



From the Minister

The Yielding of Good Soil

Jesus says *“But he that received seed into the good ground is he that hears the word, and understands it; which also bears fruit, and brings forth some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”*(*Mathew 13:23*) The way in which **the word** of God is received determines quality and quantity of production. Hearing the word, the first step to the production of fruit, allows for receiving and producing (yielding) of more fruits.

Wayside soil doesn’t understand or value **the word**, therefore evil seizes seeds from the heart; whereas good soil values **the word**, guarding it by hiding it in the heart. David said, *“With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee”*. (Psalms 119:10-11)

Stony hearts (soil) are offended when tribulation or persecutions arise; which unlike good soil, understands the Christian journey is filled with tribulations and suffering. Jesus says, *“If the world hates you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you... but I have chosen you out of the world... If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; But all these things will they do unto you for my name's sake, because they know not him that sent me.”* (John 16:18-21)

Seeds that fall among thorns choke and are unfruitful, caring for the world and deceitfulness of riches. Good soil understands that riches are temporal as when the apostle Paul says, *“For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out. But they that will be rich fall into temptation and a snare, and into many foolish and hurtful lusts, which drown men in destruction and perdition.”* (1Timothy 6:7-10)

Good soil and bad soil differ in production of fruit. The intensity and depth of the fruit of the spirit is unknown, but God knows because He alone gives the increase.

W.L. Rupert

MORNING WORSHIP

Invocation	Larry Dowd
Songs (2)	John Sams.
Scripture	Paul Hall
Responsive Reading	Orren Eaton
Prayer	Dwight Glenn
Songs (2)	John Sams.
Sermon	Willie Rupert
Invitation	Donnie Whitfield
	Gilbert Dargan
Requests/Confession	John Wilkie
Baptism	Frank Garner
Offering	Anthony Milton
Emblems	Wade Allen
	Maurice Miller
Ushers	Nicholas Sasser
	William Downs
	Gary Goodwin
	Devin Harney
Announcements	Albert Goode
Benediction	Reginald Salley

EVENING WORSHIP

Invocation	Johnny Jacobs
Songs (2)	Russell Pratt
Scripture	Tyronne Atkins
Responsive Reading	Andre Jones
Prayer	William Carr
Songs (2)	Russell Pratt
Sermon	Willie Rupert
Invitation	Anthony Rudolph
	Richard McKinley
Requests/Confession	John Wilkie
Baptism	Frank Garner
Offering	Austin Veale
Emblems	Mitchell Bennett
	Jarrell Bratcher
Ushers	Michael Singletary
	Scottie Cromwell
	James Thomas
	Derrick Lindsey
Announcements	Randy McKinley
Benediction	Sam Bryant

BEREAVED

Bro. Donald Hardee and family

Loss of his sister

The King, Nash, and Whitfield families

Loss of Sister Lucille King

SICK AND SHUT-IN

Sis. Catherine Stepney	At home
Bro. Booker T. McCann	Sis. Joyce Adams
Keswick Medical Center	Sis. Beatrice Burrus
Sis. Earland Shepard	Sis. Robin Cephas
Caton Manor	Sis. Marian Christian
Sis. Arnetta King	Sis. Ethel Campbell
Future Care (Charles Village)	Sis. Alberta Daye
Sis. Hattie Wilkens	Sis. Lilian Flager
Future Care (Gilmore St.)	Sis. Mary Green
Sis. Ruby Wright	Sis. Karen Harris
Future Care (Athol Ave.)	Sis Pam Neverdon
Sis. Bessie Cager	Bro. Paul Peterson
Sweet Rest and Care	Sis. Marion Phair
Assisted Living	Sis. Freda Smith
Bro. Sherman Parsons	Sis. Mary Talbot
Paradise Assisted Living	Sis. Thomasenia Ware
Sis. Ada Thacker	Sis. Gertrude Williams
Sis. Janice Thompson	Sis. Ella Williams
Esther’s Place	
Sis. Carolyn Nicholson	
Ellicot City Nursing Ctr.	
Sis. Vernell McIntosh	
Manor Care, Delaney Valley	

EVANGELISM

Discipleship training classes conducted by Bro. Wilkie, continue Friday evenings from 7-8 p.m.

HEALTH

Free Blood Pressure Screening will be offered next Sunday, March 14, after morning worship.

All who signed up for CPR training will be contacted soon regarding the class date and time.

YOUTH

Central Youth Night

Friday, March 19 at 7:30 pm

Teen Worship Away (TWA)

Will be hosted at Central on Sunday March 21, 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

8th Annual Youth Conference on Abstinence

Saturday, March 20, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. There is no cost, but registration is required. Contact Bros. Jeffrey Winns, Maurice Miller or Devin Harney.

Parents please encourage and sign your children up to participate in these, and all youth events.