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NEWSLETTER

Sunday, June 29, 2008

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

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

EVENING SERVICE. 6 p.m.
Spiritual Songs & Psalms

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

Praise the LORD!
Praise the LORD from the heavens;
Praise Him in the heights!

Praise Him, all His angels;
Praise Him, all His hosts!

Praise Him, sun and moon;
Praise Him, all you stars of light!

Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,
And you waters above the heavens!

Let them praise the name of the LORD,
For He commanded
And they were created.

**Psalm 148:1-5
NKJV**

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 continue to pray for our deployed military members and their families: **Sam Barton, Logan Harper, Matt Wells** and **Earnest Peoples.**

Remember to pray for the **Fredricksons** and **De Leons** who are travelling and for **Darcy Austin** who is recovering from foot surgery.

July Member Birthdays

12th - Meredith Hoskins
13th - Danielle Austin
Darcy Austin

Christ we do all adore thee
And we do praise thee forever

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And we do praise thee forever

For on the holy cross hast thou
The world from sin redeemed

Christ we do all adore thee
And we do praise thee forever

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

Maintaining Our Spiritual Appetite

Part 2

David A. Cox

In Part 1 last week, the author stated that we can guard against being overcome with physical concerns by having a proper understanding of the physical and spiritual and the necessity of devoting ourselves to spiritual things. This week the author outlines 5 ways that we can maintain our appetite for spiritual things.

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?

Read the Bible. This does not mean just reading to cover the book. Rather, it is reading in such a way to understand the context and the meaning of what we are reading (1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11). This involves consistent study and will take some effort.

Pray. Ask God for wisdom in applying the knowledge you have gleaned from His Word. Ask for courage to stand for what is right, in whatever opposition you might face. Talk with the Lord in prayer daily and cast your cares upon Him. To be spiritually minded we must talk to the Lord daily in prayer. James says, "The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). One thing that is accomplished through prayer is a recognition of God, who He is, and who we are.

Sing. The lifting of one's voice to praise and exalt the name of God helps to bring one closer to God. James says, "Is any merry let him sing" (James 5:16). The thoughts of the song and the truths that are taught help our minds to be focused on the things that are above and keeps our spiritual appetite keen.

Spend Time With Other Christians. Hebrews 10:25 teaches that Christians should not forsake the assembling together with the church, but the Hebrew writer also stresses the value spiritually the assemblies have in our being together. "Let us hold fast the profession of our faith.. .let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works... exhorting one another, and so much the more as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:23-25). Assembling with other Christians at every opportunity builds us up spiritually and increases our spiritual appetite. Yes, spending time together, whether in or out of the assemblies, is important. Much is said in the scriptures about hospitality. Why? Because of its value to us spiritually. Let us never think lightly of times for us to gather together as just something to take or leave. Let us see in these opportunities the opportunity for growth and spiritual strengthen of ourselves and others. Let us use these times to encourage ourselves and others to greater spiritual work.

Work To Serve Others. We must always remember the work of service. Jesus came to serve, not to be served (Matthew 20:28). Let us remember that in order to grow spiritually and to become more Christ like, we will be servants. As Peter described Jesus to those gathered at Cornelius' house he said, "He went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). Dorcas was a faithful Christian who died and was remembered for the good deeds and works of service she did while she was living (Acts 9:36,39). Many others in the New Testament could be cited for the serving they did to others. This follows the example of Christ. The Hebrew writer reminds us to run the race of life "looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). When we look to Jesus we see His service to others, His compassion for others and His love for others. This will help us to be more like Christ and will help keep our spiritual appetite strong.

Peter reminds the Christians he writes to lay aside evil and ungodly practices and then says, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby" (1 Peter 2:2). May we work with all diligence to grow and desire the influence of God's word in our life. Let us do the things that will draw us closer to God and closer to heaven.

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