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Announcements
Clay Morris

Song Leader
Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper
Jon Barry Cory Easley
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WEDNESDAY

Announcements
Mark Davis

Song Leader
Cory Easley

Prayers
Bill Brittenham Mike Davis

Invitation
Bryan Garlock

ABOUT US

Elders
Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons
Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist
Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday
Bible Study9:30 A.M.
Worship10:15 A.M.
Worship6:00 P.M.

Wednesday
Bible Study7:00 P.M.

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SALVATION

Hear the word of truth Romans 10:13-17

Believe the truth..... Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24

Repent from all sins Luke 13:3; Acts 2:38

Confess the name of Christ ... Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:35-30

Be Baptized in His name Mark 16:16;
1 Peter 3:21; Colossians 2:12

Walk in newness of life and **be faithful** unto death Romans 6:1-4; Revelation 2:10

Think On These Things

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Submitting to One Another

Bryan Garlock

Paul instructed the Ephesians to submit “to one another out of reverence for Christ” (Eph. 5.21). Interestingly, this is right before his discussion of the church’s submission to Christ, wives’ submission to husbands, children’s submission to parents and servants’ submission to masters (see 5.22-6.9).

Notice that our submission to one another is governed by our reverence – love and fear – for our King Jesus. Thus, as we submit to Christ, we will submit to those who are over us in any capacity. However, submitting to each other is not a one-way street. When those in authority – Christ, husbands, parents, masters – submit to Jesus, they will treat those under their rule with care and love, seeking their best interest. Like Jesus, they will be benevolent leaders. This is how those in authority submit to those who have no authority. Even the president serves the people – in theory.

Another way we submit to one another is through praying for one another, holding one another accountable to Christ, bearing one another’s burdens, treating one another properly, and seeking to serve one another no matter the sacrifice required.

To submit to one another demands that we revere Christ and set aside anything that hinders full submission, such as selfish ambition, jealousy, personalities, pettiness, or arrogance. Since love does not insist on its own way nor demand its own rights to be met (cf. 1 Cor. 13.5, etc.), love is the underlying factor in enjoying the peace that comes with following God’s wisdom. Remember, Christ is our Master and we are all His slaves – what rights do slaves have? BG

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins: **Willie Margaret Mobley, Bob Buls, Bonnie Allgor, Lahron McJunkins, Maxine Burnham, and Francine Davis.** Cards, calls and visits are ALWAYS needed and appreciated.

Please continue to keep **Jennie Garlock's** grandmother and **Maggie Barry's** mother in your prayers.

There will be a **Gospel Meeting** in **Haynesville, LA** at the **Woodland** church, **Oct. 7-10** with **Shawn Jeffies.**

Worship

Why should we worship God?

If we truly understand who He is, worship is the natural reaction to who God is.

And because of this knowledge of who He is we will diligently seek to please Him the way He wants.

Remember, God said, "I will be glorified." (Lev. 10:3; Isa. 49:3; Ezek. 282; Hag. 1:8)

And, "It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God." (Heb. 10:31)

The Advancement of the Gospel

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Paul wrote, "I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear. Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice." (Phil. 1.12-18)

Here we learn that Paul was imprisoned for proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ. However, instead of complaining, fighting back, giving up, or allowing bitterness to fill his heart, his perspective was that everything that happened to him advanced the gospel message! In fact, even though he suffered greatly, Paul gained confidence in the Lord because the good news about Jesus Christ went forth – though he was imprisoned, his message was not.

Even when it was made known to him that some envious preachers were competitively working against him, he did not complain, he did not fight back, he did not give up, nor did he allow bitterness to fill his heart. Instead, he rejoiced and praised God that Jesus was being preached.

This ought to cause us to pause and consider the following questions: "Could it be that what I am currently going through is to advance the gospel?" "Could it be that my actions and attitude throughout this difficult time determine whether the gospel is advanced?"

What a humbling thought that God is using our lives to teach people about Jesus. Lord willing, we will keep this perspective in mind the next time we face the sorrows and afflictions of this life. BG

"I Will Pray for You."

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How many times have you been talking to someone about something they are struggling with and you say, "I will pray for you." Did you? How many times have you broken your word? How many prayers did you neglect to pray? Have you ever said, "I am praying for you," when in fact you are not? Did you realize this is a lie?

While these sins may not be intentional, it would do us well to be aware of how easy it is to say something in the moment without a clear plan. One way we can avoid these sins is to utilize a daily prayer list. Once we learn of someone in need of prayer, add them to the list and take their name before the Father. Another way that is not often practiced but would be beneficial to both parties is to learn of the need and immediately pray together. While we may not be accustomed to doing that, going to God's throne of grace and mercy together will encourage one another

greatly. What better way to encourage someone than to pray with them!

When our brethren solicit prayers on their behalf and we promise to pray for them, do we carry through? Let us always strive to be faithful in our prayer life and faithful to our word to say the prayers we promise to pray. Perhaps, then, God will answer our prayers. BG

In Luke 18, Jesus explains His parable of the sower. The seed is the Word of God, His power unto salvation. The other ingredient in this recipe is a human heart. Jesus illustrates that hearts differ. Some are resistant, some are shallow and others are good.

The seed is constant, always good and fertile. It is God's contribution to the recipe.

The heart is what we supply.

The success or failure of the recipe does not vary with God's seed. When it is supplied, the outcome will be success or failure based only on the condition of the heart.

A good heart and the good seed will produce a harvest.

Do you have a good and honest heart?