

SUNDAY MORNING

Announcements

Clay Morris

Song Leader

Jack Calvert

Lord's Supper

Daniel Allgor, Bill Rinehart

Bryan Garlock

Prayers

Chris Stinson, Jon Barry

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Announcements

Randy Ellis

Song Leader

Daniel Allgor

Prayers

Bill Rinehart, Willie Standokes

Invitation

Jack Calvert

“I have been young, and now am old, yet I have not seen the righteous forsaken or his children begging for bread.

He is ever lending generously, and his children become a blessing.”

(Ps 37.25-26)

ABOUT US

Elders

Jack Calvert Rodney Ellis

Deacons

Jon Barry 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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Psalm 37 - Do Not Fret Because Of Evildoers

Wayne Fancher

Psalms 37:1-2 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity. 2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb.

Psalms 37:8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath; Do not fret—it only causes harm.

If you spend any time watching the news or reading about the news in our world you will see evildoers practicing all kinds of wickedness. As you watch the evildoers actions sometimes it seems that they get away with their wickedness with no consequences or punishment. At times like these we may find ourselves fighting against the emotions of fear and anger. We fear what their wickedness will do to our country and how it will effect future generations of our families. We become

angry when we see nothing being done against evildoers and it seems they will get away with their wickedness with no punishment whatsoever.

God tells us not to fret or be angry. Fretting only causes harm. Anger and wrath can easily consume you and destroy joy and peace from your life. Psalm 37 teaches us how to overcome fear and anger when we see evildoers practicing wickedness with what seems to be no consequences. For the next few weeks we will be looking into the word of God the see how to overcome fear and anger during times like these.

Psalms 37:3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed on His faithfulness. Delight yourself also in the Lord, And He shall give you the desires of your heart.

FAMILY TALK

Continue to remember the health concerns of *Gerald Eaton, Joey Avance, Jerry Schnelle, Bonnie Allgor, Pat Buls, Sonny & Cathy Monaghan, Beth Ellen, and Pete Rowland.*

If you need to make any changes to the directory (phone number, address, picture), please see Bryan.

Potluck at Clay and Laci's house next Sunday.

Our gospel meeting with Wayne Fancher starts today! (September 25-28)

Sun 9:30 AM — Little by Little

Sun 10:15 AM — The Parable of The Prodigal Son

Sun 6 PM — God Who Makes the Broken Beautiful

Mon 7 PM — Sorrow Upon Sorrow

Tues 7 PM — Soldiers of Christ Arise and Put Your Armor On

Wed 7 PM — Influence and Examples Through The Stages Of Life

The first and main way we can overcome fear and anger is to completely trust in God. Sometimes the government may not punish the evildoer. Does this mean they got away with their wickedness. The answer is definitely NO! Please remember and know that God is in control of this world. Even if the evildoers get away with it in this life they will eventually face the judgment of God. Our God is all powerful. This is His world and He will judge us all in the end. The evildoers will not get away with their wickedness when it comes to God's judgment.

We need to trust God with all our heart. We must know that He will bless those who practice righteousness by faith. God will strengthen us during times of trouble. God will help us and deliver us. All He asks and desires of us is to trust Him and obey His will by faith. Through faith and trust in God we can overcome fear. God is with us always and He will protect and bless His people. Through trust in God's control and judgment we can avoid the anger that comes from frustration over evildoers seeming like they are getting away with their evil.

Psalm 37 - Do Not Fret - Part 2 Wayne Fancher

Psalms 37:1 Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the workers of iniquity.

Psalms 37:39-40 But the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord; He is their strength in the time of trouble. 40 And the Lord shall help them and deliver them; He shall deliver them from the wicked, And save them, Because they trust in Him.

In our article last week we learned from Psalm 37 that we should not be fretting or afraid when evildoers are practicing wickedness and seem like they are getting away with it. The first major step we must take to overcome fretting, worrying, and fear is to trust in God with all our heart. God is in control of His world and He will have judgment on everyone in the end.

Psalms 37:5-6 Commit your way to the Lord, Trust also in Him, And He shall bring it to pass. He shall bring forth your righteousness as the light, And your justice as the noonday.

The next important step we must take to keep from fretting is to allow our trust in God to drive us to committing our way and life to the Lord. When we commit our way to God we give our life over completely to God as a living sacrifice. (Romans 12:1)

Psalm 37:27-28 Depart from evil, and do good; And dwell forevermore. For the Lord loves justice, And does not forsake His saints; They are preserved forever, But the descendants of the wicked shall be cut off.

Psalm 37:30-31 The mouth of the righteous speaks wisdom, And his tongue talks of justice. The law of his God is in his heart. None of his steps shall slide.

Because we have made the great commitment of giving ourselves to God as a living sacrifice we must depart from evil

and do good by faith. The fruit of our trust and our faith in God is manifest in the way we live. As we let the word of God dwell in our hearts and minds we obey that word by faith.

Psalms 37:23-24 The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord, And He delights in his way. 24 Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; For the Lord upholds him with His hand.

Because we have committed ourselves to the Lord, we are walking and living by faith. As the word of God shapes us we are being transformed into the image of Christ. This transformation is a continual process. As I often say, "repentance is linear." As we are walking in the light as He is in the light we will be practicing righteousness. When we stumble and fall in sin, we will take the sin to God in prayer and confession driven by godly sorrow and shame. Even though we may fall we will not be utterly cast down. We get back up, get untangled from the sin, pray for forgiveness and get back in to walking and living by faith.

Because we are committed to God as living sacrifices by faith and thus living by faith, our God will protect us and provide for us in all ways. We do not need to fret or be afraid. We belong to God and our God will provide for us and protect us.