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NEWSLETTER

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20, 2008

- BIBLE STUDY**..... 10 a.m.
"Gospel of Luke"
- MORNING WORSHIP**..... 11 a.m.
"Aim High"
Ron Adams
- EVENING SERVICE**..... 6 p.m.
"TBA"
Dan Austin
- WEDNESDAY MEETING**..... 7 p.m.
"Moment of Decision"

News & Notes

The annual **congregational meeting** will be held today, Sunday, January 20, 2008, at the conclusion of the morning service. At that time the elders will give a review of last year, the current status, and plans for this year; and the matter of Robyn Hamilton being considered to become one of the elders.

The **audio-visual equipment** has arrived and is partially installed. The remainder should be in place soon.

Song requests for next Sunday evening's singing need to be given to the song leaders *this week*. This will give the leaders a chance to be prepared and afford a more orderly service.

Updating member pages for the personal MEMBER DIRECTORIES. Please check your page in the folder on the back cabinet. Make any changes and initial the page.

My Resolutions

**to consider the possibility that
I may be wrong--**

**to be willing to admit I am wrong--
to be humble if I am right, and not gloat.**

*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous
to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from
all unrighteousness.*

1 John 1:9

*Before destruction the heart of man is haughty,
but humility goes before honor.*

Proverbs 18:12



**not to be a sore loser--
not to be a arrogant winner.**

*"Have I rejoiced at the extinction of my enemy, or
exulted when evil befell him? No, I have not
allowed my mouth to sin by asking
for his life in a curse."*

Job 31:29-30

*Pride goes before destruction, and a
haughty spirit before stumbling.*

Proverbs 16:18



**to consider others' interests
as well as my own.**

*Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit,
but with humility of mind regard one another
as more important than yourselves; do not
merely look out for your own personal
interests, but also for the interests of
others. Have this attitude in
yourselves which was
also in Christ Jesus.*

Philippians 2:3-5

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The Perspective of Trust

DAN CHANEY

Isn't it amazing how two people can view the same situation and see it completely different? What that suggests is that our biases and beliefs influence the way we see things. It's the age-old question of whether the glass is half empty or half full.

Read the story of Joshua and Caleb in Numbers 13-14. The Lord commanded Moses to send spies into Canaan; that group included Joshua and Caleb. They were to bring back information concerning the condition of the land, its fruit, and its people.

All the spies agreed on what they saw; the land flowed with milk and honey as suggested and the people were strong and of great size. Joshua and Caleb were different from the others because they saw that the land could be entered. Caleb said, "*We should by all means go up and take possession of it, for we shall surely overcome it*" (Numbers 13:30). The other spies disagreed. They gave a bad report, saying that they would not be able to enter the land.

Upon hearing their report the people rebelled. Even after Joshua and Caleb reassured them of the land's goodness and God's willingness to give it to them, the people were still unwilling to enter the land. They even suggested stoning Moses and the others.

These people were a stone's throw away from the land God had promised to them. They missed their opportunity and privilege of entering into it. Why? They were unable to trust in God as they should have. After God pronounced their punishment, some tried to enter the land on their own. Without God as their help they were slaughtered by the Amalekites and Canaanites.

The other spies saw the same thing as Joshua and Caleb; so why the difference in their actions? Joshua and Caleb trusted in the Lord and His willingness to aid them. They remembered God and His faithfulness to deliver what He promised. They were not afraid to put all of their hope and trust into God's hands.

The other spies failed to do that. They let their own thoughts and opinions cloud their perspectives and eventually paid the price for their lack of trust. "*Even those men who brought*

out the very bad report of the land died by a plague before the Lord" (Numbers 14:37).

Our perspectives are clouded by biases, opinions, and beliefs. The other spies didn't really see the same thing as Joshua and Caleb. They didn't see that they should trust in God, and they left God out of their evaluation of the situation. How you perceive your need to trust in the Lord will affect the way you serve Him. If we don't have a true understanding of our need to trust, we'll be in the same situation as these people—we will not trust God as we should, and we will fail in our service to Him.

"*Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding*" (Proverbs 3:5).

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MISCELLANEOUS THOUGHTS

Knowledge Is Not an End in Itself

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life. And we have believed and have come to know that You are the Holy One of God." (John 6:68-69)

The Truth Shall Make You Free

Jesus therefore was saying to those Jews who had believed Him, "If you abide in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine; and you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." (John 8:31-32)

The Just Live by Faith

For if we go on sinning willfully after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins. (Hebrews 10:26)

Knowledge Is to Be Put Into Practice

The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things; and the God of peace shall be with you. (Philippians 4:9)

The Perfect Church

Anyone seeking to have a part in a perfect church (if there were such a thing) should first check to see if he is qualified.