

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Randy Ellis

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Lord's Supper

Bill Brittenham Cole Meador

Rodney Ellis

Prayers

Bill Rinehart Mark Davis

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements

Daniel Allgor

Song Leader

Clay Morris

Prayers

Bryan Garlock Randy Ellis

Invitation

Bill Brittenham

"I love You, O Lord, my strength." The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer, My God, my rock, in whom I take refuge; My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold. I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, And I am saved from my enemies. (Psalm 18.1-3)

Have you ever told the Lord, "I love you"? We say it to our loved ones and even our friends. What about our God and Savior? Now read 1 John 3.18. Do we truly love God? God demonstrated His love for us by sending His Son. (John 3.16) Do we demonstrate our love? – Bryan

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Jon Barry Bill Brittenham
Mike Davis Clay Morris

Evangelist

Bryan Garlock

SERVICE TIMES

Sunday

Bible Study9:30 A.M.

Worship10:15 A.M.

Monday (Zoom)

Bible Study7:00 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; Romans 10:9-10

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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A Comparison of Efforts

Stephen Russell

Persistence, diligence, loyalty, passion, devotion are all characteristics, along with many others, that describe effort and receive almost universal praise. But the virtue of such characteristics depends entirely on the direction in which they are aimed. God finds many cases of such character to be disturbing. In Isaiah 57 God speaks much of the idolatry that Israel has been involved in. Then in verse 10 he points to the great effort they put forth in pursuing wickedness. "You were tired out by the length of your road, Yet you did not say, 'It is hopeless.' You found renewed strength, Therefore you did not faint." Again, through Malachi He compares the effort of the people in pleasing the governor to their efforts in pleasing God. "But when you present the blind for sacrifice, is it not evil? And when you

present the lame and sick, is it not evil? Why not offer it to your governor? Would he be pleased with you? Or would he receive you kindly?" says the LORD of hosts" (Mal. 1:8).

We often see someone who lacks devotion, diligence, passion, etc. for God and think that such a person lacks those qualities altogether. This is not always the case. In many cases we find people who are very successful in other facets of their lives and yet failures in their service to God. As we see in the examples above, it is clear that Israel knew how to push through difficulty to achieve their desires and to give of their best, what they lacked was the proper aim for their effort.

What about you? Have you pursued success in your professional career and through

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember and check on our shut-ins/sometimes shut-ins: **Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Maxine Burnham, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Pete & Beth Rowland, and Francine Davis.**

Please continue to pray for the **Monaghan** family.

The church in **Mt. Pleasant** has a meeting scheduled Nov. 7-10 with **Tony Mauck**

Looking for more opportunities to grow?

Mon-Fri 12 PM: Bible reading on Zoom

Mon. 7 PM: Study of Luke on Zoom

Tues. 7 PM: Topical study on YouTube and Facebook. See Bryan for details.

Wed. 11 AM: Bible Q & A on YouTube and Facebook. See Bryan for details.

great effort achieved a success that will rust, decay, and be burned up? Put the same effort into pursuit of treasure that can never be destroyed (Matt. 6:19-20). Have you pursued athletic skills which have some profit but at their highest level can only reward you with a perishable crown? Put that same devotion into exercising your faith which will lead to an eternal crown (1 Tim. 4:8; 1 Cor. 9:25).

Have you been a good friend and opened your heart up to people of the world even as they draw you away from the greatest Friend we have in Christ? Use your personal skills to develop relationships with God's people and thereby be drawn toward Him and not away (2 Cor. 6:12-7:2).

There is surely a time and place for building up character where it is lacking. But sometimes we need to simply take what we have and point it in the right direction. The one talent man didn't need more talents to make him a good steward. What he needed to do was use his one talent well. Then more talents would have followed (Matt. 25:14-30). Are you using your qualities (whatever they are) in the pursuit of the only thing that will eternally matter? Will you give your greatest effort to God or squander it elsewhere?

Sixty-six Books, One Message

John R. Gibson

Do you understand how amazing the Bible is? Do you appreciate what this book contains? In the production of this book the Lord God utilized about forty different authors living on three continents over a period of approximately 1,500 years. These men used three different languages to compose sixty-six books that have come to be bound into one volume and translated into the many languages spoken by modern man. These facts

alone make it a noteworthy book and worthy of historical and literary study, but that which makes this book most remarkable is its one message.

Yes, despite being written by men of such varied backgrounds as shepherd, fisherman, tax collector, Jewish priest, military commander, physician, rabbi and tentmaker, it is a book with one underlying theme—God wants to save you from your sins.

In the books we know as the Old Testament there is a recurring theme that a Savior is coming, a Savior who will break the power of Satan, spring from the Jewish tribe of Judah, reign as King and Priest, suffer and rise again, bring forgiveness and blessings to all nations, unite people of various ethnic groups, and do many other things for our benefit.

Then the New Testament opens with the announcement that the One who would "save His people from their sins" was to be born. The long-awaited Savior had come and for about thirty-three years he lived among men, teaching and healing, caring and correcting, but in the end He had to do that which had been predetermined before the foundation of the world: the glorious Savior, the Son of God, was put to death in a most brutal fashion on a Roman cross. But as the Bible tells the story of this gross miscarriage of justice it makes clear that it was far

more than just another story of the legal system gone awry, for in His own words, He died willingly to give Himself as a ransom. The wages of sin had always been death and Jesus had died for all mankind.

While the crucifixion of the Christ is clearly the climax of God's book, the New Testament does not end with the tragedy of the cross, but goes on to tell of the Savior conquering death by rising from the grave on the third day. Then forty days later He triumphantly ascended back to the Father from whom He had come. From that point forward the New Testament becomes the story of how the work of the Savior can benefit each of us, for it is made clear that though He died for all, unless we respond to His gracious gift with true faith, obedient faith, we will not be benefited by that death.

Have you come to know this remarkable book and its one great message of salvation? We would like nothing more than to assist you in learning the great truths we have outlined in this article and how they can make all the difference in your life, both now and eternally....

Editor's Note: If you're interested in learning more about these sixty-six books known as the Bible or have questions, please see me or call/text me at 903.308.4905. — Bryan