

Those to Serve

Sunday 06-28-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening Prayer Bob Hedges
 Closing Prayer Daniel McCary

Lord's Table—Month of June 2009

Southside:

Gene Campbell
 Rodney Cook
 Ronnie Stewart

Northside:

Weldon Miller
 Bob Hedges
 Chuck Kyle

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Royce Armstrong
 Song Leader..... Hal Roper
 Opening PM Prayer..... Jimmy Jay Fox
 Closing PM Prayer..... Grady Duncan

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Charles Kyle Ron Traugher

Serving Wednesday Night—July 01, 2009

Announcements Royce Armstrong
 Song Leader Grady Duncan
 First Prayer..... Rance Robison
 Closing Prayer..... Royce Armstrong

*If you plan to be out of town or are not physically able to serve, please call someone to take your place.

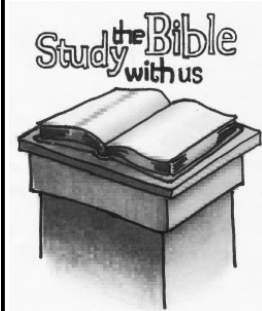
Attendance for the week of 06-21-2009

Bible Classes..... 94
 Morning Worship..... 138
 Evening Worship 99
 Tuesday Ladies ClassMeets again in September
 Wednesday Night 90
 Regular Contribution \$ 4,101.50
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ 50.00

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes.....103
 Morning Worship.....142
 Evening Worship105
 Tuesday Ladies Class 12
 Wednesday Night 97
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,405.20
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 61,211.17
 (Also includes transfers)

PLEASE NOTE: This bulletin is formatted Friday morning each week. Any news items or articles you wish included must be submitted to the Editor no later than Thursday Night. You may call Rhodney Freeman at 903-572-1181 (home) or 903-572-1136 (Office)



Next Sunday's Sermons

AM: Genuine Biblical Repentance:
 Taking a Look at Bible Men
Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: Series: Calvinism In The Light
 of God's Word
Kris Groda, Preaching

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Address Correction Requested

Assembly Times

Sunday

Bible Classes9:00AM
 Worship10:00AM
 6:00PM

Tuesday

Ladies Bible Class ..10:00AM
 (September—May)

Wednesday

Bible Classes7:00PM



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 Bob Hedges
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 Hal Roper

Gospel Preacher
 Kris Groda

Secretary
 Rhodney Freeman

North Jefferson Messenger

As the cold of snow
 in the time of harvest,
 so is a faithful messenger
 to them that send him"
 Proverbs 25:13



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Founded on the Word—Focused on the World

June 28, 2009

Life Is Good

By Kris Groda

Apparently, *life is good!* There are two *tidings of great joy*" (Luke 2:10). The heavenly American companies that have similar logo's. host were "praising God, and saying, "Glory to There is LG® the former South Korean GoldStar appliance and electronics company that renamed their corporation LG (Life's Good) in 1995 when they bought out Zenith. Then there is the popular New Hampshire based company that sells everything from clothing to dinner ware, from tote bags to dog bowls. The history of this company is the tale of two brothers trying to make a living while going to college. They finally got their break when they decided to start selling tee shirts with their very own "Life is Good" logo.

What has made the two companies so successful? What was the thought behind the marketing strategy that made GoldStar change their name to "Life's Good"? And what has made this seemingly modern hippie material and household goods company so popular? This writer believes that it is the resounding message that "**Life Is Good**" and that such a message appeals to consumers!

But shouldn't that message also be heralded by the children of the Highest? The lost world needs to know that **life is good**. God wants people to choose the good life. After all God is good, (Mt. 19:17). His creation was very good (Gen.1). God's Word is good (Heb 6:5). The word "Gospel" means Good News. The Gospel message is that of peace and "*glad tidings of good things*" (Romans 10:15). When Jesus was born of man, the angel brought "good

