

Schedule of Events

The next quarterly men's meeting will be held on September 11, 2022. This is the second Sunday rather than the first because of Labor Day. I will call for agenda items later this month.

Think on These Things Philippians 4:8

...as James was led to the place of martyrdom, his accuser was brought to repent of his conduct by the apostle's extraordinary courage, and fell down at his feet to request his pardon, professing himself a Christian, and resolving that James should not receive the crown of martyrdom alone. Hence they were both beheaded at the same time. (Foxe's Book of Martyrs)

How have you suffered for God?

Our Family News

Pray for / Cody and Emily Hatley, Rice', Nadine Walters, Melissa (Michael Couch's sister), Steve St. Clair, Josiah, Helen Spicer, and Peggy. **Pray for each other daily.**

Traveling/Working / Charles Nordstrom

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 / But these things have I told you, that when the time shall come, ye may remember that I told you of them. And these things I said not unto you at the beginning, because I was with you. **John 16:4 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today / Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. **Psalms 20:7 (KJV)**

AM Sermon / George Jensen

PM Sermon / George Jensen

Attendance last Sunday: 45 | For more information check our website at www.churchofchristwasilla.com

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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, Matt 10:32-33

Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16

Remain Faithful Matt 24:13, Rev 2:10, James 1:12, 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

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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

Unto Thee O Lord

By Bill Beebe

The first few verses of Psalms 25 are some of the most beautiful and moving words written by David. Read them repeatedly because they are wonderfully constructed:

Psalm 25:1-7 (KJV) Unto thee, O LORD, do I lift up my soul. ²O my God, I trust in thee: let me not be ashamed, let not mine enemies triumph over me. ³Yea, let none that wait on thee be ashamed: let them be ashamed which transgress without cause. ⁴Shew me thy ways, O LORD; teach me thy paths. ⁵Lead me in thy truth, and teach me: for thou art the God of my salvation; on thee do I wait all the day. ⁶Remember, O LORD, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; for they have been ever of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: according to thy mercy remember thou me for thy goodness' sake, O LORD.

David is emptying his very soul in this psalm to God. He tells God that he trusts Him completely and asks God to keep him from being ashamed. This is a reference to God forgiving his sins and shortcomings. I know that I have things in my past that I am ashamed of, but I also know that God has forgiven me of those things. The problem is that I cannot seem to forgive myself. David is asking God to keep him from being ashamed, to let him forget those episodes in his life where he sinned against God and the shame it caused him. Perhaps you have things in your past you would be ashamed for anyone to discover, maybe you committed adultery when you were young, maybe you stole, or lied about something to get a job. Whatever it is, rest easy. If you are a Christian and these things were done prior to your baptism, God has already forgiven and forgotten them. If they happened after your baptism, repent, and pray that God forgive them, and He will. They can no longer make you ashamed. If you are not a Christian, you can gain forgiveness by hearing the Gospel, believing it, confessing your belief in Jesus as God's son, repenting, and being baptized.

Then he asks God to keep his enemies from winning over him. David had physical enemies who wanted to kill him. Most of us today do not have that kind of enemy, but we have one that is worse. Peter described him in **1 Peter 5:8 (KJV 1900)** **Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.** It is the devil that we should be concerned about. His attacks on us are incessant, and they change over time. Jesus warned us not to submit to the devil **Matthew 10:28 (KJV 1900)** **And fear not them which kill the body but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.** We should be aware that we will be judged and those who allowed Satan to rule their lives will be cast into hell. Satan

is our real enemy today and we need to ask God to help us resist him so that he will not win over us.

Then he asks God to lead him in truth and teach him because God is his salvation. We have the perfect will of God today in the Bible. It is through consistent and serious study of God's Word that we are led today. God has given us everything we need in the written Word. It is there where we can find truth and where we can be taught to teach the God of our Salvation. How often do you read? How much time do you commit to study? Those are the only way we can ascertain what the will of God is for us today. Do not neglect this! Last week we had our VBS and the topic of study were the Be Attitudes found in **Matthew 5**. However, one of the least recognized blessings we have today is the ability to read the perfect will of God. Just think about this for a minute. You can read what the creator of the universe would like for you to do! Yet many of us neglect this...what a shame.

In verse 5b, David says "on thee do I wait all the day". Barnes explains this as "On thee do I wait That is, I rely on Thee; or I am dependent on Thee. He had no other source of reliance or dependence. All the day Continually, always. He was Really dependent upon Him at all times, and he Felt that dependence. It is always true that we are dependent upon God for everything; it is not true that we always Feel this. It was a characteristic of the piety of the psalmist that he "Did feel this..."

We should be in a comparable situation as David describes here. Our total focus should be on God, we should not have any other thing that we depend on. It should be God and God alone that is the center of our lives. He should be who we rely on in the good times as well as the troubled times. But we so often forget about God when things are good, only praying when things turn bad. Know that I have made decisions without praying to God about them, then praying earnestly for God to get me out of the mess I made myself without consulting Him first. I need to learn to 'wait' on God all the time. Perhaps you do too. As David concludes this part of **Psalm 25**, he asks God to remember the kindness that He has always held and do not remember the sins of David's youth. When God forgives, He forgets. The problem is that too often we can not forgive ourselves. We remember those sins and transgressions and they drag us down. Satan uses this to convince us that we are not good enough to be loved by God. But David concludes this section by asking God to remember him. We need that confidence too.

Let us all pray to God that He blesses us and the church in Wasilla.