



NSD

NEWSLETTER

Sunday, September 21, 2008

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

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

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
"The Parables of Jesus"

... *singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs with thankfulness in your hearts to God.* Col 3:16

Give ear, O my people, to my law;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,
Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
We will not hide them from their children,
Telling to the generation to come
the praises of the LORD,
And His strength and His wonderful works
that He has done.
For He established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers,
That they should make them known to their children;
That the generation to come might know them,
The children who would be born,
That they may arise and declare them to their children,
That they may set their hope in God,
And not forget the works of God

Psalm 78:1-7

News & Notes

Welcome Visitors. If you are a visitor in our congregation today we would like to welcome you and hope you will stay for a while after service so we can get to know you.

Please continue to pray for our military personnel overseas--**Sam Barton**--and for his family.

Other Prayer Reminders:

- **Dema Franklin** – suffering from excruciating headaches.
- **Martha Holloway** – health problems
- Benjamin Hoskins (**Daniel's** dad) – health problems
- Chuck (**Ken Holloway's** brother) – health problems

The spacious firmament on high
With all the blue ethereal sky
And spangled heav'ns a shining frame
Their great original proclaim
Th' unwearied sun from day to day
Does his creator's pow'r display
And publishes to ev'ry land
The work of an almighty hand

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where the Bible is the source of faith, where Jesus is Lord, where Christianity is a way of life!

REMEMBER

Gene Taylor

In his final epistle, written near the end of his life, the apostle Peter told his fellow brethren, "For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you." (2 **Pet. 1:12-13**).

Reminders are good things. The older I get, the more I appreciate them. Like so many others, my memory is not what it used to be so it is good to be reminded of doctors' appointments, my wedding anniversary, my wife's birthday, etc.

Often it is good for us to be reminded of some basic things in relation to our spiritual life. These things are very fundamental. All who are Christians know them. Yet, it is good to be reminded of them from time to time so that we might always remember them.

Remember Who You Are

The apostle John wrote, "See how great a love the Father has bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; and such we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not appeared as yet what we shall be. We know that, when He appears, we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him just as He is." (1 **John 3:1-2**). It is good for Christians to remember at all times that they are children of God. Christianity is not something that is donned on Sundays or when around other Christians. It is who we are 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Our conduct should reflect that fact.

In **John 8:44**, Jesus told the Jews of His day that they were children of the devil because it was his will they desired to do. Conversely, if we are going to be children of God, we must desire to do His will in our lives. It is something we need to remember constantly.

Remember Why You Are Here

Sometimes, even though we might have the best of intentions, we get caught up in the ideas of the world around us and worldly things seem important to us. We give priority to our education, our job, our possessions, etc., instead of remembering what life is really about. No better statement of the purpose of life can be found than that which Solomon wrote in **Ecclesiastes 12:13**, "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: fear God and keep His commandments, for this is man's all." Let us never lose sight of the purpose of our existence. Let us not be distracted by the world and its enticements. Let us be firmly resolved to remember that "our all" is to live lives that honor and glorify our God. Let us never lose sight of that fact.

Remember Why You Worship

Jesus reminded the Samaritan woman at the well that, "God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth." We should always remind ourselves that worship is directed to God. Sometimes, some who claim to be Christians are dissatisfied with worship or even stay away because it was not done in the way in which they desired or by whom they wanted. Somehow some of us have gotten the idea that for worship to be what it should be that it has to be done to please us. In reality, is that not worship of self rather than worship of God?

Self is never to be the focus of worship. **Hebrews 10:24-25** says we assemble to worship God and to "...consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another..." As we worship, we should be thinking of God and others, not of self. Remember the purpose of worship.