

The Oologah Informer

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What Do You Think? Jack Williams

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

What does the Bible say about
Godly apparel? (1 Peter 3:3-4)

PM Sermon:

Why I am a member of the church
of Christ; because of the
prophesies concerning the church.
(Daniel 2:28)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – R. Earl

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

For the Record: 10/27

AM Bible Class: 21
AM Worship: 31
PM Worship: 25
Contribution: \$18,273
Weekly Budget: \$2800
Wednesday Night Bible Class: 19

The owner of a large business has offered his workers the best in every way. He had taken care to make sure that his workers were of only the best character and desire. The workforce was totally volunteer – not even one was brought into the company without it being their decision. He had spoken to each of them before they became a part of the company and only those who were willing to seek the best for the company and one another were allowed to enter into the workforce. He understood well that each one of them was important to accomplishing the goal of the company and made sure they too understood and were committed to doing their part. It seemed though that several situations had arisen, and he wanted your advice as to what to do with these workers.

- Several workers had begun to disregard their obligation to be familiar with and apply the tenets of the employee manual. They had agreed to follow this manual upon becoming part of the workforce, and in fact had only entered into the company when they had learned some of the basics of the manual. But now they had begun to feel they had read it enough. Some felt it was outdated and that perhaps they even knew better than the founder of the company as to what was truly needed and what was important. Some had even begun to resent hearing about the regulations set forth in it.
- Other workers had taken to coming to work tardy just about every day. It wasn't that some emergency had hindered them, they just didn't think it was important enough to be there at the stated time to make proper plans and preparation to be there on time.
- Some had even decided that showing up to work was seemingly optional. There were some who came about every other day, others took weeks off at a time. Again, it was not some emergency or health issue, they just felt that they had the right to decide themselves when it was important enough to be there. What the founder had stated and what they had agreed to (and once abided by) was no longer important to them.
- Several had decided to be present only when they felt like it. When asked why they were gone from work so much, they said some other worker had offended them. They had been encouraged to consider the founder of the company and their importance there, rather than allowing hurt feelings to hinder their relationship with the founder of the company (who had never done anything other than keep every promise he made). In spite of that, they had decided someone not treating them properly gave them the right to treat the company and its founder any way they desired.

• Then there were the workers that felt like they didn't need to be involved in the work anymore. They might be present, and maybe even talk about what they saw that needed to be done, but they didn't feel any responsibility to do their part in getting the work accomplished. What do you think? What do you think about the workers described above? Were they treating the owner of the company right? Were they really committed to put the company first as they had agreed? Did they really care about one another? No doubt many of us have seen the attitudes described in the secular workforce. I don't think any sensible person would expect someone described by such antics to retain their position with any company. I hope by now we have all seen a little more important matter in these illustrations. The prophet Malachi asked, "... if ye offer the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? and if ye offer the lame and sick, is it not evil? offer it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee, or accept thy person? saith the LORD of hosts" (Malachi 1:8). The point the prophet gives by inspiration is this: the people would not dare to offer to a civil authority in the manner in which they were offering to the God of heaven. Each of us are members of the body of Christ because we chose to gladly receive and follow His Will (Acts 2:37-42). We committed to be a part of the precious body of Christ and put Him first in all things (Matthew 6:33) as we labored for His cause (Ephesians 4:16). God has not, and will not change (James 1:17; Philippians 1:6). If we are not the type of people we committed to be, it is because we have changed. I don't think anyone would try to justify the actions spoken of above in the secular workplace, and there is no way we should condone them in our life toward God. In the secular workplace such people would no doubt be fired, and rightly so. In the Kingdom of God an amazing thing happens. The God of heaven opens His heart to those of us who may fall into such a state and asks us to come back to Him that all may be forgiven! (1 John 1:9). As the new year begins, perhaps this would be a good time for us all to consider ourselves and our relationship with God (2 Corinthians 13:5). He wants us to each be what He empowers us to be. If we are not that type of person, the only thing lacking is our love and devotion to Him leading us back to the cross where His Son was sacrificed for us.

Announcements

Speaker Selection for 2014 Gospel Meeting

If you would like to suggest a speaker for next year's gospel meeting please tell one of the men. A decision will be made at tonight's men's meeting

Men's Meeting

Our men's meeting is today after evening services. If you have anything for the agenda please tell Russ.

2nd Sunday Fellowship

Our next fellowship meal is next Sunday after morning services. Please plan to stay and enjoy this time of fellowship with one another.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the Swearingen family. We rejoice with the Swearingen family in the arrival of Sadie Olivia. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – is having problems recovering from her knee surgery.

Kenny (Patty Payne's husband) – is waiting to schedule his surgery.

Patti- Payne – is having tests done.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma and Ruth (Darla Smith's sisters)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Steve Lay's mother

The Benham family