

Service Opportunities

Announcements: Ted Wheeler
Usher: Delbert Leavens

RECORD

Attendance: **50**
Contribution: \$ 1841.00
Weekly Budget: \$ **2854.00**

Thought For The Day

"There is a God-created vacuum in the heart of every man, which cannot be satisfied by any created thing, but only by God the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ."

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MORNING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Tim Simmons
Songs: Marty Wingo
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Kerry Keathley

EVENING SERVICES

Opening Prayer: Wayne Vowell
Songs: Marty Wingo
Sermon: Ted Wheeler
Closing Prayer: Joe Austin

COMMUNION

Delbert Leavens Merritt Bailey
Troy Wheeler Kaden Simmons

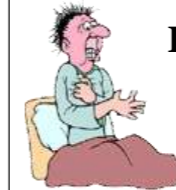
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HEART PROBLEMS



Every problem in our society today is a heart problem. Morality has to do with the mind and emotions of the human creature.

The scriptures place emphasis on the heart:

As one thinketh in his heart so is he. (Proverbs 23:7)

Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life. (Proverbs 4:23)

Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. (Matthew 12:34)

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked. (Jeremiah 17:9)

For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness and blasphemies; these are the things which defile a man. (Matthew 15: 19-20)

Morality is the code of conduct by which we

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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.

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determine principles of right and wrong. The moral system of Christ addresses the intellect of humans.

Without divine direction man is unable to provide a code of conduct that meets all needs, of all people, for all time (Jeremiah 10:23). Nothing in the history of mankind has come remotely near the revealed moral code of Jesus. John Locke correctly said: *"To give a man full knowledge of true morality, I would send him to no other book than the New Testament."*

We are to imitate Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). His life is an example of Godliness, holiness and purity (Titus 2:12; 1 Peter 1:15-16; 1 John 3:3; Matthew 5:8). As the offspring of God (Hebrews 12:9), we have a common origin, face similar problems and the same destiny in that we will all be judged by the same standard. Jesus' code of right conduct is universal and age lasting.

Jesus' system of morality is based on two great fundamentals - love God with all your heart, soul, strength, and mind, and love thy neighbor as thyself (Luke 10:27).

The morality of Jesus views people as essentially good, but still requires self-control and sacrifice (Colossians 3:5-10; Galatians 2:20). We are weak and temptation is sometime strong, and we therefore must dominate the flesh for the good that is in us to prevail.

The moral code of Jesus Christ has stood the test of time. Men of every nation and rank have praised its grandeur. No other code has equaled its power to reform and elevate mankind and nations. It is as relevant today as when first given because it came from heaven. Its heavenly origin presupposes an author of unlimited knowledge, totally just, right and good, therefore with the Psalmist David and the spiritual song we can sing:

*How precious is the Book divine, By inspiration given!
Bright as a lamp its precepts shine, to guide my soul to heaven.
Holy Book divine! Precious treasure mine!
Lamp to my feet and a light to my way, To guide me safely home.*

Coleman K. Allmond

FIRM FOUNDATION - January 2001

What's the Forecast?



Man has always wanted to know the future. Many claims are made. Various methods have been tried. Failure is the result when man looks into the future without help from heaven.

ADOLF HITLER predicted that his Third Reich would last 1,000 years. He was off by 988 years.

GEORGE CUSTER forecasted that there would be only 300 Indians over the hill. He missed by 2800%.

The captain of the Titanic, **EDWARD J. SMITH**, predicted that his ship would never sink. He was almost right. It sank only once.

THOMAS MALTHUS predicted that the population of the world was growing so fast that we'd all drive each other crazy by the end of the nineteenth century. He was wrong. It did not happen until last year.

WILLIAMS was another fuzzy forecaster. He ran the Patent Office in the early part of the century. He predicted that he'd have to close up shop soon because everything had already been invented. All he missed was: TV, jet planes, ballpoint pens, disposable diapers, CB radio, etc. etc.

The ONLY accurate source of information about the future is God. He tells us some things that are to come:

GOD'S WORD WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME. *"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will by no means pass away."* (Mat. 24:35, NKJV)

WE WILL REAP WHAT WE SOW. *"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."* (Gal. 6:7)

EVERY PERSON WILL BE AT THE JUDGMENT. *"For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God. So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."* (Rom. 14:11-12)

Jerrie Barber

Remember in Prayer

VALERIE FINLEY

BENNIE HOUSE

BUDDY WARD

NITA BRAGA

FRANCIE LEAVENS

DORIS WHITE

CLARENCE RIGGENBACH

FRANK SMALL

IVA & LEM TURNER

PATRICIA FORD

JEANETTE THOMPSON

TODAY'S SERMONS

So Near—Yet, So Far
Matthew 7: 21-23

Canaanite Judgment
Deuteronomy 7: 1-5

Mark Your Calendars

- ✓ Sep 2: Fellowship Meal @ noon
- ✓ Sep 4: The Simmon's "Labor Day Cook-out" @ 4 pm ...
- ✓ Sep 30: Song Service @ 6:00 pm
- ✓ Oct 18: Booster Banquet @ Florida School of Preaching

— COMING SOON —

Panama Slides & Report

Tim Simmons

Ghana Slides & Report

Ted Wheeler