

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: 48
Contribution: \$ 2505.00
Weekly Budget: \$ 2920.00

Thought for The Day

"Each morning sees some task begin,
Each evening sees it close;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose."

Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Marty Wingo
Songs: Dick Navarre
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Glen Law

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell
Songs: Dick Navarre
Sermon: Tim Simmons
Closing Prayer: Marty Wingo

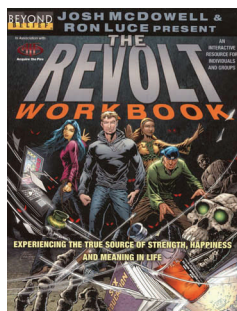
COMMUNION

Delbert Leavens Mike Weber
Troy Wheeler Kaden Simmons

Church of Christ of Venice

4301 SR 776
Venice, FL 34293

YOUTH: A New Sunday AM Study
Begins: October 15, 2006



Be sure to plan
on joining us for
the first class.
Ted

Church of Christ of Venice

"A friendly church, proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ"

October 8, 2006

Volume 16, Number 40

Can't Have It Both Ways

The story is told of a Bible School teacher who was teaching a class of boys about the rich man and Lazarus in Luke 16. He described the rich man as being clothed in purple with all the money he needed. Then he drew a mental picture of poor Lazarus with sores, lying on the floor, begging for the crumbs from the rich man's table.

Then he completed this story telling that the rich man died and was tormented in flames, but Lazarus died and was comforted in Abraham's bosom.

At this point, he asked the boys, "Which one of these men would you rather be?"

One young man replied, "I would rather be the rich man while I live, and Lazarus when I die."

This may bring a smile, but doesn't it represent the thinking of so many in our nation today? There are those who want to follow the flesh and enjoy the ways of the flesh, but when they die, they want to go to heaven.

Jesus taught that it is impossible to have it both ways! He said, "No servant can serve both masters" (Luke 16:13).

Who are the two masters that He had in mind? He explains that the two masters are God and riches! You cannot serve

Continued on Page 2

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

Please fill out a blue visitor card so that we might have a record of your visit. If needed, there is a **nursery** available at the rear of the auditorium. **Bible classes** for all ages are available Sundays at 10:00 am and Wednesdays at 6:30 pm. We hope that you will join us for these studies. Please come and worship with us again soon.

Elders

Delbert Leavens
Wayne Vowell
Ted Wheeler

Minister

Ted Wheeler

Sunday Services

Bible Study-10:00 am
Worship-11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

Church of Christ

4301 Highway 776
Venice, FL 34293
USA

Telephone:

941-493-2403

Email:

mail@venicechurchofchrist.com

Internet:

www.venicechurchofchrist.com

Outreach:



Continued from Page 1

riches while you live, and be pleasing to God when you die! Why? Because the flesh and the Spirit are going in different directions.

Paul sums it up this way, *"For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God, for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be"* (Romans 8:5-7).

Then he sums this up by writing. *"So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God"* (vs. 8).

How do we teach our Bible students that they can love the world in the sense of loving God's creation, without loving the sinful things of the world?

When John wrote, *"Do not love the world or the things in the world"* (I John 2:15), he was not referring to God's beautiful creation! Certainly, God wants us to admire and appreciate His handiwork of creation.

Today, when an artist paints a beautiful picture, he or she is pleased when others admire it. God must feel the same way about His masterpiece.

Therefore, John was referring to the fleshly, sinful things of the world. How do we know this? Because he explains, *"For all that is in the world- the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life - is not of the Father but is of the world"* (vs. 16).

One of the important aims of all Bible teachers should be to help the ones they teach, to learn that you CANNOT live in the flesh and die in the Spirit!

Paul forever settles this in these words,

"Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. For he who sows to his flesh will of the flesh reap corruption, but he who sows to the spirit will of the Spirit reap everlasting life" (Galatians 6:7).

No, we can't live like the rich man and die like Lazarus. The narrow way described by Jesus is the ONLY way to reach God and have eternal life!

Benny B. Bristow

Suggestions for Worship

- ⊗ **COME.** Never miss a worship service unless it is absolutely necessary. Of George Washington it was once said: "No company ever kept him away from church."
- ⊗ **COME EARLY.** Rushing into the assembly at the last minute is not conducive to worship ... neither for you nor the other worshippers.
- ⊗ **BRING THE ENTIRE FAMILY.** The worship hour is not a convention to which you may simply send a family delegate.
- ⊗ **BE SEATED CLOSE TO THE FRONT OF THE AUDITORIUM.** Leave the back seats for those who may arrive late and for mothers with small children.
- ⊗ **BE REVERENT.** The meeting house is not a theater of place of amusement. You have come to worship God, not to laugh, whisper and visit. The worship service deserves our utmost reverence.
- ⊗ **BE CONSIDERATE.** Don't make a haystack of yourself at the end of the row and expect others to crawl over you to reach a seat.
- ⊗ **PARTICIPATE.** Join in the worship service. Be a good listener during the sermon. Be sure to sing. Don't just sit as a spectator.
- ⊗ **BE THOUGHTFUL OF VISITORS.** They are our special guests. Treat them with the same courtesy as you would if they should visit in your home.
- ⊗ **CONTRIBUTE GENEROUSLY.** God loves a cheerful giver. Freely ye have received; freely give. Remember YOUR OFFERING IS TO GOD.
- ⊗ **LINGER.** Never rush for the door after the closing prayer as if the building were on fire. Speak to others, be friendly.
- ⊗ **BE PRESENT.** Don't stay away from services because you see imperfections in the church. How utterly lonely you would feel in a perfect church.

Worship Is a Family

Remember in Prayer

KERRY KEATHLEY
DORIS WHITE
PAT BURNSIDE
CHRIS MILLER
GARY LUCAS
CLARENCE RIGGENBACH
PATRICA SMITH
FRANK SMALL
IVA & LEM TURNER
PATRICIA FORD
JEANETTE THOMPSON

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Oct. 19: Booster Banquet
- ✓ Oct. 29: Song Service
- ✓ Nov. 5: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Nov. 26: Song Service