news" (Luke 2:10). The heavenly host were "praising God, and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (Luke 2:14). Later, Jesus was called, *the Good Shepherd* (John 10:11). So, we can know the good life we enjoy is because of the Good God that we serve. The Christian is taught a different way of thinking. He sees good in things that the world views as bad. Jesus experienced a joy as he endured the cruel cross (Heb 12:2). Christians, when faced with trials, are to consider it joy (James 1:2). And if we suffer for righteousness sake, *happy are ye*. (1 Peter 3:14). In the midst of tribulation, the disciples were to be of *good cheer* (John 16:33). It takes determination and a moldable heart to adopt such a way of thinking. The Christian is taught to "*cleave to that which is good*" (Romans 12:9; 1 Thess 5:21). Christians are to told "*overcome evil with good*" (Romans 12:21) and to "*do good to them that hate you*" and to *all men*, especially *the household of faith* (Luke 6:33;Gal 6:10). We are to be careful to maintain good works (Tit 3:8). We are also to fight the good fight of faith as a good soldier (2 Tim. 2:3; 4:7). As Moses made his final appeal to Israel, he said, "*...I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live*" (Deut 30:19). Like Moses, Christians want the lost world to know that with God there is life and **life is good!**



“give attention to reading.....” 1 Tim. 4:13

Things That Are Precious to the Christian

By Marvin Weir

This article will focus only on six things that are precious to the child of God.

First, God's love is precious to the Christian!

Without God's love there would be no hope for fallen mankind. All accountable people sin (Rom. 3:10, 23), and “*the wages of sin is death*” (Rom. 6:23). When one sins he is separated from God (Isa. 59:1-2). One cannot simply pardon himself from the sin he has committed. Without the love of God providing a plan for reconciliation and redemption sinners would have no hope. To the Ephesian brethren Paul said, “*that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of the promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ*” (Eph. 2:12-13).

That often referred to golden text says, “*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life*” (John 3:16). Think about that little word “**so.**” God **so** loved that He purposed, planned, and provided a way by which man can be forgiven of his sins and reconciled to God. Man would be hopelessly lost were it not for the love of God!

God's Word is precious to the Christian! Spiritually speaking, man is not capable of directing his steps; “*the way of man is not in himself*” (Jer. 10:23). A trustworthy guide is needed, and one's emotions, feelings, and opinions do not measure up to the challenge. The Psalmist knew the answer and was right in saying, “*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and light unto my path*” (Psa. 119:105). The Word of God is “*right*” (Psa. 33:4), “*pure*” (Psa. 119:140), “*true*” (Psa. 119:160), and “*settled in heaven*” (Psa. 119:89).

God's complete will for mankind is revealed **only** through the His inspired Word (2 Tim. 3:16-17). “*The word of the cross is to them that perish foolishness, but unto us who are saved it is the power of God*” (1 Cor. 1:18). Paul reminds one that “*belief cometh of hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ*” (Rom. 10:17). For one to be saved he must “*hold fast*” to God's Word (1 Cor. 15:2). Only the “*word of his grace*” can build us up and give us “*the inheritance among all them that are sanctified*” (Acts 20:32). The “*seed*” to be sown before a lost and dying world is the Word of God (Luke 8:11). God's Word “*liveth and abideth...forever*” (1 Pet. 1:23, 25) and will judge all

mankind in that Day (Jn. 12:48). Put your trust in “*the sword of the Spirit*” (Eph. 6:17).

Heaven is precious to the Christian! There are only two roads one can travel through this life – one leads to eternal life and the other to eternal ruin (Matt. 7:13-14). Hell is to be avoided at all costs (Matt. 10:34-38) and has been “*prepared for the devil and his angels*” (Matt. 25:41), and for those who “*know not God*” and “*obey not the gospel*” (2 Thess. 1:8). What a joy it will be for the faithful to get to Heaven as God will “*wipe away every tear from their eyes; and death shall be no more; neither shall there be any mourning, nor crying, nor pain, any more...*” (Rev. 21:4). **All** of those “*written in the Lamb's book of life*” shall be in heaven but those who “*maketh an abomination and a lie*” shall never enter this precious place (Rev. 21:27).

Grace and mercy are precious to the Christian!

The apostle Paul says it best, “*for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not of works, that no man should glory*” (Eph. 2:8-9). Salvation is God's wonderful gift, but salvation is not unconditional. God's wonderful grace covers **only** those who love Him and submit to His will. As Jesus said, “*If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him*” (John 14:23). One cannot **continue** in a life of sin and expect God's grace to abound (Rom. 6:1).

