

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

| Records you Made: | 8/16/15 | 8/9/15 |
|---|-----------|-----------------------|
| Bible Classes | 38 | 28 |
| Worship Service | 75 | 103 |
| General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg | \$2001.00 | \$1849.00 \$394.00 |
| Wed Bible Class | 18 | 18 |
| Baptisms / YTD | - | 10 |

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



Hey Youth Group:

Listen to this, stop and consider God's wonders."

Job 37

""At this my heart pounds and leaps from its place. Listen! Listen to the roar of his voice, to the rumbling that comes from his mouth. He unleashes his lightning beneath the whole heaven and sends it to the ends of the earth. After that comes the sound of his roar; he thunders with his majestic voice. When his voice resounds, he holds nothing back. God's voice thunders in marvelous ways; he does great things beyond our understanding. He says to the snow, 'Fall on the earth,' and to the rain shower, 'Be a mighty downpour.' So that everyone he has made may know his work, he stops all people from their labor. The animals take cover; they remain in their dens. The tempest comes out from its chamber, the cold from the driving winds. The breath of God produces ice, and the broad waters become frozen. He loads the clouds with moisture; he scatters his lightning through them. At his direction they swirl around over the face of the whole earth to do whatever he commands them. He brings the clouds to punish people, or to water his earth and show his love. "Listen to this, Job; stop and consider God's wonders,"(Job 37:1-14 NIV).

In conclusion, youth group stop and consider God's wonders!

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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No one cared for my soul

The 142nd Psalm contains "prayer of David when he was in the cave." David, while hiding from King Saul, felt deserted by all his friends. In what may be one of the saddest verses in the Bible, David said, "Look on my right hand and see, for there is no one who acknowledges me; refuge has failed me; no one cares for my soul" (Psa. 142:4).

Is it possible that you have a friend or neighbor who, like David, feels that no one cares for their soul? In all likelihood, within the last two years one or more of your friends and neighbors died unprepared to meet God (2 Cor. 5:10, I Thess. 1:7-9). What did you do to prevent that tragedy? Did they know that you cared for their soul?

Do your children and or grandchildren know you care for their souls? If they do, they came to that knowledge from your Christian example and the teachings you gave them from the Word of God. Before the Israelites entered the promised land Moses told them, "these words which I command you today shall be in your heart; you shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up" (Deut. 6:6,7).

Do your friends know you care for their souls? One of Paul's great desires was for the salvation of his nation (Rom. 10:1-3). The obligation he felt to preach made him cry out, "Woe is me if I do not preach the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:16).

Have you been inviting your friends to a Bible study or to attend our worship service? It seems we can find time to discuss everything with our friends except the salvation of their soul which is worth more than the world itself (Matt. 16:26).

Do your brethren in the Church know you

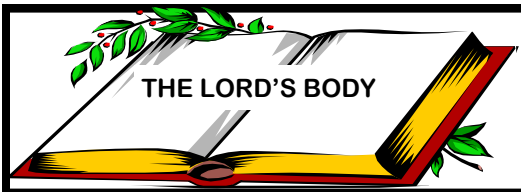
care for their soul? "Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous" (1 Peter 3:8). Love for the brethren is expressed by action. Do you help or hinder the public assembly? Are you an encouragement to others or a constant complainer? We cannot encourage and complain at the same time.

At the judgment our concern, or lack thereof, will be made known. Imagine the heart-ache of one of our neighbors saying the words of this popular hymn, "You never mentioned Him to me, You helped me not the light to see; You met me day by day and knew I was astray, Yet you never mentioned Him to me."

When I say to a wicked man, 'You will surely die,' and you do not warn him or speak out to dissuade him from his evil ways in order to save his life, that wicked man will die for his sin, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the wicked man and he does not turn from his wickedness or from his evil ways, he will die for his sin; but you will have saved yourself. Again, when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and does evil, and I put a stumbling block before him, he will die. Since you did not warn him, he will die for his sin. The righteous things he did will not be remembered, and I will hold you accountable for his blood. But if you do warn the righteous man not to sin and he does not sin, he will surely live because he took warning, and you will have saved yourself," (Ezekiel 3:18-21).

Let us make the people around us know that we care for their souls.

