

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Faithful Family

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Josiah, Wayne and Cathy, Helen Spicer, Peggy, All health care providers and especially for Scott and his family.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Tom and Deb, Chris and Christine, Steve and Abby are in Juneau.

Ladies Class: There will be a Ladies Class January 16, 2021 beginning at 11:00 AM at the church's building. All the ladies are encouraged to attend. Contact Terry Campbell for additional information!

Friday Class: There will be a Friday evening class this coming Friday January 15, 2021 beginning 6:00 PM at the building.

Directory: Please sign on to our website and check the accuracy of the data in the online directory. You can update your entry yourself or call Bill and he will do it for you.

Email and Text: Let Bill know if you are not receiving email and text from me about Bible classes.

Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: "And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord." **Ephesians 6:4 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "We have heard with our ears, O God, our fathers have told us, what work thou didst in their days, in the times of old." **Psalms 44:1 (KJV)**

This evening Paul Stone will bring a lesson on "Our Merciful God"
Attendance Last Sunday 63: Our Record: 107

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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

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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As my kids get older and my wife and I come up on 12 amazing, wonderful years of marriage there is something that rings true. That is, the more we have grown in Christ the better our marriage has become. Our commitment, faithfulness and love to one another from the first day we met to this very day has far surpassed any kind of expectation that I could have ever thought of. This is all because of God and His caring hand giving us the instruction manual on how to reap the benefits of a blessed marriage and a faithful family. I don't have to go back very far to realize that without my wife life would be very different for me. She has steadied my course, she has made what could have been very stressful situations easy. And I know that without her at home with the kids, our children would be completely different.

Last Sunday Beverly woke up early to make chili. I heard her and woke up myself. For a little while I thought, I have about 45 minutes before needing to wake up so I'll sleep. Then I realized how difficult it can be with four children to have any time to ourselves especially in the morning. So I got up and gave her a hug and kiss. Within seconds a sweet little voice called from the upstairs railing as Josie had woken up. Although our short time alone as husband and wife was a blessing it was really made sweeter by seeing our children wake up early.

A faithful family is crucial to the growth of the church. If Satan could attack anything (in which he already is) it would be the fabric of the family. The family unit is so very important to God that we do not need to look very far to see that. In Genesis 3:16 NKJV we read "To the woman He said: 'I will greatly multiply your sorrow and your conception; In pain you shall bring forth children; Your desire shall be for your husband, And he shall rule over you.'" Here we can see that there are obviously going to be struggles with having children but in God's magnificent wisdom He knew that children would bring much joy to the world.

Satan in his evil work wants the world to believe children are a burden. To believe that they are unwanted and much to difficult to love. This can't be further from the truth. In Proverbs 10:1 NKJV Solomon states "The proverbs of Solomon: A wise son makes a glad father, But a foolish son is the grief of his mother." God would have a faithful family have a wise son and not a foolish one. That is children who are wise in the Lord and faithful to their parents, not causing grief which in the KJV is heaviness that is depression. How much power a child can have over a family.

A family's
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is forever

Sermon by: Joe Murdock; Article by: Joe Murdock

That is why it is necessary that we as parents take responsibility to faithfully raising our children. In Proverbs 22:6 NKJV we read; "Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 clearly tell us that we as parents have a responsibility to our children. To train them up in the way they should go, is to put forth the effort ourselves as parents in showing that way. How easy it can be to allow someone or something to raise our children. Shame on us for allowing our children to be infected with various distractions that we as parents have allowed into their lives and ours. Proverbs 1:8-9 NKJV tells us "My son, hear the instruction of your father, And do not forsake the law of your mother; For they will be a graceful ornament on your head, And chains about your neck." We as parents raising faithful children and being a faithful family to God are not only to give instruction to our children. But we must follow the instructions as well. It is a two part epoxy. Meaning it will not stick if one part is neglected.

God Himself created the family for a special purpose. A purpose to show what the love is like between Christ and His church which was blood bought. It was through the Seed of Eve that Christ would come into this world Genesis 3:15. Christ lived a sinless life, devoted to the Father in heaven. His ascension into heaven to sit at the right hand of God only means He will be coming back to receive His bride the church. In Ephesians 5:25-27 NKJV Paul writes "Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish." The faithful family demonstrates the love, submission and obedience that Christ has.

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What a wonderful blessing it is to know that we through the divine guidance found in the Word of God can create a small taste of heaven by living as a faithful family for God. Let's continue to strive for this each and everyday. After all Psalms 19:7-9 NKJV tells us that "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."