

Those to Serve

Sunday 08-16-2009

Sunday Morning Worship:

Announcements..... Bronson Roper
 Song Leader..... Randy Eubanks
 Opening Prayer Frankie Sargent
 Closing Prayer Jerry Freeman

Lord's Table—Month of AUGUST 2009

South Side:

Rance Robison
 George O'Neal
 Cody Sparks

North Side:

Weldon Miller
 Darrell Cooper
 Roger Grimes

Sunday Evening Worship:

Announcements..... Bronson Roper
 Song Leader..... Royce Armstrong
 Opening PM Prayer..... Gene Garner
 Closing PM Prayer..... Daniel McCary

Sunday Evening Lord's Table

Frankie Sargent Tim Jones

Serving Wednesday Night—August 19, 2009

Announcements Bronson Roper
 Song Leader Daniel McCary
 First Prayer..... Jody Sparks
 Closing Prayer..... Ronnie Stewart

*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 08-09-2009

Bible Classes..... 105
 Morning Worship..... 134
 Evening Worship 93
 Tuesday Ladies ClassMeets again in September
 Wednesday Night 88
 Regular Contribution \$ 4,084.13
 New Construction Fund Contributions.....\$ -0-

Averages To Date This Year

Bible Classes.....103
 Morning Worship.....141
 Evening Worship102
 Tuesday Ladies Class 12
 Wednesday Night 94
 Regular Contribution.....\$ 4,367.40
 New Construction Fund Contributions to date..... \$ 77,647.07
 (Also includes transfers and interest earned)

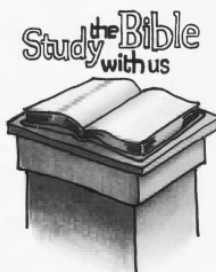
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Today's Sermons

AM: Considering the Prosperity of the Wicked (Psalm 73)

Kris Groda, Preaching

PM: The Five "W's" of Influence
Kris Groda, Preaching



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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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

August 16, 2009

The Meaning of Words (part 3)

By Kris Groda

Apostasy - We might use this word to describe a church or preacher who has turned from the truth or pattern of God's Word for faith and practice. Many use terms like "liberal" or "anti" or "leagalistic". The bottom line is it's Biblical or unbiblical, authorized or unauthorized. The term "apostasy" comes from the Greek word *apostasia*. We see the translation in 2 Thess. 2:3, "Let no man deceive you by any means: for *that day shall not come*, except there come a **falling away** first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition". Paul uses this word to describe a massive departure from the truth be it many congregations or individuals. This word shows that people can so sin, without repentance, as to be eternally lost (Gal. 5:4; 1 Tim. 4:1-ff; 2 Tim.4:1-ff; Heb 3:12; 2 Peter 2:1).

Apostle - From the Greek word *apostolos* meaning: "commissioner of Christ, to send away, to send forth." This word has been used in several senses in the New Testament. (1) Hebrews 3:1 calls Jesus, "the Apostle and High Priest of our profession". Jesus is an "Apostle" in that He was one who was sent from Heaven to this earth. (2) Then there were "the twelve" (Matt. 10:2) that were selected for that special work of preaching the Gospel to all the world (Matthew 18:18-20). (3) The word "apostle" is also used in somewhat of a generic sense to speak of messengers who were commissioned to various works. Folks like Barnabas (Acts 14:4, 14), Silvanus and Timothy (1 Thess. 2:6). We must know that there are no apostles today, in the special sense, like Paul, Matthias, Peter, etc. The qualification for an apostle in this sense is recorded in Acts 1:22.

Atonement - is an important word that has to do with our very salvation. Broken down: [at | one | ment], signifies to "be at one with" or "a making at one." From the Greek, *katallage*, has been translated "reconciliation and /or restoration" (Romans 5:11). The word carries with it the idea of "reestablishment of an interrupted or broken relationship".

