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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, February 24, 2008

BIBLE STUDY..... 10 a.m.
“Gospel of Luke”

MORNING WORSHIP..... 11 a.m.
“Be Anxious for Nothing”
Ron Adams

EVENING SERVICE.... 6 p.m.
Song Service

WEDNESDAY MEETING..... 7 p.m.
“Remember”

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

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.

Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
Psalm 37:3-4 (ESV)

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
will abide in the shadow of the Almighty.
I will say to the LORD, "My refuge and my fortress,
my God, in whom I trust."
Psalm 91:1-2 (ESV)

News & Notes

Doris Harmon is traveling this weekend.

The theme for **tonight's song service** is "God." You may want to keep this theme in mind when making your song requests.

There are still a few **2008 Member Directories** on the back table. Each one is labeled with the family last name for your convenience. Let Robyn Hamilton know if you need a binder.

March Birthdays

3 Ricardo DeLeon
12 Martha Holloway
29 David Covalt
30 Mark Harris

Praise God,
ye heav'nly host above;
Praise Him all creatures of His love;
Praise him each morning,
noon and night
with sweet
delight.
Amen.

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Making the World A Better Place

Part I

by David Thurman

We are not going to change the world in great gulps, convincing millions to change. We are going to change the world one heart at a time. What makes the world a better place is a renewed heart in each person. Only as each person surrenders to God through Christ can our world get better. In Christ we can finally start living the right kind of life. When we do that, when we start making righteousness (doing right) our priority, the world around us will become a better place. Our task then is not to work on society, but to work on individuals, starting with ourselves. So, Paul will give us details on how to make our society better.

Be Honest

"Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one of you, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another" (Eph. 4:25). Paul starts with the most basic point. If we are to live in a better world, each of us must learn to be honest. Admittedly, we live in a world that does not believe in the honor or integrity of others. We don't trust our politicians, expecting them to do what it takes to win. We hear celebrities telling tall tales and we laugh at them. The sad fact is, honesty is in short supply.

For those of us who are Christians, we must take a renewed stand to be people of integrity. As James tells us, *"let your yes be yes, and your no, no; so that you may not fall under judgment"* (James 5:12). If we make a commitment, we should honor it. If we incur a debt, we should pay it. You can change your world, and it starts with you treating everyone honestly.

Deal with Emotions

"Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity" (Eph. 4:26-27). Paul does not say "don't ever get angry." He says we will have strong emotions (like anger). When we have those moments of intense passion, Satan will be there to try to seduce us into sin. So, we must be honest about our emotions, admitting that we are angry, for instance. And, we must not allow our emotions to become an excuse to sin. Think about our world. Where I live we have frequent instances of road rage. These are people who let the aggravations of city driving get to them. In their anger, these people are reckless, in some cases causing death. That is our world and intense emotions.

You can see how our world would be better if you and I took charge of our emotions. If we can allow our feelings to happen ("be angry") and not sin, the world all around us will be different. So, whether it is your anger, your impatience, your discouragement, let it happen, admit it and don't give Satan an opportunity to work in your heart.

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