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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, June 1, 2008

BIBLE STUDY. 10 a.m.
"Gospel of Luke"

MORNING WORSHIP. 11 a.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

EVENING SERVICE. 6 p.m.
Speaker: Dan Austin

WEDNESDAY MEETING. 7 p.m.
"The Parables of Jesus"

This psalm encourages us to hope and trust in God, and his power and providence and gracious presence with his church in the worst of times, and directs us to give Him the glory of what He has done for us and what He will do...

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.
The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.
He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
He burns the chariots with fire.
"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah

News & Notes

Welcome Visitors. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we welcome you.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel who are overseas--**Logan Harper, Earnest Peeples** and **Sam Barton** and for their families.

This will be **Doris Harmon's** last Sunday with us. We pray she will have a safe journey to her new home. **Doris' new address:**
5650 Boone Ave., N
New Hope, MN, 55428

Our first **Women's Bible Study** for 2008 will be held on Tuesday, June 10, from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Women of all ages are welcome! Please see Meredith or Paulette for additional information.

Did you know? If you are going to be out of town or if you have news to share, you can **email us at nsd@san.rr.com.**

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ALL THE TACT OF A SHERMAN TANK



Tact is defined by Webster as "the ability to appreciate the delicacy of a situation and to do or say the kindest or most fitting thing." Considering the impact words have on us, tact is something that we could all use more of. Solomon wrote in the tenth chapter of Proverbs, *"The tongue of the righteous is choice silver; the heart of the wicked worth little."* (v 20)

"Pleasant words are like a honeycomb, sweetness to the soul and health to the bones." (Prov. 16:24)

Inasmuch as the tongue reveals what fills the heart, and we should be concerned about what our speech says about us, there should be a desire to have our words likened to a honeycomb. Employ tact. Realize that there is a diplomatic way of correcting and instructing, even in the most delicate situations. Sadly, there are some who take great pride in their bluntness. Displaying all the tact of a Sherman tank. Letting it fly, without considering the residual fallout. One only needs to consider the meaning of the word blunt to comprehend the power behind it. Blunt means, "dull, slow to understand, abrupt and lacking feeling." Bluntness cuts both ways, doesn't it?

Pay close attention to the great amount of wisdom seen in the following two passages of Scripture.

"Do you see a man hasty in his words? There is more hope for the fool than for him." (Prov. 29:20)

"So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath." (James 1:19)

Both Solomon and James understood the need for the individual to put some time into the way in which to communicate with others. In this age of instant access to communication modes, it is abundantly clear that oft times we are guilty of not only putting our foot into our mouth, but biting down!

Tact does not mean compromise. Moreover it suggest that when a situation arises when a firm stance needs to be taken, it can be done with the proper attitude. Recognizing that one's soul salvation could very well be at stake. What we say, as well as how we say it, says an awful lot about who we are. With our words we can soothe and correct or inflame and alienate, the choice is ours. *"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building up others according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen."* (Eph. 4:29)

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