

## NOT FAR FROM THE KINGDOM

Mark 12:28-34

### INTRODUCTION:

In Mark 12 Jesus told of a teacher of the Law who was “not far from the kingdom.”

### I. The Setting.

A. A scribe asked Jesus. “Which is the first commandment of all?” (v. 28).

1. Jesus quotes the Shema (v. 28).
2. We are to love God with our whole being (v. 30).
3. And, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself” (v. 31).

B. The scribe commends Jesus for His answer (vs. 32-33).

1. These commandments are more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.
2. “Behold to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams” (I Sam. 15:22).

### II. The Saying.

A. Jesus, in turn, commends the scribe (v. 34).

1. He was spiritual.
2. He was studied.
3. He was sincere.

B. Jesus said, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.”

1. God has located His blessings “in Christ.”
2. All the saved are in the church.
3. Felix was “near the kingdom” (Acts 24).
4. Agrippa was “almost persuaded” (Acts 26).

C. Why was he not in the kingdom?

1. Not because there is some other way to God.
2. Not because he got a better offer somewhere else.
3. It may be because of some “stumbling block.”
4. It may be because of procrastination.
5. There should be a sense of urgency about our salvation.

### CONCLUSION:

Don't just get near the kingdom— enter the kingdom of Christ by your obedience today!

# WELCOME . . .

To the services of the Church Street  
Church of Christ.

Theme for 2010

“The Greatest of These Is Love”



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If you are visiting with us today, you are our honored guests.  
Please sign a blue card and leave on the pew so that we  
can have a record of your visit.

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### Order of Worship

June 13, 2010

8:30 Service

10:45 Service

Welcome/Ann:

Song: 738

Song: 644

Communion & Giving

Song: 568

Reading: Mk. 12:28-34

Prayer:

Song 290

Sermon: “Not Far From the Kingdom”

Song 714

Song: 813

Closing Prayer:

Roy Holt

We Will Glorify the King of Kings

‘Tis Set, the Feast Divine

Savior Teach Me

Kenston Ezell

Greg Coblentz

I Love thy Kingdom, Lord

Trust and Obey

Love Him, Love Him

Thomas Wilson

Joe Liggett

Aaron Wiles

Jim Bingham

Will Gold

Song leader: Bill Tankersley

Preacher: John Tracy

### 6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICE

Open Service: David Jent

Read: Britt Wiles John 8:1-9

Pray: Lee Morrison

Cl. Prayer: Bill Fulghum

Preaching: John Tracy

Sermon: “It's A Matter of Conscience”

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**June 20-24**  
**6:00-8:00 pm**  
**Church Street Church of Christ**

**“God’s Creation: Digging For Answers!”**

**Sunday: Creation Days 1 & 2**

**Monday: Creation Days 3 & 4**

**Tuesday: Creation Days 5 & 6**

**Wednesday: Dinosaurs**

**Thursday: The Flood**

**Come and join all the fun!**

**Classes for all ages.**



**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Sick:**

**Magdalene Johnston & Emmaline Bless** are now at Merihil.

**Wanda Brown** is home after a back procedure this week..

**Pam Allen** has a broken ankle and was to have had surgery Fri. @ Vanderbilt.

**Amy Von Almen** has returned home but is still in need of our prayers.

**Connie Haislip** has returned home awaiting the doctors decision as to the type of treatment.

Please remember her in your prayers.

Please add **Alma Larsen** to your prayer list.

**Hellen Smith** does not have a brain tumor as previously announced. She has a hematoma on the brain and will have surgery Mon. @ Vanderbilt.

Please remember her in your prayers.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 14: Secret Friends** at the home of **Sandra Wolaver, 6:00.**

**June 17: Bloodmobile, 12:30 til 5:30.** We will not have another one until August.

**June 20: Group going to City of Children** will meet at 4:00 in Room 13.

**June 20-24: Vacation Bible School, 6:00 til 8:00 pm.** We need Hawaiian Punch, colored tube socks & old CD's.

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We have received a “Thank You Note” from **Bill & Linda Fulghum.** Please stop by the back board and read.

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We rejoice with **Ed Lee**, who came forward Sunday morning requesting our prayers.

In a call from the **Blalocks**, we have been requested to send the following for **Centerville:** New or good used sheets, pillow cases, towels, washcloths, any kind of linens. The people there are desperately in need of all of these items.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To **Erica Young and Nathan Haislip** on their wedding Saturday here at Church St..



- 6/14 **Christine Sharp**  
Pam Williams
- 6/15 **Aaron Collins - 10**  
Steve Hobbs
- 6/16 **Denise Werner - 40**
- 6/18 **Misti Jackson - 40**  
Myah Lane - 2  
Rhad Stephens - 11  
Ashley Walls - 17
- 6/19 **Robyn Arnold**  
Luke Brewer - 29  
JoAnn Knowis  
Polly Middleton
- 6/20 **Brian Cheatham - 40**  
Caryn Headden - 20  
Nina McKay - 95  
Maizen Wiles



- 6/14 **Don & Betsye Ledford - 40 yrs**  
Gary & Cindy Cantrell
- 6/15 **Joel & Donna Hargrove**
- 6/17 **Don & Kerrie Bigham**
- 6/20 **Billy & Geraldine Davis - 55 yrs**  
Sammie & Janet Manire  
Robert & Margaret Neill - 40 yrs

**For The Record**

June 6 2010

AM	453
PM	181
Bible Class	361
Summit	15
Wed. Night	162

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