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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WORSHIP

9:00 a.m. Bible Study
10:00 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY WORSHIP

6:00 p.m. Bible Study

EVENTS

September 9: Inside Work Day
Every Tues: Sew & Sew 10:00am
Every Thurs: Ladies Bible Class 10:00am

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

5th –Brenda Tollett 10th – Mary Bonds
14th- Tony Dominguez
17th-Peggy Walters 29th-Deborah Goode

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

7th – Ron and Doris Adkins

10 Promises from the Book of Proverbs

1. God gives healing to those who confess Him (3:68).
2. The Lord does not let the righteous go hungry (10:3).
3. The Lord protects those whose way is upright (10:29).
4. The Lord blesses the Godly giver with more (10:24).
5. When you are kind to the poor, the Lord repays our good deeds (19:17).
6. The Lord bestows life on the righteous (12:28).
7. The Lord hears the prayers of the righteous (15:29).
8. Deep respect for the Lord results in happiness (28:14).
9. The Lord gives us justice (29:26).
10. Commit your good works to God and your plans will prosper (16:3).

Larry Fitzgerald

Loving Goods Works

Matthew 5:16 “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” Jesus was teaching during His sermon on the mount that we as Christians need to be seen by others of the world. How and why are we to be seen? We are to be seen doing good works. We are to be doing the good works in order that God may receive the glory.

As Christians we need to love doing good works. What does it mean to “love good works?” A good work can be defined as the following: “a strong feeling or devotion to any physical or mental activity that produces something that is morally beneficial or desirable” (def. by Halbert Tucker). Christians need to focus time, money, and energy on these good works that are beneficial to others and to God’s kingdom.

Matthew 6:21 says, “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” We need not put our hearts on treasures of this world that will rot away, be stolen, or get lost. Things like cell phones, tablets, money, jobs, hobbies, and sports seem to be where we have our treasures in today’s world. But our treasure should be treasures of heaven. Doing good works is one of the ways we can focus on heavenly treasures.

Just doing good works alone is not going to get you to heaven. We must obey the gospel the way God commands we obey. But he also commands us to be ready for every good work. “...to be ready for every good work” (Titus 3:1) “...equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:17).

We need to be people zealous for good works as Paul described to Titus in Titus 2:14. So lets look for ways that we can shine our lights by doing good works so glory may be given to God.

Nick Pace

Chosen by God

In school many kids dread the scenario in gym class, where two captains pick teams. Every kid is lined up and one-by-one the teams are picked. No one in that line wanted to be the last kid to be picked. Being picked last means the two captains valued you the least out of everyone else. And not being valued hurts. Not being chosen hurts.

First Peter 2:9 says, “*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.*”

If life were gym class, mankind was a long line, and God was the captain, then He would pick you to be on His team. God wants you on His team because He values you. Though you may face rejection in this world, know that God has always and will always say to you, “I want you on my team.”

Bobby Price

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

FORGIVE AND FORGET

The phrase “forgive and forget” has been in the English language for a long time. An older member of the church once commented to me concerning forgiving and forgetting, “I don’t know which is harder to do!” As difficult as they are for us humans to do - -do them we must if we are to have forgiveness from our Father in heaven (Matt. 6:15).

Forgiveness in the original language of the Bible has the connotation of “to send away.” For example in Micah 7:19 we read that God will “cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.” When God forgives us, He sends our sins (and the guilt of them) so far away, they can never be reached again. Truly God is the epitome of “forgive and forget.”

But I wish to examine the phrase “forgive and forget” from another angle. I noticed that inside the words “forgive” and “forget” are the words “give” and “get.” In other words, to truly get the benefits that forgiveness can bring, we must first give something.

For those of us desiring the forgiveness of another, we need to give that person a truly repentant attitude and lifestyle (Matt. 3:8). Then and only then will we get reconciliation with our brother or sister in Christ.

For those of us needing to forgive another, we need to give an attitude of compassion and willingness to work out/forget our differences toward the one who has wronged us (Matt. 5:23-24). Only then will we get harmony with our brother or sister in Christ. As a wise person once noted, we may not be able to totally forget that we were wronged, but we can act like it never happened.

The Christians at Corinth were to forgive a brother who obviously had repented. Paul writes to them “you ought rather to forgive and comfort him, lest perhaps such a one be swallowed up with too much sorrow. Therefore I urge you to reaffirm your love to him” (2 Cor. 2:7-8). The wayward brother was giving to them, and now they to give, as well. They were to confirm their love once again for him by forgiving and comforting him. All involved would benefit from this.

So let’s always remember to “forgive and forget.” And let’s always remember that to get, we must first give!

Edd Sterchi



Prayer
is the
road to
Heaven
but
Faith
opens
the door

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*Faith is daring the soul
to go where the eyes
can't see.*

Those to Remember in Prayer...

Please remember Mack Woodward, Linda Gayle Gerlach, and their family. We miss seeing them.

About Us

We will be contacting members from the congregation for help on upcoming evangelism projects. We need your SUPPORT!!

We encourage everyone (men and women) to join our World Bible School efforts. There is always a need for teachers. See Peggy if you are interested.

From Our Members

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Jae Marie Clack-Randall, Bud Haggerty, Ed & Joyce Young, Evelyn Pullin, Joyce Collins, Jo Ann Houston, Kay Curtis, Johnny & Janie Vinton, Myrtle Baker, Pat & Sheila Morrison, Donald Dickerson, Richard Butler, Ann Clark, Vennis Vogt, Donna Caughron, Lupe Alvarado, Teresa Bosco, Judy Heartened, Eddie Vaughn, Ann Clark, Shara Tietz, Joseph Novilli, Patrick Krueger, Serena Stine, Karen Stine, and Brian Stine.

FOR WITH GOD NOTHING SHALL BE IMPOSSIBLE. LUKE 1:37 (KJV)