

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Today Counts

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Tommy Betti (he was tested for Covid) Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy, Cindy Lee (Nicole Owen's sister) All health care providers and especially for Scott and his family.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Ben, Carla and family are in TN for a couple of months.

Friday Evening Class: The Friday evening class will be held at the building this week.

Plan Ahead: The Annual Ladies Tea and Ornament Exchange will be hosted by Jennifer Kelly and will be held on Saturday December 5, 2020 beginning at 6:30 PM. Then on Sunday December 6, 2020 she will host a Girls Tea and Ornament Exchange beginning at 6:30 PM.

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program and our "One Minute for God" series which airs three times a day six days a week on KMBQ 99.7.

Today's Scripture: "but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." **Hebrews 3:13 (NKJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "So that your trust may be in the LORD; I have instructed you today, even you." **Proverbs 22:19 (NKJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 54: Our Record: 107

For more detail, please go to the web site.

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear.....	Romans 10:17
Believe.....	Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent.....	Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess.....	Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized	Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life	Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Today's Count

Do you ever find yourself thinking so much about what the future may look like? How easy is it to be so focused about the future that you miss the moment. Or what about past events, experiences or decisions you wish you could go back and change. While it is not a bad thing to think about the past or future. Issues can arise very quickly when we become consumed with things we can't change or things we cannot control.

Thinking about the future so much can lead to an overwhelming sense of uncertainty. While thinking too much about the past can lead to an overburden weight of guilt. We must be diligent and confident to be here in the moment because today is what counts. Today is what reminds us of the present success we have in Christ. Today gives us the confidence to know where we are heading tomorrow. It is my prayer that by the end of this article we will understand the importance of being focused on today. And that we will not be held down from our past nor held back by future uncertainties. **Matthew 6:33-34 NKJV** *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."* Jesus is very clear in telling those listening to him preach that our first priority must be to seek the kingdom first. In doing that we must not get pulled in multiple directions but be in the moment. **Ephesians 4:14-16 NKJV** *"that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love."* Taking care of our business today is what matters. Life passes by so quickly that we can miss out on eternal opportunities.

When thinking about future events it is very easy to think we are in total control. This way of thinking can lead us down a dangerous road of becoming arrogant and boastful. Think about what bible has to say about focusing so much on the future. **James 4:13-17 NKJV** *"Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go to such and such a city, spend a year there, buy and sell, and make a profit"; whereas you do not know what will happen tomorrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapor that appears for a little time and then vanishes away. Instead you ought to*

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say, "If the Lord wills, we shall live and do this or that." But now you boast in your arrogance. All such boasting is evil. Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin." These individuals like many of us today where so focused on THEIR future plans they removed God from the equation. It is sinful to think we know better than God. Before making any future decisions or plans, we are to first seek the kingdom of God. We are to ask in prayer, showing a reliance on God and not self. So while we see the issue of focusing too much on the future what about the past? Surely it would be a good thing to know and understand history so that we don't make the same mistakes. While that is true, the fact of the matter is that many people use past mistakes to either not be a more faithful Christian or even to not become a Christian.

This is a poor excuse in the eyes of God. Sadly many will say "well because of my past I am not good enough". Or "I will never be perfect". This is an obvious problem with our thinking, allowing past problems to dictate today's decisions! Listen to what Paul told Timothy, **I Timothy 1:12-13 NKJV** *"And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry, although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did it ignorantly in unbelief."*

Paul clearly understood that past sinful behavior has present consequences. But those consequences if used in accordance with the word of God can bring forth a complete reliance's on God alone TODAY. Listen to how Paul concludes **I Timothy 1:14-17 NKJV** *"And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to God who alone is wise, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen."*

What will you choose? To be held down by past events, to be uncertain of the worlds future plans. Or to choose to be faithful in the present! Today you can know, believe and trust that God Almighty will never leave nor forsake the faithful obedient child of God because today counts!