



**NSD**

# NEWSLETTER

**Sunday, June 22, 2008**

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

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

**EVENING SERVICE**. . . . . 6 p.m.  
Great Expectations #8  
Dan Austin

**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*

## Psalm 1

Blessed is the man  
Who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly,  
Nor stands in the path of sinners,  
Nor sits in the seat of the scornful;  
But his delight is in the law of the LORD,  
And in His law he meditates day and night.  
He shall be like a tree  
Planted by the rivers of water,  
That brings forth its fruit in its season,  
Whose leaf also shall not wither;  
And whatever he does shall prosper.  
The ungodly are not so,  
But are like the chaff  
which the wind drives away.  
Therefore the ungodly  
shall not stand in the judgment,  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.  
For the LORD knows  
the way of the righteous,  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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## News & Notes

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

Please pray for our members who are travelling: **Jun** and **Gloria Ongsioco** are in Colorado this weekend and the **Fredrickson** and **De Leon** families are on an Alaskan cruise.

Also pray for our members (and their family) who are sick or recovering: **Samantha Wilson's** son Jonathan, **Darcy Austin**, **Dema Franklin** and **Martha Holloway**.

And don't forget our military members and their families: **Sam Barton**, **Logan Harper**, and **Earnest Peeples**.

While on the sea hear the terrible roaring  
See how the boat of my life rolls with me  
In fear of death and in deepest of anguish  
Lord, hear my prayer, watch my soul on the sea

Ukrainian Poem

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# Maintaining Our Spiritual Appetite

## Part 1

David A. Cox

The Christian's life is to be a life that is one of growth and development. Peter writes to Christians and exhorts them to "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ*" (2 Peter 3:18). However, this is far too often not the case among Christians. After obeying the gospel they lose their fervor, zeal and thirst for spiritual things and they are replaced with lives that are so busy and filled with many pressing physical concerns. This is a serious problem. How can Christians guard against being overcome with the physical and have an insatiable appetite for spiritual things?

**Have An Understanding of the Physical and Spiritual.** The problem of not having a good and proper understanding of the physical and spiritual things is detrimental to a Christian's growth. Many see life in the realm of the physical. But physical things are here for our proper use and enjoyment. They are not to be the end of all things in this life. John warns Christians not to love this world. "*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever*" (1 John 2:15-17). The world is passing away and the things of this physical life will one day be all gone, but the spiritual things which are seen by faith are the things that will endure (2 Corinthians 4:16-5:2). So let us understand the necessity of feeding upon the spiritual things.

**The Necessity of Minding Spiritual Things.** In Romans 8:5 Paul writes, "*For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit the things of the spirit.*"

Paul is making it clear that our devotion to the physical, fleshly enticements will end in death. We must give our devotion to the things of the spirit and live a life focused on God and obeying Him. What can we do to maintain our appetite for spiritual things?

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