Requests

- *Tom Kelso lost his father, Mel Tuesday morning.
- *Rose Butler requests our prayers for her eyesight.
- *Adam Butler needs prayers for employment and his asthma.
- *Mike McClure is undergoing tests at OLOL.
- *Louise Savoy is recovering from surgery for mouth cancer.

**TUESDAY
Psalm 100**

Those experiencing loss, in need of encouragement, our shut-ins

- *Barbara Cavalier is seeking new employment.
- *Niles Bartholomew needs our prayers for spiritual strength.
- *Our families and friends who were affected by the flood.
- *Our shut-ins: Ila Adams, Nelle Hagius, Mattie Hanks, Hazel Hayden, Derlyne Kent, Padgie McFatter, Alice Reece, JoAnn Strother

**WEDNESDAY
Psalm 103**

Those with serious/ongoing health issues

- *Rose & Adam Butler, Don & Lois Clark, Betsy Hall, Bob Harris, Wilma Henderson, Mike McClure, Cherry McCullough, Lisa Pickett, Jerry Sistrunk, Jay Strother, Faith Vallery, Shirley Young

**THURSDAY
Psalm 108**

Our Other Friends and Family

- *Bill Bain, Niles Bartholomew, Brad Bell, Tommie Bell, Merle Burkes, Lea Ann Cavalier, Beulah Cooper, Cliff Cutrer, Kay Doiron, Dot Dudley, Keven Dupuy, Betty Epperson, Christie Estave, Harlan Gilbert, Grace Gray, Pat Hale, Karen Hanks, Mike Jenkins, Steve Juneau, Jerry Kimbrough, Candy Lackie, Ronnie Lorio, Jr, Mack & Bettie Lovering, Dustin Montana, John & Carolyn Perkins, Bryan Austin Plunket, George Plunket, Mary Rhodus, Tim & Alys Richardson, Richard Shelley, Doug Statham, Bradley Travis

**FRIDAY
Psalm 111**

Our Partners in the Gospel

- *Santiago Bonilla
- *Candido Huete

Those in Dangerous Situations Serving Country & Community

- *David Ecuyer, Anthony Groger, Toby Hebert, William Hill, Jonathan Lewenthal, Alex Null, Howard Stroud

**SATURDAY:
Psalm 118**

- *Parents and students in schools
- *City, State and National elected leaders



Fellowship Meal and Easter Egg Hunt

Fellowship meal and Easter egg hunt are after morning services today. Anyone participating or those who want to stay and watch the egg hunt are invited to join us for a BBQ lunch. The Easter egg hunt is for kids ages 1 year - 4 years and K - 5th Grade.

Calling All Graduates!

If you are graduating this May or during the summer, please provide your school information and a picture to the office. Thanks!!

Goodwood church of Christ Ladies' Bible Class *cordially invites you* to*

April Showers Tea

Saturday, April 22, 2017 ~ 2:00-4:00 pm in the BOB

Kindly RSVP by April 16th to reserve your seat

(Office 272-8936 or Sign-up board in main hall)

**you includes your mother, your grandmother, your daughter, your grands*

Join us for tea... wear a hat, if you please!

Picture Directory Update

Last call to have your picture updated for the directory. Keri Teague will be taking pictures the next two Sundays after morning service.

Mission and Values

Your input is wanted. On the round table in the foyer is a proposed statement of mission and values. I would love for you to send me your thoughts about how you see God working in the body here and how he is calling us to move forward into the community. If you have any thoughts, anything you think should be added or removed or adjusted, just email them to me at jfowler@goodwoodchurch.org.

If you have any special needs (including sermon CD/DVD requests), please fill out one of the cards located on the back of the pew with the necessary information and pass it to the inner aisle for pick-up.

How Are We Doing?

March 26, 2017

Sunday AM Bible Class..... 72
 Sunday AM Attendance..... 139
 AM Average for Year..... 148
 Sunday Contribution..... \$5,773
 Average for Year \$5,208

Elders: Clayton Goodrum, Tom Kelso, Jim Lackie, Tommy Phillips **Deacons:** David Andrews, Todd Bell, Bobby Chelette, Jack James, Pat McGibboney, Bert Ruckstuhl, Mitchell Smith, Joshua Young **Ministers:** Joshua Fowler, Jay Plunket **Secretaries:** Heather Fowler, Tara Hitt