

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: **106**

Contribution: \$ 3037.75

Weekly Budget: \$ 2820.00

Thought for The Day

There is a time to be born, and a time to die, says Solomon, and it is the memento of a truly wise man; but there is an interval between these two times of infinite importance.

RICHMOND

Church of Christ of Venice

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Tim Simmons
Songs: David Coffman
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Marvin DeMeester

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Delbert Leavens
Songs: David Coffman
Sermon: SONG SERVICE
Closing Prayer: Wayne Vowell

COMMUNION

Marty Wingo Dick Navarre
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Bible Rules for Happy Living

Most everyone I know wants to be happy and have a happy life, It is not like I hear people saying, "You know, I wish I could be more miserable. I think I could be really happy if I could just be more miserable." Why, that is ludicrous!

Since most people want to be happy, perhaps it would be logical, for the Christian, to examine the Scriptures.

1. Count your blessings, not your troubles.

Though we have problems in this life, we are still richly blessed. The (now familiar) plaque on the wall stated, "I grumbled and complained because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."

2. Live one day at a time.

Regardless of what Satan may throw at you, it can be handled "one day at a time" (James 4:13-15). You can control and conquer if you will take on the obstacles a day at a time.

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-I 11:00 am
Evening Worship-6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 pm.

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REAL HUMILITY

A preacher once said,

"I used to think that God's gifts were on shelves, one above the other, and that the bigger and taller we were the easier we could reach them. I find now that God's blessings are on shelves, one beneath another and that God's best are on the lower shelves. It would therefore behoove us to stand high only by bending in humility to find God's richest blessing!"

The greatest of men are those who will humble themselves to the will of God. Proverbs 16:19 says, "Better it is to be of an humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide the spoil with the proud." Matthew 23:12 says, "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted." Real humility is the attitude and character of spirit that does not seek to push self above and beyond others.

Paul gave a wonderful lesson in Philippians 2:5-8:

"Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross."

We would all do well to examine our own humility. Do we seek to please self or God? A question to think about.

Toney L. Smith

Remember in Prayer

AMANDA HURST

DONNA YOUNGBLOOD

JANET WEBER

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CLARENCE RIGGENBACH

PATRICIA SMITH

FRANK SMALL

IVA & LEM TURNER

PATRICIA FORD

JEANETTE THOMPSON

EDWARD OWUSU-ANSAH

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Mar 25: Singing @ Port Charlotte COC ... 2-4 pm
- ✓ Apr 1: Fellowship Meal @ noon.
- ✓ Apr 29: Song Service @ 6 pm
- ✓ Jun 3-9: Bible Camp @ Weeki Wachee
- ✓ Jun 14-Jul 9: Ghana Campaign 2007

Today:

Christ, the Church & Our World Today
Mark 16:15-16 - Mat. 28:18-20
Song Service

3. **Learn to say "I love you" to those near and dear.**

Break the shackles and learned restraints and express your love and appreciation to as many as possible each day (Mark 14:3-6).

4. **Be a giver and not a getter.**

Often if you fail to get out of life what you want, it is because you are expecting to get instead of give (Luke 6:38).

5. **Seek good in everyone and everything.**

Be a good seeker. Try hard not to be a fault finder. When faults are present, deal with them lovingly.

6. **Pray every day.**

Always take time to blessing and ask Him for guidance (Luke 18:1).

7. **Do a good deed each day.**

The "grandest intention" is not as good as the "smallest deed." Follow the Lord's example (Acts 10:38).

8. **Watch your priorities.**

Keep the important things in first place (Matthew 6:33).

9. **Fill your life with good.**

Throw away the express to God your appreciation for trash in your life and replace it with good thoughts and deeds (Philippians 4:8).

10. **Learn to practice the happiness habit.**

Smile, and the world will smile with you (Philippians 4:4). Make up your mind to "be happy."

Kris Groda

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