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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Feb 21, 2010

9:00 A.M. Coffeehouse & Library Open
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:50 A.M. Worship Service
4:00 P.M. Deacon's Meeting

Wednesday, Feb 24, 2010

5:30-6:30 P.M. Fellowship Supper
6:00 P.M. Choir Practice
6:30 P.M. Children Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Youth Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting

Saturday, Feb 27, 2010

7:00 P.M. The Kingsmen Quartet

Feb 21, 2010
BUS DRIVER & MONITOR
James Isbell & Arnold Baker
VAN DRIVER & MONITOR
Joe Hutto & Ray Hudson

ATTENTION BUS & VAN RIDERS:

If you need a ride to services, please contact the church office. If you are on our "standing reservation" list to ride the bus or van, you are scheduled to be picked up unless you contact the office or a member of the Transportation Committee. **Remember to call the church during normal office hours (8:30-3:30-Mon-Fri).** Thank you!

Answers to last week's trivia:

1. Jesse; 2. Samuel; 3. Harp; 4. Sling and stone; 5. Jonathan.

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WARMTH FOR THE HOMELESS

Start your Spring cleaning a little early this year! Bring your gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves or blankets to the church to donate to the homeless in our community. You don't have to buy anything, just look and see if you have any of the above items you are no longer using. Bring them to Todd Johnson and he will distribute them. If you have any questions, please call Todd or the church office for more information. **Especially needed right now: Socks & Underwear.**

SWEETHEART VIP DINNER AND CONCERT A GREAT SUCCESS!

We hosted approximately 85 people for dinner and the Sanctuary was a packed house for the concert on Saturday, Feb 13. Many special thanks go out to Brenda & Joe Hutto, Helen Brown, the Menke Family, Jennifer Saunders, and all of you who helped in making this event fun and special. Your dedication and hard work are really appreciated!

ORDINATION SUNDAY, Feb 28, 2010

Witness with us as Bro. Adam Bretz is Ordained to the Ministry and Bro. Cyrus Kavari is Ordained as Deacon. We are very excited for both of these fine young men and hope you will join us in prayer and worship as we celebrate them.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Be with us as we welcome The Kingsmen Quartet in concert Saturday, Feb 27th. Tickets are \$5 per person (non-members) and a freewill love offering will also be collected. Don't miss this great quartet! Begins at 7:00 p.m.

FELLOWSHIP SUPPER MENU 2/24/10

Lasagna, salad, bread, dessert & drink. Remember, only \$5 per person for this delicious meal!

ROOM IN THE INN NEWS

Many thanks to the Sanctuary class for hosting our February Room in the Inn. Our next Room night will be Friday, March 12 at 6:00. The Agape class will host the final event of this season. Make plans now to join us!



God didn't promise days without pain, laughter without sorrow, sun without rain, but He did promise strength for the day, comfort for the tears, and light for the way. ~ Anon.

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MINISTER OF MUSIC - Melanie Chapman

ORGANIST - Lee Green

PIANIST - Jane Crocker

CHURCH SECRETARY - Ginny Stuart

HOUSEKEEPING - Katie Taylor

A Word From

Dear the Pastor Family,

The snow in Nashville kind of reminds me of Christians. Rarely does a real good one come along and when it does it seems as if no one knows what to do or how to handle it because it is overwhelming to us. Rather, most of the time it is just an insignificant snow that is so frustrating because it is too little to even play in or do anything with.

We are not good enough Christians, our disciplines are lacking, our devotion is hesitant, and our dedication is shallow. It is just enough to know that we are Christians, but we do not let it run our lives like the patriarchs of Christianity. When something comes our way our faith is just too shallow to really impact it, kind of like the snow that falls here. There is not enough to build a snowman, to sled down a hill fast, or to build an igloo. We are not prepared to make new disciples, to reach new places and people for Christ or even to guard ourselves from the evil one.

I say this to remind us all that we need to strive to be better Christians daily. Pat Riley said, "Excellence is the gradual result of always striving to do better". In Philippians chapter two verse twelve it says, "Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling". It is tough but it is necessary as Christians to continue striving for the cross.

Let our lives scream Christ to others.

Bro. Israel

Bringing The Truth

Go and check out Matthew Chapter 6 and then come back for a deeper look at this.

First, we must impress God alone. In all three examples Jesus warns his followers not to be like the hypocrites (6:2, 5, 16; also 15:7; 22:18; 23:13-29; 24:51). This term originally designated actors in the theater, though both Greek and Jewish texts had long before come to apply it figuratively.

