

Serving This Week:

Sunday Morning

Announcements: Howell Todd
Song Leader: Kyle Richardson
Opening Prayer: Dan Smith
Lord's Supper
Presiding: Kyle Richardson
Serving: Eric Horne
Ken Grandstaff
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Sunday Evening

Opening Prayer: Howell Todd
Preaching: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer: Brian Horner
Devotional: Howell Todd
Closing Prayer: Kyle Richardson

Serving Next Sunday:

Lord's Supper: Howell Todd
Preaching: Brian Horner
Opening Prayer: Brian Horner
Closing Prayer: Ken Grandstaff

To all our visitors - Welcome!
We hope you will come back
and worship with us soon!

TEAM MEETINGS

Correspondence - Sunday evenings
after worship see Kyle Richardson.

Visitation/Bible Study - For
assignments see Brian Horner.

Member Care - Regarding Member
needs contact Kyle Richardson.

Flower Request - Please call Lynda
Ann Sparkman: 444.0938(h) 587.8187(c)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thanks for everyone's help for
our Friday night singing! We all
had a great time!

Pantry Restock:

Canned Meat - Fish
Spagetti Sauce

***"If any of you lacks wisdom,
let him ask God, who gives
generously to all without
reproach, and it will be given
him."***

James 1:5

God's Plan of Salvation

Hear the Word
(Rom 10:17)

Believe in Jesus
(John 8:24)

Repent of your sins
(Luke 13:3)

Confess faith in Christ
(Rom 10:10)

Be Baptized for forgiveness of sins
(Acts 2:38)

Live **Faithfully**
(1 Cor. 15:58)

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October 28, 2012

Sunday Bible Study: 10 AM
Sunday Morning Worship: 11 AM

Sunday Evening Worship: 6 PM
Wed Bible Study: 7 PM

Sometimes It Takes Courage Of Character To Follow Christ

I think most of us are familiar with Romans 1:16 you know where Paul says, "I'm not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ..." I have read that lots and lots of times. I know that I understand the meaning of what the apostolic writer was conveying...or do I? Maybe the question should be, do any of us in our warm cozy homes, with our instant heat, instant cool and every gadget of convenience at our beckon call, really understand?

We have become soft, lazy, and not wanting to put any effort behind a worthwhile activity or labor. Let's find the easy route and take it.

OK, so there is nothing wrong with labor saving devices. I know that. However, I believe and know that our attitude has changed, creeping into our lives as Christian servants. We in the Lord's church were once known as Bible carrying folk. Not anymore, lets just use the pew Bible, never mind about writing notes in the margins of YOUR Bible or underlining a portion of scripture to contemplate and memorize. I'm pleased to say that here, folks still carry their Bible to worship and study. OK, I will confess, we don't have pew Bibles for this reason. Our people know their Bible and carry it with them.

I have a side note here before we talk charter. I was bawled out from a Christian brother because we did not have pew Bibles, as if it was a great crime. I asked where his was and he said in his motel room on the bed. I got him a Bible to use. Maybe this paragraph speaks loudly of character.

Do you all remember the factual account given in John chapter nine about the man that was born blind? As you read this, this is an account of a man's character. Think about it for a few seconds. How would you have been, born blind in a day and age where there was nothing to help those with disabilities other than the generosity of family and strangers? This guy did not have it soft that's for sure.

Christ came to him and made clay of his spit and put it in his eyes and

Wasted Effort?

Did you ever have the feeling that after all was said and done, that all the talking and working had been wasted? Most people seem to have some experience of this sort from time to time. Yet, the Lord reminded his followers, *"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me, and I in him, he bears much fruit; for apart from Me you can do nothing."* (Jn 15:5). The apostle Paul expressed a similar idea in these words: *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord"* (1 Cor. 15:58). Toil in the Lord is never wasted effort, no matter whether we see the immediate results we would hope for or not. To teach a lost person and to have him reject the gospel is not a wasted effort. It is never in vain to do God's will. To encourage a weak Christian to remain faithful and see that person turn away from Christ and His church is not a wasted effort. You have shown your love for God and for your neighbor. You have obeyed God. These are never wasted efforts. Jesus died for all men, yet some will not come to Him for salvation. Yet, who would say that His sacrifice on the cross was a wasted effort?

It is human nature to get tired of doing anything that is not going as we expected. Therefore God has encouraged us, *"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up"* (Gal. 6:9). Doing good is doing God's will. We must not give up on doing good because God will reward us at the proper time. *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord."*

"Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men; knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve" (Col. 3:23-24).

Richard McWilliams, Charleston, SC

Just a Thought

If the Devil can't make you bad, He'll make you busy, Life's moments are so precious, God gives them only one at a time. He who compromises with truth will next be loyal to error.

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told him to go and wash in the pool of Siloan. Here is character not just that he was obedient, although that figures into play, but that he allowed a stranger, to him, to do what he did with the clay loosened and bound together with saliva. Most of us would be grossed out by this. What I'm supposing here is that his common sense said, give it a try.

What is really remarkable and shows the man's character is that he stood up when the world around him was crashing down on him. Even his parents deserted him in essence vs. 21, for them it was more important to be part of the crowd than to stand with their son. Yet, he stood as a rock. That is character my friends, standing for God no matter what.

Here is a biggie. Where do you stand? Are you willing to walk a line for God that could lead to death? Let's hope you never will have to, but it's something to think about.

David Shearer - Marshalltown, IA

"Two are better than one, because They have a good reward for their labor. For if they fall, one will lift up his companion. But woe to him who is alone when he falls, For he has no one to help him up..."
Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Remember in Prayer

Shut Ins:

Vallie Andrews
Fannie Bell Warren
Janelle Arrington
William Wells

Others:

Hollis Cluck
Muril Todd
Karen Hudson - cancer
Christy Garrett
The Bryan Family
Annie and JW Smith
Margie Taylor
Priscilla and Patrick Graves
Jessica Richardson
Dan Smith
Diane Grandstaff and family
Joe Allen
Linda Kay Edwards - surgery recovery
Dylan Speck - kidney problems
Haily Speck - melanoma
Edna Forbes
Janice Garrett
Carol Goins - Mary L.'s sister
Lila Kirk

Please call to inform us of News items or Prayer Requests: Kyle Richardson (495-7106) Dorothy Jean Smith (444-5437)

Daily Bible Reading

Day	Scripture
Sunday (Epistles)	James 1-3
Monday (The Law)	Deuteronomy 4-6
Tuesday (History)	2 Chronicles 25-28
Wednesday (Psalms)	Psalms 122-124
Thursday (Poetry)	Ecclesiastes 1-2
Friday (Prophecy)	Habakkuk
Saturday (Gospels)	Acts 9-10

October Birthdays:

3 - Bryana Morris
18 - Dan Smith