

Contentment and Purpose!

We live in a country that is wealthy and even though we may be going through a hard time we are still considered some of the richest people in the world. The Bible teaches that contentment with what we have, if we are rich or poor, is an important character trait we all should work to have. Seeking after money and possessions opens us up to temptation and leads to sin.

“But godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs” (1 Timothy 6:6-10).

Putting our faith in our money or being unwilling to let it go, is a danger we all face. Much of what the Bible teaches about wealth focuses on the heart or intent of the person who has it and wants to keep it. When we place our hope and trust in money it is no longer placed in God as it should be. The Bible teaches us how we are to use the wealth we have been blessed with.

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life” (1 Timothy 6:17-19).

True treasure can only be found in God and it is a treasure that can never be taken from us. Love God with all your heart. ~ Brad Tolbert

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Assemblies

SUNDAY
Bible Study 9:30 AM
Assembly 10:30 AM
Assembly 5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY
Bible Study 6:30 PM



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“...speaking the truth in love...” Eph. 4:15

June 14, 2020

MY FAVORITE BIBLE VERSES

Jesus explained to the disciples that He spoke in parables, “...because while seeing they do not see, and while hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand” (**Matthew 13:13**). Parables were stories teaching practical lessons to those who wanted to hear and understand and to hide His message from those who were unreceptive.

The parable of the Sower (**Matt. 13:3-9, 18-23**) is one of those parables that can be very plain if we choose to accept what the Lord is saying. Jesus speaks plainly of the seed as the Word (**vs. 19**). In sowing, the seed falls on different types of soil: roadside, rocky, thorny and good. Each soil is representative of hearts who hear the Word. The outcome of that seed and growth is based on the soil. We know that the heart of people who hear the Word will determine the amount of fruit or if there will be any fruit at all.

One of the obvious lessons we need to take from this parable as children of God is the need to be about sowing the Word. I know as a young person, we were encouraged to be about evangelism, aka: sowing the Word! Is it possible that over the years the church has lost its desire to evangelize? Have we determined beforehand that the soil around us is no good, so why bother sowing the seed? Is it possible that we are looking for others to do the work, because sowing the seed is just not my thing? The church is to be about teaching a lost world about Jesus Christ and salvation through Him and Him only (**Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:6; Eph. 3:10**). Our world needs that message today!

Early in my work as a minister of the gospel, I was reclining at home on a Sunday evening, following the usual “exhaustion” of the day, but also frustrated because I was sure I had preached the gospel and I knew there were those who should have responded to the Lord’s invitation. But then I was reminded of this parable and how different hearts will respond in different ways. Our task is to teach whenever we have the opportunity. Some of that teaching will fall on deaf ears and hardened hearts. But, some of that teaching will fall on hearts anxious to grow for the Lord. We may become frustrated because we don’t see the desired response, but our task is to teach! We have no control over how people will respond to the Word. Let us concentrate more on sowing the seed, and less time worried about the result. God will give the increase (**1 Cor. 3:7**).

~P. Mowrer

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“Freedom is never more than one generation away from extinction. We didn't pass it to our children in the bloodstream. It must be fought for, protected, and handed on for them to do the same.”

Ronald Reagan



HEART-TO-HEART

Our sympathy is extended to **Marilyn Webb** on the passing of her brother, **Perry Lee Reed**. A family only graveside service will be held Saturday, June 13 at Lone Sassafras Cemetery.

Carolyn Brown remains under hospice care at *The Woods*.

Barbara Dyson is home from the Arkansas Surgical Hospital following a procedure to help relieve her back pain.

Ainsley Barnett is scheduled for oral surgery Tuesday, June 16 in El Dorado.

Jacque Davidson is scheduled for cataract surgery Thursday, June 18.

David Wilson is scheduled to see a cardiologist Friday, June 19.

Janice Wright continues to recover at home following back surgery.

The **Paragould Children's Home Change Cans for Children** are available in the foyer of the church building. They will be due back in late August.

“May we think of freedom,
not as the right to do as we
please, but as the opportunity
to do what is right”.

~ Peter Marshall

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 14 - Worship video streamed at 10:30

 *Honor our country's flag*

June 17 - Bible Time streamed on Facebook
Evening devotional streamed at 6:30

June 21 - Happy Father's Day!

