

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

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Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Jon Barry Cory Easley
Hayden Ellis Cole Meador

Prayers

Bill Brittenham Hunter Byrd

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WEDNESDAY

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Mark Davis

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Cory Easley

Prayers

Joseph Barry Jerry Schnelle

Invitation

Clay Morris

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Dave Massey

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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What Is Wise for Kings, Is Wise for Christians

Bryan Garlock

Those who love God will pay attention to the kings of the Bible. We can learn from the arrogance, jealousy, and rebellion of Saul, David's humility and his desire to seek God, and the wisdom and foolishness of Solomon. We can learn from King Asa who did what was right in the eyes of the Lord and King Josiah who turned to the Lord with all his heart. We can learn how King Jeroboam influenced Israel to sin and how King Omri did what was evil in the sight of the Lord and did more evil than all who were before him. In fact, there are forty-one kings between Israel and Judah that the diligent Bible student can compare to God's wisdom.

There are many warnings and instructions given for the kings of Israel. Interestingly, what is wise for God-ordained kings, is also wise for Christians.

Read Deuteronomy 17.14-20. God knew that His people would one day demand a

king for themselves to govern them like all the other nations (see 1 Sam. 8). Consequently, God made provisions in the law for the time when a king would be appointed. We see that kings were to neither acquire many wives nor excessive horses, silver, and gold, for these things would cause their heart to be turned away from God. Note, too, that kings were to write the law in their own handwriting and read it all the days of their lives. Consider that if we exercise the same care they did, we could internalize the Scriptures far more quickly by transcribing them.

Read Proverbs 16.10-15. The kings of Israel were not to sin in their judgment by perverting justice nor to do evil – which is an abomination – for their throne was established by righteousness. Consequently, when Israel was ruled by steadfast love and faithfulness, the king was preserved and his throne was upheld

FAMILY TALK

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

Joey Avance has been running a fever for some time. Please keep him in your prayers.

Beth Ellen Rowland had successful surgery in Little Rock.

Bonnie Allgor had several medical procedures this week. Please remember her in your prayers.

Bob Buls fell last Sunday. Thankfully he didn't break anything.

The **Potts'** grandson, **Gage**, was in an automobile accident. He has a broken ankle and some bruising.

Tara Stinson's father, **Dennis Sandlin**, had another heart attack. He is home now.

Maggie Barry's mother had surgery and is now in rehab.

Please check the bulletin board in the foyer. Posted are new addresses for **Linda Martin** and the **Meadors**. Also posted is **Kingsley Cummings** new address. Please drop him a note of encouragement.

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(see Prov. 20.28). A wise king who ruled with love hated wickedness and delighted in those who spoke what is right and, by extension, did what was right. Finally, we are reminded of the wrath and favor of a king. A wise king following a wise God would be angry with those who did evil and find favor with those who worked righteous.

Read Proverbs 31.1-9. Israel's kings were to keep themselves from forbidden women because they would weaken them and lead them away from ruling with God's wisdom (cf. Prov. 2.16-19; 5.3-6, 18-23; 6.24-29; 7.5-27). Next, they were to avoid wine and strong drink in order to make sound decisions and righteous judgments. If insobriety could affect their rule, how much more does the Christian need to abstain from such mind-controlling substances? As a matter of fact, it is inconsistent with godly wisdom for the Christian to advocate the use of wine and strong drink! Finally, kings were to judge the rich and the poor fairly and impartially; only then would their kingdom be successful (cf. Prov. 29.14).

While these were commandments and instructions for Israel's kings, the principles are applicable to the Christian. After all, if it is good counsel for a king appointed by God, it is good for the child of God. In our service to God, let us pattern ourselves after the king of Kings who embodies all of this wisdom. BG

After our Gospel Meeting, the Adult Class will study The Parables of Jesus. Different men will be teaching the various lessons. The schedule is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Several slots are available.

How Can I know I Am a Child of God?

Bryan Garlock

"The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God." (Rom. 8.16)

The purpose of the Holy Spirit was to reveal God's mind to us (1 Cor. 2.6ff). Thus, the Spirit revealed how one would become a child of God and how he would maintain his inheritance as a child. This knowledge is necessary to understanding how the Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

"For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Rom. 8.14)

This means that the Spirit's role in being a witness of our salvation is not in some "salvation experience" that is different for each person, but in whether we obeyed the Spirit's teachings. Can we have assurance that we are children of God? Have we submitted to what the Spirit has revealed? If so, the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

What if we have done something to be saved that the Spirit never revealed? Then He cannot himself bear witness with our spirit that we children of God, because we were not led by the Spirit of God in becoming His children.

How, then, do we become sons of God? Paul wrote, "For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on

Christ." (Gal. 3.26-27) Elsewhere we learn the purpose of baptism into Christ: for salvation (Mark 16.16), for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2.38), and to be added to the body of Christ (Acts 2.41, 47; 1 Cor. 12.13). Have you in faith been baptized into Christ for the forgiveness of sins? If not, the Spirit is not able to bear witness with your spirit that you are a child of God because you have not been led by the Spirit's teachings.

How do we maintain fellowship with God? The Spirit revealed that we are to bear his fruit in our lives (Gal. 5.22-23). If we have obeyed the teachings of the Spirit to become a child of God, are we bearing the fruit of the Spirit? Then the Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are in fact children of God. We can have confidence that we are saved because we are following the Bible which was revealed by the Spirit for our learning and for us to obey. BG

GOSPEL MEETING

Gary Henry will be here for our Fall Gospel Meeting September 9-12.

Please see **Bryan** if you can volunteer your time to pass out fliers for the meeting.

Also, remember to sign the **Meal List** if you would like to have a meal with the preacher.

We also need as much help as possible from **the younger members and families** in preparing for the meeting.