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ANNOUNCEMENTS	Shane Smith	Shane Smith
SONG LEADER	Clayton Seale	Clayton Seale
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OPENING PRAYER	Scott Colvin	Terry Hughes
CLOSING PRAYER	Richard Jones	Jim Holman
LORD'S SUPPER (Preside)	James Allison	James Allison
(Serve)	Kevin Foshee	Kevin Foshee
	Sam Houston	
	Johnny Holman	
	Austin Massey	

Those who are to serve, please meet in the office ten minutes prior to worship.

MONTHLY ASSIGNMENTS

PREPARE COMMUNION	Betty Rader & Patsy Rorex
FELLOWSHIP DINNER	Food Group 1
CLOSE BUILDING	Johnny Holman
LORD'S SUPPER TO SHUT-INS	Group 4
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When your memory is shorter and your complaining lasts longer.

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 Sunday Worship 11:00 am Wednesday 7:00 pm

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Description of the church

The church is not made up of people who believe they are better than others, rather of those who believe they ought to be better than they are.

The church is not made up of perfect people, but of people who follow a perfect Lord and realize they ought to do the best they can.

The church is not made up of people who never make mistakes, but of those who acknowledge their mistakes and try not to make the same ones again.

The church is not trying to withdraw from everyone, but rather to bring everyone into its fellowship and love.

The church is not trying to set up arbitrary rules to hinder anyone, but to show how following the rule of Christ helps us all.

The church is not trying to take the joy out of life, but to put real joy into life.

The church is not trying to make you feel ugly, but trying to instill the beauty of holiness in your life.

~Andrew Connally
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THAT'S THE WAY I AM

God made people with abilities to change their ways.

"Brethren, I count not myself yet to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3: 13).

The statement, "That's the way I am," often is expressed as an attitude among people - even in the church. "That's just the way I am, and I can't change the way I am." It usually is used as an excuse for not making a correction in living that really needs to be made.

People argue, "I was raised believing that people of certain races are naturally inferior. That's the way my ancestors believed, and I grew up feeling that way, too. Now, I can't change the way I feel about the matter."

Or they will argue, "I was born with a hot temper, and I have just never been able to control it like I would like to. That's how I am, and there's nothing I can do about it."

Or perhaps the argument is, "I just have to get even when someone wrongs me. It may not be right, but if I'm wronged, I'll get revenge. That's how I am."

We all have heard people make statements like these; perhaps we have even made them ourselves. The real fallacy in all this is that God is the only "I AM" being; the rest of us were created to become. God told Moses centuries ago that He was to be called "I AM" (Exodus 3:14). God's nature is such that He does not change. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We, on the other hand, are not unchanging creatures. We were made in God's image, but with the power to become better than we are now.

Excuses like those mentioned are used by people who are unwilling to make necessary changes. Either they honestly are ignorant about whether they are capable of making changes in

their lives, or they simply are too stubborn to do so.

Paul was a man of considerable prejudice. He was narrowly nationalistic. A strict Pharisee, he had little use at all for the Gentiles. They were surely inferior to the Jews. Yet Paul became the apostle to the Gentile people. He was not locked into an "I am" concept, but knew God created him to become something better than he was. To argue that we cannot shake loose from racial prejudice is to argue that God will hold us eternally responsible for something over which we have no control. That would make God unjust and unfair.

Peter was a man of quick temper. He drew his sword to fight against people who would take his Master. This aspect of Peter was obviously a part of his character, but he was not locked in. He became a man of steady control over his life and actions - a rock.

John was a man who liked revenge. When a certain village refused to hear the preaching of Jesus, John's response was to call down fire from heaven and destroy them. He wanted to get even because they hurt him. That is the way he was, but not the way he remained. He became the man who wrote so much about love and patience about other people.

When we claim that we cannot change the way we are, we are placing serious limitations on God's power that really do not exist. He has not made us to be "I am" beings, but beings who can become more and more like the One who truly is the "I AM."

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Just a Thought...

"The man who doesn't read his Bible has no advantage over the man who has no Bible."

Albert M. Wells, Jr

ON THE HOME FRONT

SHUT-IN PRAYER LIST

Beth Headrick
Mary Smith—Cumberland Rehab

CANCER PATIENTS

Dana Edwards , David Poe, Randall York ,
Wayne Guess, Kenneth Condra, Ray Guess,
Debbie Davis, Mandy Smith ,Susie Harbin,
Thema Bonomo and Claudia Raulston.

SICK LIST

Glenda Dalton—doing much better
David Smith
Linda Allison
Jean Davis, Betty's sister—doing better
Harlie Oliver—surgery this week
Brenda Poe

NEWS AND NOTES

~PLEASE PICK UP YOUR DISHES!!!
~LADIES CLASS has resumed on Tuesdays at
10:30 A.M.

NOTHING NEEDS
REFORMING MORE
THAN OTHER
PEOPLE'S
HABITS.

THE PUMPKIN

A lady had recently been baptized. One of her co-workers asked her what it was like to be a Christian. She was caught off guard and didn't know how to answer; but when she looked up she saw a jack-o-lantern on the desk, so she said, "It's like being a pumpkin." The co-worker asked her to explain.

"Well, God picks you from the patch and brings you in and washes off all the dirt on the outside that you got from being around all the other pumpkins. Then He cuts off the top and takes out all the yucky stuff from inside. He removes all those seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc. Then He carves you a new smiling face and puts His light inside you to shine for all to see. It is our choice to either stay outside and rot on the vine, or come inside and be something new and bright."

I'll never look at a pumpkin the same way again.

~Bulletin
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