

Happy New Year!!!



Spreading The Light January 2017

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Purpose Statement: **Magnifying The Word of God** By fulfilling The Great Commandment. To Love The Lord Our God and Our Neighbor, **Mobilizing The People of God** By Fulfilling The Great Commission to Go make Disciples, Baptize and Teach.

The Righteous Shall Live By Faith

*16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.
17 For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."*

Romans 1:16-17

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come."

2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

Pastor's Paragraphs

Have you ever noticed the tension between being righteous because of what Jesus did on the cross for us and "living a righteous life"?

It's an awkward balance to maintain when you realize there is nothing you can do but trust Jesus' sacrifice to make us "right" with God positionally and still know that we are to live righteous lives.

For the most part church folk haven't struck a very good balance in this matter theologically. Some folks think that since "Jesus paid it all" it doesn't matter how we live and make grace some cheap meaningless thing you get if you just say the right words. Their counterparts tend to Err on the side that salvation has so much to do with what you do it appears that the cross is just a supplement to your good works. Jesus did not teach either of these things! Sunday the first we're gonna look at what He did teach.

In Luke 18 we have what Jesus taught. In the parable of the pharisee and the publican Jesus paints a vivid picture contrast with a Legalist and a louse. The pharisee "stood by himself" and thanked God that He was "not like other men" (which would explain why he was by himself) The N.A.S. translation says he prayed to himself. That was also true.

The Legalist lists all the things that he's not then points at the publican (tax collector) to illustrate his point. (vs. 11b) All the publican could do was beg God for mercy and he got it! (vs. 14) I failed to mention that Jesus told this parable to those who "trusted in themselves that they were righteous and viewed others with contempt." By the way the pharisee said "I thank You (God) that I am not like other men." He even gave God credit for making him the man he was but he still trusted in his righteousness. He went away not justified. (vs. 14)

Later in the chapter (vs 18-30) Luke tells about a rich young ruler who had kept the law since his youth and asks Jesus "what he must do to inherit eternal life." After telling him to keep the law, He says - "one thing you lack - sell all you have - distribute it to the poor and come follow me." The guy left sad. So is that how we're saved? Was keeping his money the one thing he lacked?

By the series of events Luke groups together here we see - you can't trust your religiosity or your resources. Jesus was just telling these folks - let all that go and take my hand! The publican had the advantage of knowing he had nothing to bring to the table - he just needed grace and he got it. That will make you fall in love with Jesus and that makes you want to live a righteous life. We must get and keep the order right!!

Happy New Year! Let's make the most of it!

Pastor Mark

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO Y'ALL... Since we're starting a new year, I thought I would give you some ideas on discipline. These are mainly for the children under our care, but see if you can discern any similarities in God's discipline of His children.

Walter Wangerin defines discipline this way: "Discipline is an extended and carefully managed event, not a sudden, spontaneous, personal reaction the child's behavior."

When dealing with a distracting child, whether at home or at church, it helps to determine into which of these categories it fits:

1. Sin (i.e., rebellion, intentional misbehavior or disobedience)
2. Misbehavior - Inappropriate behavior stemming from immaturity (i.e., going against social or cultural acceptable behavior or distracting others), OR
3. Acceptable childishness (minor movement or other conduct that does not distract others)

Sin obviously needs to be dealt with as directed in the Scriptures and with loving intervention. But misbehavior can usually be handled with gentle redirection – a whispered reminder of a forgotten rule; perhaps a serious warning look; or merely repositioning yourself close to the child. Acceptable childishness is usually considered unacceptable only to the adult in charge, when in fact it may be perfectly acceptable to the situation.

With greater maturity and experience comes a better sense of whether something is just childishness, immaturity that needs to be gently corrected, or sin that demands loving intervention. I ask God to give us ALL the ability to understand and apply these distinctions.

[adapted from "Follow Me As I Follow Christ" by Cheryl Dunlop]

PRAISE KIDZ CHOIR

The musical performance of "The Really, Really, Really Good News" last month was fantastic... but only with the help of Mary Ellis, Sharla Coffman, Jodi Artzberger, James Thompson, Greg Dressel and, of course, the parents of all our Kids. **THANK YOU**. Praise Kidz Choir will resume the first Sunday of February at 10:15am.

ADULT CHOIR

To all the Adult Choir members and the tech crew (Dan & Jodi): THANK YOU for your participation in our Christmas Program last month. And Steve and I thank you for the generous gift you gave us. I am constantly overwhelmed by the warm, caring and generous group of Christ followers God has put into my life. I hope the service gave everyone a different perspective on YOUR Christmas.

Rehearsals will resume on January 18th (5:45pm to 7pm Wednesday evenings) after a well earned break.

Happy New Year!!!

Senior Ministry

Carlene Gillo

Hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas holiday and a Happy New Year.

We will be resuming our luncheon schedule on January 19, 2017. We will be meeting at 12:00 PM, in the Fireside Room, in building B. The theme for our meal is Mexican food.

We will be having a presentation from Pastor Eric Woods, from Summit Church. He is a Hospice Chaplain and will be giving us some pointers on being prepared, if and when we should need their services.

Come prepared with any questions you may have.

See you there!

Carlene Gillo. 928-710-3912
Denise Spindler
Shirley Urie

January Birthdays

- 3rd - Marjorie Wagner**
- 7th - Janie Dickey**
- 9th - Jodi Artzberger**
- 11th - Garret Thompson**
- 13th - Peggy Spencer**
- 16th - Lisa Easley**
- 23rd - Marge Leimback**
- Robin Hall**

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January 2017

Building
A- Worship Center
B- White Building
C- Family Life
Center (GYM)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship	2 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	3 2:00 pm Bible Study	4 7:00 pm Bible Study	5 10:00 am WMU 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	6 Pastor Off	7 Pastor Off
8 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. PCLT	9 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers 4-H 4:00-8:00 pm Bldg C Pastor's Prayer & Study	10 9:00 am Chino Valley Quilters / Bldg C 2:00 pm Bible Study	11 7:00 pm Bible Study	12 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	13 Pastor Off Clothing Give Away	14 Pastor Off Clothing Give Away 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
15 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 11:45 am. Leadership	16 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	17 2:00 pm Bible Study	18 5:45 pm. choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	19 10:00 am WMU noon- Sr. Luncheon 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	20 Pastor Off PM Horses with Heart set up - Bldg C Youth Winter Camp	21 Pastor Off PM Horses with Heart Dinner- Bldg C Youth Winter Camp
22 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship Youth Winter Camp	23 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	24 2:00 pm Bible Study	25 5:45 pm. choir Practice 7:00 pm Bible Study	26 6:30 -8:00 pm Youth 6:30 pm. Wm's Study 7:00 pm. Men's Study	27 Pastor Off	28 Pastor Off 12:30 - 4:30 pm Oathkeepers / Bldg C
29 9:00 am Sunday School 10:15 am. Worship 6:00 pm 5 th Sunday Sing & Share	30 1-4 pm. Sew-n-Sowers Pastor's Prayer & Study	31 2:00 pm Bible Study				