One of human religion's greatest temptations is to act piously to bring out the praise of others. A secret atheist could practice religion in that form without the slightest element of faith (compare 23:5). Such temptations were part of ancient religion; for instance, when some first-century Jewish leaders called a fast for unrighteous reasons, others feared not to observe it, lest anyone question their piety (Jos. Life 290-91). Yet the same temptation is no less real today. Jesus reminds us that true piety means impressing God alone—living our lives in the recognition that God knows every thought and deed, and it is his approval alone that matters. Matthew again praises the meek, whose only hope is in God, not in others' opinions of them. Those of us who are "religious professionals," making our living from public ministry, should take special heed: if we value the approval or pay of our congregations more than what God has called us to do, we will have no reward left when we stand before him.

Second, Jesus' warning does not exclude public acts of righteousness. Public righteousness, even when carried out in the knowledge that such acts will draw attention, are not wrong so long as we seek to be seen for God's glory rather than our own (5:16). This text warns us, however, how easy it is to justify our own desire to impress others as "being a light." We should do everything for God (Rom 14:6-8; 1 Cor 10:31; Col 3:17); the repentant person who lives in view of the coming kingdom (4:17) is concerned more with God's evaluation than with that of others. Many people practice religion without paying attention to God, and this warns us to search our motives.

Third, Jesus demands practice, not just theory. Jesus' Jewish contemporaries agreed with most of what he was teaching here (ARN 28A; 40A; 46, 129B). Thus Jesus is not satisfied that we claim to agree with his ethics; he wants us to live accordingly.

Fourth, Jesus' three examples are random, so secrecy must apply to all acts of righteousness. Judaism often listed righteous works, sometimes in sets of threes (Jesus' list here resembles Tobit 12:8), but such lists were never more than random examples. We must thus apply Jesus' principle to all our acts of righteousness.

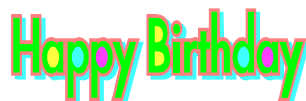
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Fifth, Jesus promises eternal reward for those who seek to please God rather than mortals. Jesus concludes his warnings with another graphic image: businessmen regularly wrote the phrase received their reward in full (see 6:2, 5, 16) on receipts to indicate that no further payment was required (Deissmann 1978:110). Jesus is saying that those who give charity to be admired by others, or pray and fast to people rather than to God, already have what they wanted: others' approval. They will not be rewarded again for their deeds on the day of judgment.

Finally, Jesus defines true religion differently from the way many Christians do. If it is possible to pray, fast and give alms extensively and yet do it from wrong motives, we must reevaluate our religious values. Most people I know who pray four hours a day have a very close walk with God. But I know others whose calling may allow them only an hour a day of concentrated prayer, yet their walk is probably just as close to God, since they are living according to his will. We should pray, fast and serve the needy because we love God—not in order to convince anyone, including ourselves, that we do. So please wrestle with this in your conversation with God today and be willing to hear his answer.

Because He Lives,
Bro. AB



THIS WEEK TO:
2/18/10-2/24/10

Feb 18-Tom Sturdivant; Feb 20-Betty Holland;
Feb 23-Martha Howland; Feb 24-James Isbell

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Feb 24-Fellowship Supper
Feb 27-The Kingsmen Quartet in concert
Feb 28-Ordination Sunday

BIBLE TRIVIA: The Book of Judges

1. Which tribe was the first to fight the Canaanites?; 2. Who won the hand of Caleb's daughter?; 3. How old was Joshua when he died?; 4. Which judge killed Eglon, King of Moab?; 5. What did Jael give Sisera to drink?

(Answers next week!)

LAST WEEK'S RECORDS:

SUNDAY, Feb 14, 2010
WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE ...
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE51
Sunday School Visitors.....0
New SS Members0

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY Feb 14, 2010
Budget Receipts \$2,815.75
Unrestricted Memorial 25.00

RESTRICTED
100th Anniversary 6.00
Offering Envelopes 1.00
Thank Offering 9.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$2,856.75

Needed weekly for Operating Budget: \$ 4,098.00
Needed to date for Operating Budget: \$ 28,686.00
Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: \$ 20,268.60
Memorial made for Dan McLeod. In the Jan 20 issue of the Chimes, an omission was made in the Memorials dedication. A memorial was also made that week for Mrs. Nell St. John. We regret the error.

TELLERS FOR THIS WEEK
Feb 21-Helen Brown & Karen Hudson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Military
Monica Cutrell
Red & Alene Cowan
Hilda Baker
Jim & June Austin
Cora McNeil
Mary & Walter Crocker
Jamie Smith
Josephine Crain
Luella & Theron Morris
Mattie Poole
Ruby Hall (Richland Place Rehab floor Rm 201-A)
Harold Holland
Shirley Marsh (Denise's grandmother)
Myrtle Smith
Peggy Birdwell
Juanita Baker
Ray Scherer
Lorene Givens
Eunice Biggers