

Those To Serve

Sunday, March 5, 2023

A.M. Prayers

Opening: Ray England

Closing: Johnny Knabe

P.M. Prayers

Opening: Randy Harris

Closing: Chris Ball

Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Singing: Johnny Knabe

Devotional: Robert Foster

The Record:

Attendance:

Sunday, February 26, 2023

AM 58 PM 35

[Average for the Year]

AM [50] PM [35]

Wednesday, March 1, 2023

25 *[Average for the Year]* [31]

Contribution:

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Actual \$ 2,667.00.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00

[Year-to-Date] \$ 21,073.00

[Average] \$ 2,341.44

[+/- Budget] \$ 167.00

[YTD +/- Budget] \$ (1,427.00)

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Thoughts from Bill:

Living by Faith (2) — How to Evaluate Faith

Today, we continue our study on *Living by Faith* as we consider how to evaluate faith. Some of the material for this article is from an outline by R.E. Spray in his book "How to . . . Sermon Outlines" published by Barker Book House.

Living by faith is necessary in one's attempt to please God because without it pleasing God is impossible (Heb.11:6). Therefore, careful consideration needs to be given to the strength of one's faith in God. The strength of one's faith can and will determine whether or not they will be saved. But how do you evaluate faith?

A person's faith can be evaluated by whether or not they view faith as important. Paul in his writings stressed the need for faith. His letter to the church at Ephesus gives what is commonly called the Christian Armor in

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Plan of Salvation

Hear

Mark 12:29; Romans 10:17; Acts 2:22

Believe

Hebrews 11:6

Repent

Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 2:38

Confession

Matthew 10:32, 33

Baptism

Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 1 Peter 3:21

Sermons for March 5, 2023

A.M.—Living by Faith (2)—

How to Evaluate Faith

**P.M.—Seven Spiritual Birthday
Gifts—Lesson from Dwayne Millikin**

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Class: 9:00 AM

Sunday AM Worship: 10:00

Sunday PM Worship: 5:00

Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 PM

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Ephesians 6:10-18, and Paul emphasizes the need to take faith when he says "above all taking the shield of faith . . ." (v. 16). Faith is important because it is the way we come to God, and it is not based on feeling or sight (Heb. 11:6; 2 Cor. 5:7). Faith is important and must be a way of life, for the "the just shall live by faith" (Rom. 1:17). Our pleasing God begins with us realizing the importance of faith and living by it.

Second, a person's faith can be evaluated on whether or not they avail themselves of its availability. Paul speaks of "taking the shield of faith" in Ephesians 6:16. Faith is available for the Christian as they live the Christian life, but they must read, study, and apply the word of God because that is where faith comes from (Rom. 10:17). Faith increases with practice and use as we work our faith. Have you taken the faith available to every Christian?

Thirdly, the strength of a person's faith can be evaluated by their ability to stand against all the fiery darts of the wicked one (Eph. 6:16). Satan is shooting fiery darts at us all the time. There are fiery darts of temptation, doubt, dread, and fear. Faith has power for Christians to do all things through Christ who strengthens them (Phil. 4:13). Faith, if taken and used, can help a Christian to live victoriously, serve effectively, and worship and praise the Lord heartily.

Finally, a person's faith can be evaluated by their belief in its extent to make a difference. Remember those darts we talked about earlier? To what degree does faith help in facing them? Paul wrote that the shield of faith can quench or extinguish all the fiery darts of the devil. R. E. spray states in his outline that, "There is no problem too big for faith, no mountain too high, no valley too deep, no burden too heavy, no task too difficult." Why? Because our faith is placed in an almighty and omnipotent God that can empower us, keep us, and save us, if we believe and yield ourselves to Him in complete obedience.

Ephesians 6:13—Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: **Jean Gray** is in room 4108 of WRH. She was admitted Monday for low potassium and tests. A CT scan on her brain revealed lesions which are believed to be cancerous. She will consult with an oncologist and enter a facility for rehab in the coming days. **Paula Millikin** is in room 4007 of WRH with a UTI. **Johnny Knabe** had outpatient surgery to remove a tumor from his bladder. Please pray that the biopsy comes back negative. **Bill Cline** will have a knee replacement on March 13. **Brenda Wren** went to the ER Friday with pneumonia. **Belinda Pectol** is home from the hospital.

Sympathy Extended: Robin Adkinson passed away. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Pam Bachman, Noel Baldrige, Dana Barber, Victoria Covington, Brenda Pollard Davidson, Fred Denison, Sr., Carol Farrar, Kenny Fitzhugh, Tim Gean, Ed Hager, Diana Hudson, Melvin and Jane Hudson, Joy Hutson, LaKrista Knabe, Laura Knabe, Carl Lawrence, Jane Massey, Lou Massey, Glenda Mitchell, Dalton Philips, Jerry Sexton, Vicky Smith, Bobby Smithee, Patsy Thomas, Marilyn Wolford, and Jacob Wright

New Birth: Mollee Harris was baptized last Sunday. We welcome Mollee to the family of God. Let us strive to be good examples for her in her walk with Christ.

Elders and Deacons Meeting: There will be an Elders and Deacons Meeting today at 3:30 p.m. If you have anything that needs to be discussed with them, please let them know.

Visitation Meeting: This month's Visitation Meeting will be next Sunday after the evening service.

Children's Home Shopping List: Ranch Dressing

Prayer Breakfast: There will be a Prayer Breakfast for both men and women on March 18 at 9:00 a.m. There will also be a Work Day following the Prayer Breakfast for those who would like to stay.

Daylight Saving Time: Daylight Saving Time begins early next Sunday. Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour before going to bed on Saturday.