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members:

Lyndell Baker... Ainsley Barnett... Linda Bates...
Tony & Judy Beard...Barbara Dyson...Our Elders...
Emma Miller...Rita Stiles...Bob & Pat Turner...
Donnie & Janice Wright

Shut-ins:

Carolyn Brown...Clara Cooper...Betty Henry...
Betty McGuire...Linda Rabb...Marie Wooten

Serving in the Military:

Adam Aylor...Corey Bryant...Donnie Collins...Noah
Draper...Tucker Koonce... Matthew May... Neil
Rampy...Keith Robinson...Christian Stepanovich...
Mathew Tannehill...Curtis Walker

SPECIAL PRAYER LIST

Charlie Barnard...Houston Berryman...Ann Bolden..
Valerie Bryant (due in Dec.)... Dona Buie... Gerald
Calhoun...Jerry Carter... Meagan Dyson (due in
Nov.)... Jeremy Ewell... LaDell Fields... Dorothy
Foster...Mike Frost...Terry Gibson...Kara Johnson
(due in Aug.)...Michelle Joseph...Jerry Lawrence...
Lavon & Betty Light...Ronnie Light...Craig Miller...
Jessie Naron (due in Oct.)...George Nickolson...
Hardy Peacock...John & Christine Riddle...Don &
& Suzette Russell... Hollie Smith... Samantha
Tannehill (due in Aug.)...Joel Thompson...Cheiree
Webb...Sue Woodward

Birthdays & Anniversaries



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| June | 20 | Josh & Jessica Pettigrew |
| | 21 | James Miller |
| | 23 | Beau & Jamie Beard |
| | 24 | Seth Baker |
| | | Jailen Miller |
| | 30 | Gwen Ellis |
| | | Reid Smith |
| July | 1 | Timothy Cook |
| | | Mamie Meier |
| | | Becky Rice |
| | | Joshua Tolbert |
| | | Olivia Wilson |
| | 5 | John Staudinger |

June Daily Bible Reading Schedule

15 Psalm 55-58
16 Psalm 59-62
17 Psalm 63-66
18 Psalm 67-69
19 Psalm 70-72
20 Psalm 73-75
21 Psalm 76-78

Card of Thanks

Church Family,
We would like to thank you for the calls, texts, and prayers during the loss of our sweet mom. Thank you also for the beautiful plant. It is truly a blessing to have a Christian family that cares so much.
Rusty & Lori

Keep Both Oars In The Water

The story is told of an old man who operated a rowboat for ferrying passengers between an island and the mainland. One day, a passenger noticed that he had painted on one oar the word **“Works”** and on the other oar **“Faith.”** Curiosity led him to ask the meaning of this. The old man replied, “I will show you.” Dropping one oar, he began rowing with only **“Works.”** The little rowboat went around in circles. Then he switched to oar **“Faith”** only and again the rowboat only went in circles — this time in the opposite direction. Then the old man picked up both oars and rowing together swiftly moved over the water. He looked at the passenger and said, “You see, that is the way it is in life, as well as in rowing a boat. You have to keep both oars in the water, otherwise you will just go in circles.”

Just like rowing a boat, faith and works are both needed to make the Christian life work. Without faith, works may be helpful to people, but they don't make you a follower of Christ. Without works, faith is sterile. *“Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead. But someone will say, ‘You have faith; I have deeds.’ Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by what I do” (Jas. 2:17-18).* ~Jim Liebelt (edited for space)
via Azalea City church of Christ, Semmes, AL

| <u>Attendance</u> | |
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| Bible Class | N/A |
| Sunday AM Worship | N/A |
| Sunday PM Worship | N/A |
| Wed. Evening | N/A |
| Contribution | N/A |

| <u>Schedule of Volunteers for Communion to Shut-in</u> |
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| <u>MISSIONARIES</u> |
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| Truth for Today |
| In Search of the Lords' Way |
| Ghana Radio |

| <u>NURSERY</u> |
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| <u>Communion Preparation</u> |
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| <u>Ladies June Duties</u> |
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| Cards: Shirley Fisackerly |
| Food: Carolyn A & Sara N |
| Pens & Cards: |