



## GOD APPRECIATES WORKERS

Just before Labor Day, The Wall Street Journal published an article by Nicholas Eberstadt titled "The Idle Army: America's Unworking Men." Less than 85% of American men between the ages of 25 and 54 are working, a percentage even lower than the percentage in the years following the Great Depression. Nearly 10 million men in this category are not working, and apparently are not seeking work. Eberstadt writes,

In short, the American male's postwar flight from work is a grave social ill. Strangely, nearly everyone—the news media, major political parties, intellectuals, business leaders, policy makers—has managed to overlook it. The urgency of the moment is to bring this invisible crisis out of the shadows (emp. added).

A sizable minority of American men are fleeing from work. These men, who refuse to work, are described in the Bible in 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12:

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*This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you... (1 John 1:5).*

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### VISITORS, WELCOME!

Sunday:

9:30 a.m. Bible Class

10:30 a.m. WORSHIP

1:00 p.m. WORSHIP

Wednesday:

7:00 p.m. Bible Class

We have Bible classes for all ages & fellowship for lunch every Sunday!

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Jerry Davis Jeffrey Ferrell

Ron Johnson Andy Ratliff

Joe Owen Tim Wilkes, II

### PREACHER

Clifton Angel

For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

If our society would follow Paul's principle in this passage, there would no longer be a substantial portion of the population that sat on the sidelines while the rest labored.

Eberstadt goes on to explain how over 100 million Americans are working harder than ever, but at the same time the number of those refusing to work is on the rise. The obvious result is that those who refuse to work are being supported by those who do work. But notice that the Bible teaches not that society should provide for those who refuse work, but the opposite. Again, from the apostle Paul to the Thessalonians:

But we urge you ... to aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you, so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one (1 Thessalonians 4:10-12).

God has dignified work. It is natural for people to get satisfaction from the various jobs they do. Work provides not only personal satisfaction, but also the means for society to function. We are grateful to God for the ability and opportunity to work, to His glory (Colossians 3:23).

# Fifth Sunday

October 30, 2016

Clifton Angel	—	<b>Announcements/Introduction</b> Let the Beauty of Jesus	(All 3)
Russell Wadsworth Daniel Owen	— --	PRAYER <b>Read: Matthew 6:1–4</b>	
Dalton Owen	—	Give Me the Bible Trust and Obey	(1,2,3) (1,3,5)
Andy Ratliff	—	Walking in Sunlight Footprints of Jesus	(1,2,3) (1,3,4)
Davis Johnson	—	<b>Read: Matthew 6:5–8</b>	
Will Brooks	—	Our God, He is Alive Blue Skies And Rainbows	(1,2,4) (All 3)
Jason Bayless	—	Have Thine Own Way Hilltops of Glory	(All 3) (1,3)
Noah Davis	—	<b>Read: Matthew 6:16–18</b>	
Jared Brown	—	To God be the Glory We Praise Thee, O God	(1,2) (1,2,3,4)
Clifton Angel	—	<b>Devotional &amp; Invitation</b>	
Jared Brown	—	There's A Fountain Free #909	(1,3)
Ron J. & Dalton O. Jeffrey Ferrell	— —	Lord's Supper PRAYER	

# NEWS & NOTES

## Please Pray

**Betty Duke; Wiley & Betty Tuggle; Timothy Wilkes, Sr., eye.**

**NetCasters \* Far East Missions \* Fishers of Men**

### Family & Friends

**Ray Livsey**, Clifton's uncle, had a mass surgically removed; **Karen Shrum & family**, mother of Ginger's friend Mindy, hospice; **Brandy Fleming**, Billie Martin's sister-in-law; **Stacy Family**, in the loss of their newborn daughter Juniper Wren; **Carole Livsey**, Clifton's aunt, leukemia has returned; **Tim Isbell family**; **Myrtis Wadsworth**; **George Morris**; **Danny & Kathy Malone**, Danny is Jerry's co-worker and his son passed; **Willie Grady Family**; **Raleigh Wood**, Ruth's cousin; **Bill Fleming**; **Noel Daniel**; **David Steward**, stroke; **Tyler Densford**; **Harold Russell**; **Zach Jackson**, Jim's nephew; **James & Rhonda Worthy**; **Myrtle McNab**; **Carey Smith**, friend of Jerry; **Lisa Hogan**; **Ava Roten**, young girl with third round of cancer; **Sharon Brewer**, Chris' sister; **Judy Dowelling**; **Jenny Kraft**; **John Simpson** and family; **Mac Owen**; **Joy Angel**, health problems; **Rhonda Cook**; **Wanda Coats**; **Henretta Newsom**; **Tammy Powell**; **Lawton O'Brien**; **Pat Hardison**; **Beverly Whitecotton**; **Peggy Hunt**; **Jason Spencer**; **Elizabeth Baker**; **Janie Brister**; **Amanda Cummings**; **Danielle Key**; **Frankie Burfield**; **James Cooper**; **Renee Loya**; **Eli Williams**; **Ray Maples**; **Martha Hatfield**.

### Birthdays

10/3 Mischel Jackson  
10/5 Lynn Wilkes  
10/15 Georgia Bayless  
10/16 Jared Brown  
10/16 Titus Wilkes  
10/17 Abby Kate Haynes  
10/20 Sarah Norris  
10/31 Billy Bland

### Anniversaries

10/27 Marc & Ashely Strickland

## Get Involved!

**5th Sunday Service – TODAY – 1 PM**

See inside for service arrangement

**Southaven Ladies Night – Nov 4 – 6:30 PM**

**Sunday Afternoon for the Savior – Nov 6**

Between Services

**Whitlock Bonfire & Lock-in – Nov 11**

See flyer on bulletin for details

**Providence Place Devo – Nov 13 – 2 PM**

**Bible Bowl @ Looxahoma – Nov 19 – 4 PM**

1 Corinthians 7, 8, 9

## Privileged to Serve

Sunday, October 30

### Morning

Prayer Before Class

Jerry Davis

Announcements

Jason Bayless

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Lord's Supper:

Preside

Ron Johnson

Marc Strickland

Assist

John Wofford

Dalton Owen

Opening Prayer

Chris Martin

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Closing Prayer

Terry Davis

### Afternoon

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Opening Prayer

Russell Wadsworth

Sermon

Clifton Angel

Lord's Supper

Ron Johnson

Dalton Owen

Closing Prayer

Jeffrey Ferrell

Wednesday, November 2

Song Leader

Jared Brown

Prayer

Billy Bland

Invitation

Clifton Angel

Prayer

Andy Ratliff