Baptism - With the exception of just a couple of letters, this word has been transliterated, *not translated*, from the Greek to the English. This means that the word hasn't been defined or translated to an equivalent word in the English. Rather, baptism, has been given only corresponding English letters. This has been problematic for those who like to substitute sprinkling or pouring for true baptism. Baptism, used literally, means to *immerse, dip or submerge*.

It has been used metaphorically to mean *overwhelmed* (i.e. the suffering of Christ - Luke 12:50) and to describe to the punishment of hell (Matt. 3:10-12).

Then there is the "Baptism of the Holy Spirit". This of course was the extraordinary measure of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and later to the Gentiles (Acts 11:15-17).

However, the most common use of this term has been in connection with immersion in water for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). Introduced by John (Mt. 3:6) in the Gospel accounts, it was also administered by the disciples of Jesus (John 4:1-2). Though "for the remission of sins" (Mark 1:4), there was a difference in John's baptism and the baptism sanctioned under the "great commission" (Acts 18:24-19:7). New Testament Baptism for the remission of sins requires one who believes (Mark 16:16); one who has repented of their sin (Acts 2:38); one who has confessed Christ (Acts 8:38-39) and requires "much water" (John 3:23) immersion in water (Acts 8:38-39; Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12). Please note from Acts 8:38 how that "**they went down both into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." If sprinkling or pouring be authorized modes of baptism/immersion, why go into "much water"? Why both people? Why not just stand on the shore and pour? (Though I've seen an artist portray that.) The Bible is its own best commentary and supports the original definition.



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

FAMILY LIFE CENTER

Written By: Frank Chesser

The home, civil government, and the church are divine institutions. God ordained them. Each was planned with man in mind. God planted the first home in the beauty and security of Eden. The home is God's "family life center." Each room in God's blueprint is designed for man's happiness and well-being.

There is the instruction room. We are all the products of what we have been taught. Children receive instruction from various sources and, upon the basis thereof, they build a life. God's formula for child-rearing is threefold: Love God with all your being, receive His Word into your heart, and teach it incessantly to your children (Deut. 6:4- 9). Children are admonished to hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother (Prov. 1:8). There is no substitute for parental instruction.

There is the example room. The best of instruction can be quickly nullified by a bad example. Children must have parental visual aid to accompany their teaching. Jehoshaphat walked in all the ways of Asa his father, and he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the sight of the Lord (1 Kings 22:43). Ahaziah did evil in the sight of the Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the way of his mother (22:52). The difference in Jehoshaphat and Ahaziah was the difference in the example of their parents.

There is the entertainment room. God's blueprint has the entertainment room in the home, not in the church. Zechariah pictures the return of God to Jerusalem and the restoration of the city with the delightful scene of children "playing the streets" (8:5). There is a time to play. Families need to spend some fun-time together. Instead of "go play," there is a time when parents need to say "let's play." A humanly devised family life center as an adjunct to the church is a counterfeit for the real thing. Let us strive to make our home a real family life center.

Are Children Really to Blame?

We read in the paper, we hear on the air,
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere;
We sigh and we say, as we notice the trend:
“This young generation . . . where will it end?”
But can we be sure it's their fault, alone?

Too much money to spend; too much idle time;
Too many movies of passion and crime;
Too many books not fit to be read;
Too much evil in what they hear said;
Too many kids encouraged to roam;
Too many parents who don't stay at home.

Youth don't make the movies;
They don't write the books that paint
The pictures of gangsters and crooks.
They don't make the liquor, they don't run the bars,
And they don't make the cars;
They don't make the drugs that addle the brain;
It's all done by older folks, greedy for gain.
In how many cases we find that it's true . . .
The label, “Delinquency,” fits older folks, too.

—Mrs. E. B. Grant

Short But Sweet

If you had only five minutes to talk to your mate, what would you say? Too often we take each other for granted and assume our spouse will always be there. We go through our busy days leaving much unsaid.