Salvation is precious to the Christian! Paul describes it like this: “*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing*” (2 Tim. 4:7-8, emph. MLW).

Fellowship is precious to the Christian! How wonderful it is to associate with those of “*like precious faith*” (2 Pet. 1:1)! We dare not, however, fellowship those walking in darkness (Eph. 5:11). To aid, support in any way, participate with, or encourage those who are enemies of the cross is **wrong**.

Let us be thankful for the fellowship that is ours **in** Christ Jesus. How wonderful it is to be in the company of those who love God!

Never forget the many things precious to the Christian!

Prayer List: Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Suzanne Charlton, Darrell Cooper, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Lena Groda, Linda Jones, Dorothy Kyle, Ben McCain, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley

Also: Starlyn Black, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Jennifer Freeman, Cece Hollingsworth, Colista Johnson, Janice Lineberger, Wayne Lineberger, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Home: Doris Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Annah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Home:** Joyce Lee, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide, **Mt. Vernon:** Alice Lovelady, **Home:** Marie Plemmons

Health Updates:

Wayne Pickrel had his scheduled colon surgery and returned back home about the middle of last week. He has not received the results of his tests yet. He expressed his THANKS for all the cards, phone calls and food from everyone and especially the help he has received from his family. He is to take further treatments later.

Linda Jones was taken to ETMC in Tyler last week to see specialists for tests. She is now back at home.

Tim Jones was back at work Friday, he has been diagnosed with on-set diabetes.

Suzanne Charlton has been taking hyperbaric chamber treatments at the Wound Center and was to have her stitches removed by her doctor in Tyler on Thursday. She only had to have one toe removed at the present time. She is still in pain.

Darrell Cooper had his defibrillator replaced last week. All went well.

Wade Miller is not feeling well and continues to experience problems with his feet. He was scheduled for an MRI on Friday in Tyler.

Billye Campbell had to leave services early last week due to her leg swelling. She was scheduled to see her doctor on the 22nd of June. No update at the printing of this bulletin.

Randy Cooper continues to struggle with pain in his neck and upper shoulders.

Janice Lineberger is slowly improving but still struggles with pain and tiredness.

Mary Joe Lee (mother of Sara Neal) was admitted to the hospital in Pittsburg, last week, with pneumonia.

Jim Duncan's upcoming surgery is scheduled for July 14. Please remember that date.

Cece Hollingsworth (grandmother of Kris Groda) will have a Thallium Stress Test on Monday in Corpus Christi. Kris's grandfather, Robert continues to deal with the complications of congestive heart failure.

Charles & Evelyn Maughon, who worshipped with us at the original North Jefferson Church of Christ, have asked for our prayers. Charles has lung cancer and it is in it's final stage. The prognosis is for a few months at best. Please keep the two of them and their family in your prayers. Their mailing address is 518 Redbud, Forney, TX 75126. Anyone wishing further information can see Barbara Duncan.

THANK YOU ... “Thanks to everyone for the phone calls, cards and food these past couple of weeks while we were both in the hospital at one time or the other. We love our brothers and sisters in Christ.

— Tim & Linda Jones”

UPCOMING EVENTS:

After evening services there will be a brief presentation on the Clothing Drive for the Indians in Arizona that Hal and Karen have been working on. Please stay a moment for this.

This afternoon at 5:00 p.m. the VBS Teachers and Helpers need to meet in the multi-Purpose Room as a follow-up meeting. The elders would like to receive input on this year's VBS and receive discuss ideas on how our VBS for next year can be improved.

Also ... following evening services today, there will be a get-together for anyone of the congregation at the Sparks home. Bring your homemade ice-cream or cookies. Also bring a chair and watch the fireworks after sundown.

SYBSNET ... There will not be a SYBSNET for June 29 due to Camp. They meet again on Monday, July 06 at Blodgett with Vendel Dollarhide teaching. His topic will be “Conquering the Enemy of Discouragement and Frustration.”

The first Sunday in July will be the last collection and sorting day for clothing for the Indians in Arizona.

-Thank you, Hal and Karen Roper