

## **WORKS WE PROUDLY SUPPORT**

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## **Those Honored to Serve Today**

### **AM Service**

Announcements: A. Cash

Singing: D. Jackson

Opening Prayer: W. D. Jackson

The Lord's Table:

R. Earl & R. Duncan

Lord's Table Speaker: Swearingen

Sermon Scripture: L. Duncan

Sermon: V. Smith

Closing Prayer: E. Coats

### **PM Service**

Singing: D. Jackson

Opening Prayer: C. Nelson

Lord's Table: Swearingen

Sermon: R. Earl

Closing Prayer: G. Carns

### **Wednesday PM**

Singing: Swearingen

Opening Prayer: D. Jackson

Closing Prayer: R. Earl

## *Oologah Informer*

Oologah Church of Christ, Oologah, Oklahoma

August 19th, 2012

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South of Oologah

Service Times: **Sunday**  
Bible Study 9:30 AM  
Worship 10:30 AM  
Worship 5:00 PM

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Sermon Videos: [www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html](http://www.oologahcofc.org/sermon-videos.html)

Today's Lesson's : **A.M. Bible Class:** Suffering Servant Cont'd D.Jackson

**A.M. Sermon:** "Don't give Satan Advantage"  
(Eph 4:27) V. Smith

**P.M. Sermon:** "Conquering Your Giant"  
(1 Sam 17:1-11) R. Earl

## NEWS & NOTES

### **Visitors**

We would like to extend our welcome to you. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. Also, please fill out a visitor's card located in the pew in front of you and pick up a **Visitors Pamphlet** on the table in the foyer.

### **Wednesday Night Summer Series**

Ron Hass will be our guest speaker this week.

If you would like a copy of these lessons please tell Russell or Vance.

### **Dinner with our Gospel Meeting Speaker**

If you wish to have dinner with John Grubb at your home while he is here please sign the sheet in the foyer.

### **Mindfully Convicted**

by Kevin Pendergrass

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Why do you believe what you believe? Unfortunately, many today are not convicted on what they claim to believe. The Bible, however, teaches that we are to obey God from the heart/mind (Rom. 6:17). Such usage of the mind is not limited to the seat of emotion but involves logic and reason in determining the truths of God's word (Isa. 1:18; Acts 26:25; 1 Thess. 5:21; 1 John 4:1; Eph. 5:10; Acts 17:2). Many congregations of the Lord today are filled with Christians whose minds are conforming to the waste of the world, rather than being renewed day by day with the mind of Christ (Rom. 12:2; 2 Cor. 4:16; Col. 3:16; Heb. 5:12; Eph.4:23). They have not been mindfully convicted. Despite their Christian habits, they remain largely empty and are simply going

through the motions. They are passive, occupied with entertainment, busy with work and hurried in life (Mt. 6:33). Because of this they are people who have not taken the time to develop "mindful conviction" (2 Pet. 3:18; Heb. 5:14).

Picture a congregation filled full of Christians who are not mindfully convicted. What would it look like? Would there be any spiritual understanding (1 Cor. 3:1-4)? Could evangelistic courage even exist in such an environment (Acts 8:3-4)? If one believes that the spiritual mind does not really matter, then why should one spend time trying to grow an intellectually and spiritually mature life? If someone is passive, then he will not make the effort to study. Instead, he will be content with living in ignorance, doing what he always has done, even if it means not knowing why he is doing it (Acts 17:30). If a person is driven merely by emotion, then simple entertainment will be more important to him than mere words on a page (Jn. 6:63, 68). If one is hurried and distracted, one will not have the desire to take the time to gain knowledge and grow in conviction. And if someone is overly individualistic, on what will that person focus? Things such as Christian self-help books filled with slogans and false diagnoses of the problems facing the reader? Such a congregation will not be equipped and will become unable to stand against the powerful forces of Satan as the secular world demolishes the truth in a flood of thoughtless acceptance and misguided pseudoscience (1 Pet. 5:8; 2 Cor. 2:11). Such a congregation will measure success in terms of numbers -- numbers achieved by nothing more than cultural accommodation. The congregation will become her own grave; and her means of short-term "success" will only turn out to be the very thing that buries her. Wake up, bride of Christ! Let us redeem the time by training ourselves to be mindfully convicted. Let us put on the whole armor of God, take the sword of the Spirit, the word of God and fight the good fight of faith, so that we may lay hold of eternal salvation (Eph. 6:10-20; 1 Tim. 6:12)!