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



*LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD*



ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

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Morning Service

| | |
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| Song leader | Greg Watkins |
| Call to worship | |
| Welcome/Prayer | John Stallworth |
| Song #1 | 129 |
| Scripture – Psalm 16:1-11 | Tyler Dowdy |
| Songs #2 | 470 |
| Song #3 | 4 |
| Second Prayer | Ben Field |
| Song #4 | 902 |
| Lord's table and Collection: | |
| Lead | James Guiffre |
| Assistant | Kyle Watkins |
| Assistant | Steve Lynch |
| Assistant | Barry Koeber |
| Song - Kids to class | |
| Song #5 | 749 |
| Scripture- Heb. 3:1-4 | Tom Meehan |
| Sermon - | Lancelot Watson |
| Invitation #6 | 313 |
| Responses & prayer: | |
| Derek Peterson | |
| Joe Cirnigliaro | |
| Announcements & | |
| Closing Prayer | James Guiffre |
| Closing Song #7 | 703 |

The Gospel Truth

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Did you just say, “#?#@#!”

If we could play a recording over the loudspeakers of your conversations throughout your day: Would we be encourage? Would we hear: “#?#@#!”? Would we hear a bunch of gossip and vile talk? Would you be embarrassed or ashamed of what we hear? Paul writes:

Rom. 3:13-14 "Their throats are open graves; their tongues practice deceit." "The poison of vipers is on their lips." 14 "Their mouths are full of cursing and bitterness."

Would anyone know you are a Christian by your tongue? “But I was so angry...” we say trying to excuse ourselves. Shamefully, we’ve become so lax in our conviction and de-sensed to our behavior and sin, we DON’T EVEN REALIZE anymore what is coming out of our mouth. We stub our toe: “#?#@#!”. Someone cuts us off on the road: “#?#@#!”. We drop the hammer: “#?#@#!”. And don’t let someone make us angry: “#?#@#!, ...#!@...@%*%”. Then we come to worship and sing praises to God! James writes

Jam. 3:6-12 The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole person, sets the whole course of his life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell...7...8... It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers, this should not be. 11 Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? 12 My brothers, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.

If you would not eat from a dirty plate, why would you offer a dirty mouth to God? Repent today. Bring honor to our father who sacrificed his son to make us holy.

Rom. 6:1-2 What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? 2 By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer?

Recognizing Religious Dysfunction Part IV

Denial of reality
When someone feels there is a problem they will typically say something. A sign of a dysfunction is when the response from a leader is a reflexive accusation in return. Even if you are wrong, you will know a good leader by their ability to recognize your perspective, and their ability to listen. They are able to confirm your thoughts, or show you truth without hostility. *All you see and feel and think is not an illusion, it is your reality.* So it is important to know a church leader will not crush it....even if it has error.

Disconnect between words and deeds
There are times a leader is caught “red handed.” We are all human and make mistakes. A good leader takes ownership, asks forgiveness and moves on. A poor leader tries to convince you that the reasons for their sins are justified and that for some reason they should be an exception. We should be wary of holding men up to positions of “holiness” in our thinking because there is “none righteous.” We should also dismiss people who do not see themselves when in front of a spiritual mirror.

Motivations - Comfort, wealth, Power, and Attention/Pride Since most “Churches of Christ” do not have wealth or creature comfort let’s instead focus on power and attention.

Power - Many corrupted leaders have a delusion that they know what is best. They operate as if God needed them, or that they could not be replaced in an instant. They often start having worked very hard and in good intention to build a work for God, but then there is a change. Such leaders stop listening to counsel, and perceive every event in terms of how it affects their control over the church. If someone oversteps, they stomp. This is from a position of weakness, not strength.

Attention/Pride- Coupled with power is the craving of exaltation. Desire to be admired, viewed as holy, and respected are typically male religious weaknesses. Once tasted, many cannot help but pursue it with a “continual lust for more.” Though their own families would testify to their hypocrisy, they persist in attaining whatever accolade they can. Good deeds, good words, and all feigned godliness are to that end. Nothing they do is real.

Luke 22:26 -...but the one who is the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like the servant.”

Find Contentment in God’s Promises (II)

For those of us who seek contentment, trusting in God’s promises is a sure way to find it. We may have become wary of trusting in the promises of men and women because these have so often been broken. However, God’s- promises are rooted in His character and the credibility of His words. David declares, “For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does” (Psalm 33:4). Titus also confirmed that “God... does not lie” (Titus 1:2). With these assurances in mind, let us continue to look at some of God’s great promises that can give us contentment:

Wisdom: Have you ever felt the need for guidance, or the wisdom to know how to act or speak in a certain situation, or just generally? James tells us how we can get this. He says in James 1:5, “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” We also read in Proverbs3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths paths straight.” By trusting God, submitting to Him, and asking Him for wisdom, we can find contentment.

Fulfilling Lives: Jesus said in John 10:10, “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” The full life that Jesus promises may not be material wealth and prosperity. When we become Christians we become “new creatures.” Our values change, and our goal becomes living fruitful lives in the spirit. The spiritual fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22) grow abundantly in our lives and make them rich and full.

As we continue to study how God’s promises can bring us contentment, let us trust God to do as he has said so that we might have contented lives.