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PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear (Romans 10:17)
Believe (Mark 16:16)
Repent (Acts 17:30)
Confess (Matthew 10:32)
Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
Remain faithful (Revelation 2:10)

Place Stamp
Here

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SERVICES

Sunday Morning
Bible Study:
10:00 AM

Sunday Morning
Worship Service:
11:00 AM

Sunday Evening
Worship Service:
6:00 PM

Wednesday Evening
Bible Study:
7:00 PM

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“For the Son of man is come to save that which
was lost (Matthew 18:11).”

“MARRIAGE: NATURE’S DEFINITION”

BY: KERRY DUKE

The issue of polygamy made its way to the United States Supreme Court in 1878. George Reynolds, a Mormon in Utah, said that his religion required him to have more than one wife. Since the First Amendment guarantees freedom of religion, Reynolds claimed it gave him the right to practice polygamy. His reasoning failed to convince the Court, and the practice was struck down by the Court in Reynolds v. United States. The First Amendment, they contended, has limitations. Otherwise, human sacrifice could be justified as freedom of religion. The opinion of the Court was that “Marriage, while from its very nature a sacred obligation, is nevertheless, in most civilized nations, a civil contract, and usually regulated by law. Upon it society may be said to be built, and out of its fruits spring social relations and social obligations and duties, with which government is necessarily required to deal.”

The Court admitted in this case that “The word ‘religion’ is not defined in the Constitution.” This was an honest admission. The only way to understand the nature and extent of religious liberty of the First Amendment is to define it as the founding fathers did.

This is precisely what should be done today regarding the definition of marriage. Let us begin with the Declaration of Independence. That document acknowledges God as “Creator.” It recognizes “the Laws of Nature and Nature’s God.” Our founders understood that God is the author of the very concept of male and female. Even in the animal kingdom, a male and female unite to produce offspring. That is the law of nature, and that law was designed by God. Animals are not accidentally drawn to the opposite sex. They are this way because of instinct given by God, and to try to change this would be unnatural and against the will of the Creator. The creation of mankind is no different. God made us “male and female” (Gen. 1:27). Nature itself declares that marriage should be between a man and a woman. This is why Paul said same-sex relations are “against nature” (Rom. 1:26-27).

In 1828 Noah Webster released An American Dictionary of the English Language. His research went back to at least 1783. Webster was in a good position to know what “marriage” meant when this nation began. His definition was: “The act of uniting a man and woman for life; wedlock; the legal union of a man and woman for life. Marriage is a contract both civil and religious, by which the parties engage to live together in mutual affection and fidelity, till death shall separate them. Marriage was instituted by God himself for the purpose of preventing the promiscuous intercourse of the sexes, for promoting domestic felicity, and for securing the maintenance and education of children.”

Webster did not decide that marriage should be between a man and a woman. He merely admitted the laws of nature and nature’s God in defining the word, and his definition reflects the common understanding of the day. The chief argument against same-sex marriage is not tradition. It is nature as it was designed by God. The Bible clearly condemns homosexuality (Gen. 19; Rom. 1:26-27; I Cor. 6:9-11; I Tim. 1:10-11), but even nature itself shows that it is wrong. *(Kerry Duke is Vice-President of Academic Affairs at Tennessee Bible College in Cookeville and Minister at the West End church of Christ in Livingston, TN.)*

SICK LIST

Bobby Ballew	Dianne Pirtle
Janice Breedlove	Howard Prater, Jr.
Sylvia Bolin	Mae Prater
Glenda Dodson	Brenda Qualls
Lottie Fisk	Kaitlyn Ross
Don Frye	James Rowland
Charles Gann	Kelly Rowland
Shirley Gann	Dalton Stewart
Myrtle Hutchings	Haley Taylor
Dawn Jiminez	Henry Thompson
Velma Maggert	Geneva Tenpenny
Dorothy Mayfield	Barbara Wagoner
Johnny McCormick	Chloe Williamson
<u>Raintree Manor Healthcare Center</u>	
Harvie McCormick	

Please remember to pray for the sick.
If you know of anyone who needs to be added to the Sick List, please let the one, who will make the announcements, know.

BIBLE SCHOOL CORNER

Intermediate, Primary, & Nursery Classes’
Information

Matthew 18:2-4 says, “And Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, And said, Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.” It is important that we educate the little ones about the Bible from the youngest of ages. Jesus teaches that they also educate us on how to be humble!

NEWS

- Welcome to this great day of worship unto the King of kings!
- We are pleased to support Tennessee Bible College in training Gospel preachers and teachers. On page 2 of this bulletin, you can read an excellent article by brother Kerry Duke, Vice President of Academic Affairs at Tennessee Bible College.
- Please pray for the United States Supreme Court Justices that they will decide to uphold God’s definition of marriage. Jesus says in Matthew 19:4-6, “Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” God’s definition of marriage is between man and woman.
- A representative from Tennessee Children’s Home will be here to pick up supplies on April 23. The pantry item for this week is vegetable oil.
- Dibrell Church of Christ Gospel Meeting, Friday, April 12—Sunday, April 14 at 7:00 nightly; Speaker: Marion West
- Youth Class Teachers, please submit the “Perfect Attendance Lists” for the month of March, this Wednesday, April 3.
- The monthly men’s business meeting will be held this coming Sunday, April 7. All faithful Christian men of the congregation are asked to plan to attend.