

**SUNDAY MORNING**

**Announcements**  
Clay Morris

**Song Leader**  
Jack Calvert

**Lord's Supper**  
Daniel Allgor, Bill Rinehart,  
Alec Capel

**Prayers**  
Cole Meador, Jerry Schnelle

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**WEDNESDAY EVENING**

**Announcements**  
Randy Ellis

**Song Leader**  
Daniel Allgor

**Prayers**  
Joseph Barry, Alec Capel

**Invitation**  
Clay Morris

**ABOUT US**

**Elders**  
Jack Calvert    Rodney Ellis

**Deacons**  
Jon Barry      Mike Davis  
Clay Morris

**Evangelist**  
Bryan Garlock

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**SERVICE TIMES**

**Sunday**  
Bible Study .....9:30 A.M.  
Worship .....10:15 A.M.

**Monday (Zoom)**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M

**Wednesday**  
Bible Study .....7:00 P.M.

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God's Word commands us to train our children in the "discipline and instruction of the Lord" (Ephesians 6:4), and to show our love for them by supplying appropriate discipline (Proverbs 13:24). Common sense, our own experiences, and even the statistics show us that God's way is the right way. Think!

**GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION**

**Hear** the word of truth ..... Romans 10:13-17

**Believe** the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

**Repent** from all sins .... Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

**Confess** the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Romans 10:9-10

**Be Baptized** in His name ..... Mark 16:16; 1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

**Walk** in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death ..... Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10



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**A Different Point of View**  
**Dan Gulley**

Mark 2:1-5 tells about the unorthodox efforts of four unnamed heroes who used faith and works to get a hurting friend to Jesus. Hearing that Jesus was in a house in Capernaum, four men sought to bring a paralytic to Jesus on a bed. Finding the house full of people and their way to Jesus blocked, they uncovered the roof where He was.

"And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven.'"

This incident reminds us that faith brings a different point of view in getting lost people to Jesus. Four men

who believed Jesus could make a profound difference in the life of their paralyzed friend refused to give up when they found the way to Jesus crowded and impossible to pass. What to do? Faithless, negative thinking would have said nothing could be done and there were simply too many obstacles. But one of them lifted his eyes and expressed a different point of view: "We can get on top of the house, tear the roof off and lower him down to Jesus." Faith helped them have a different point of view! As a result, the paralyzed man went home with a newly healed body and a freshly cleansed soul.

Many Christians could use a different point of view. The devil has convinced some in the church that our

## FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Francine Davis, Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen,* and *Pete Rowland.*

***“If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.”***

(1 Corinthians 12.26)

job as Christians is to come and sit and listen. But the proper evangelistic mentality is summed up in the words of Acts 5:20 — "Go ... stand ... speak!"

Some insist nobody they know is interested in God, but Jesus calls us to a different point of view. He says "the harvest is plentiful" (Matt. 9:37) and "lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest" (John 4:35). Could it be many people are being kept from getting to Jesus because negative, faithless thinking is keeping us from getting to them? Faith can help us uncover the roof and see past what we alone can do to what we

can do with God's help. Has faith changed your point of view?

### **Artificial Stimulants in Worship Jonathan Perz**

Would you be satisfied with the simple worship of the first century saints? What do you require to feel like you are truly worshiping God? I am afraid too many today have become addicted to artificial stimulants in their worship to make them "feel" closer to God.

I have been told by some that they preferred rock type music in their worship. For others, a praise band or a choir or a church organ makes their worship much more "spiritual" and "uplifting." Others feel that the silent periods of "traditional" worship period leave too much "down" time. Others desire that the Lord's Supper be observed and prayers be offered with some type of music going on in the background. Still others need special lighting, highly emotional or entertaining speakers, cushioned stadium seating, more age-segregated type activities, etc. Many need dramas, and "programs," emotionalism and spontaneity to find worship "engaging" enough for them. Some demand interactivity and technology, air-conditioning and a fancy church building. Others need hand-

clapping, hand-raising and bodies swaying or dancing to feel closer to God. On and on the list goes.

If it takes artificial stimulants like these to make you feel like you are worshiping God, then I wonder what your worship would have felt like under first century circumstances where there is no biblical evidence that these were used in worship.

Something to think about.

### **Church or Social Club? David McPherson**

The church is not a social club. The church was purchased with the blood of Christ (Acts 20:28). The Son of God did not die for a social organization, but for a "spiritual house" (1 Peter 2:5). We are not a glorified social center in competition with country clubs and the YMCA. We are the church. We worship God "in spirit and in truth" (John 4:24), not in food, fun, and frolic.

Let the YMCA be the YMCA. Let the Country Club be the Country Club. Let the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts be the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. And please, let the church be the church!

### **Teaching Our Kids the Things That Are Most Important Greg Gwin**

A survey by the University of Michigan (reported in USA Today) studied traits that mothers think are important to instill in their children. These values were contrasted from 1924 to recent times. Here are the results:

1924 — Independence (24%); Tolerance (6%); Loyalty to church (50%); Strict obedience (45%)

Today — Independence (75%); Tolerance (47%); Loyalty to church (22%); Strict obedience (17%)

The results of this survey, while not terribly surprising, are still quite disturbing. In 1924 children were taught to respect authority — that's what 'loyalty to church' and 'strict obedience' are all about. Today's parents have decided that independence ('do your own thing') and tolerance ('never criticize anyone else') are by far the most important things. Any wonder then that crime rates are soaring; drug and alcohol abuse are at all-time highs; moral values are nearly non-existent?