Take a few minutes and write down what you would say to your mate if you had only five minutes. Put your list in the form of a letter or poem and place it under a pillow, or mail it to your mate. Or keep your list and give your mate one honest compliment each day for the next few weeks. —Marriage Partnership (Winter 2006) “Withhold not good from them to whom it is due . . .” —Proverbs 3:27

Prayer List: Justin Barker, Rachel Barker, Doris Bell, Suzanne Charlton, Jim Duncan, Irene Duncan, Patsy Duncan, Dorothy Kyle, Ben McCain, Wade Miller, Wayne Pickrel, Thelma Reed, Brenda Riley, Julia Terrell

Also: Debbie Bauer, Starlyn Black, Carolyn (Katy) Cabell, Mary Jo Lee, Janice Lineberger, Amber Payne, Kent Stephenson, Charles Whitney

Congregational Shut-Ins:

Home: Doris Bell, **Pleasant Springs Assisted Living:** Anah Brown, **Home:** Irene Duncan, **Home:** Joyce Lee, **Villa Assisted Living:** Georgia Lide, **Omaha Healthcare Center:** Alice Lovelady

ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Irene Duncan turns 101 today. What a milestone!!! Congratulations, Irene! Happy Birthday!

We will be leaving for Kayenta, AZ next Thurs. the 20th. Hal will be loading the trailer on Monday and would appreciate anyone that can help load. Talk with him about the details. Also, we would appreciate our brethren's prayers for the journey.

Thanks, Karen Roper

BIBLE BOWL begins in October and will be over the book of ACTS. The schedule of the hosting congregations (all sessions will be held here at our building) and the dates will be published at a later time.

Plan now ... mark your calendar. Our Gospel Meeting will be October 4 through October 7. Michael Wyatt of the Handley church of Christ in Fort Worth will be doing the preaching. More on this later.

The 12th Annual Lubbock Lectureship will be conducted October 11 through 15, 2009 at Southside Church of Christ ,85th Street at Quaker Avenue, Lubbock, Texas. The **Theme** will be: “**Philosophy and Vain Deceit.**” See the flyer on the bulletin board in the north hall.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS resumes in September. Watch for the date of beginning and the Topic you will be studying.

Health Updates:

Patsy Duncan is doing much better and hopes to be able to get out and about soon.

Suzanne Charlton is doing a little better, but no decision has been made at the printing of this bulletin regarding rehab. Continue to pray for Suzanne and Wayne.

Wade Miller was able to attend service on Wednesday evening, following his recent surgery.

Remember ... Jim Duncan is scheduled for his surgery on Wednesday the 19th of August, at 1:00 PM at Longview Regional Medical Center. Add him to your prayer list as well.

Brenda Riley is still having trouble with her health. She will go to the local hospital on Monday morning to begin a series of extensive tests. Doyle asks that we keep her in our prayers.

Ola Mae Simpson had an auto accident last week on her way to church. Gene Campbell took her home. She is doing OK. I heard that the driver of the other car did not stop.

Wayne Pickrel has been feeling weak from the treatments he is undergoing for his cancer and was unable to be here last Sunday. He felt better on Wednesday and was able to attend Wednesday evening service. During these treatments it seems apparent his immune system is weak, thus he wears a mask.

We need to continue to remember in our prayers the women in the congregation who are with child: Lena Groda and Rhonda Newman.

No further updates on the sick or those having or will have surgery has been furnished for the bulletin at it's printing. Folks need to be reminded ... that if they wish to have something updated or placed in the bulletin this needs to be done by Thursday evening.

Remember to check the round table in the foyer for a list of Pantry items that are needed to replenish our pantry. Lots of the stock has to be kept rotated so as to keep them in date for consumption.

Funeral Services were held Thursday at 2:00 PM for Wayne Lineberger (husband of Janice Fox Lineberger ... who is related to many in this congregation) who passed away on Monday, August 10, 2009, following a lengthy battle against cancer. The funeral was conducted by Erman Smith Funeral Home of Pittsburg with burial at Nevill's Chapel Cemetery here in Titus County. Please keep Janice and the rest of the family in your prayers at this time that they may find comfort in their hearts.