Those To Serve

Sunday, June 18, 2023

A.M. Prayers Opening: Johnny Knabe Closing: Jim Case

P.M. Prayers Opening: Gary Bridgman Closing: Robert Foster Singing: Bobby Smithee

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Singing: Johnny Knabe Devotional: Chris Ball

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

The Record:

Attendance: Sunday, June 11, 2023 AM 60 PM 41 [Average for the Year] AM [55] PM [35]

Wednesday, June 14, 2023

36 [Average for the Year] [37]

Contribution:

Sunday, June 11, 2023 Actual \$ 2,198.00; Budget \$ 2,500.00 [Year-to-Date] \$ 57,226.00 [Average] \$ 2,384.42 [+/- Budget] \$ (302.00) [YTD +/- Budget] \$ (2,774.00)

Sermons for June 18, 2023

A.M.—Your Son Lives P.M.—Three Things Concerning Paul's Final Testimony Scripture: John 4:46-50

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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Thoughts from Bill:



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Nour Son Lives

John 4:46-54

I would like for us to consider a special father on this Father's Day. He is the father who had a sick young son talked about in John chapter four.

Consider the mental state of the father. He had to be anxious because his son was sick with a life-threatening illness. Even an illness that is not life-threatening brings anxiety to a father when a child is involved. It was the anxiety of having a child close to death that caused this father to see Jesus. His journey would result in his hearing the words of verse fifty-one: "Your son lives." There are three reasons the nobleman would hear these words.

First, the nobleman would hear these words because *he was*

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present in the young child's life. About one out of two marriages in the United States ends in divorce. This results in many homes where a father is not present in the lives of his children. Even when a father is present, Dr. Seymour Diamond, MD, wrote that most fathers average only about 38 seconds a day being totally attentive and 20 minutes being partly attentive to their children a day. Diamond concluded that this has led to a higher rate of teenage suicide a year and delinquent behavior with one out of nine children ending up in a courtroom on a yearly basis. The nobleman's son would live because the father was there.

Second, the nobleman would hear that his son would live because *of his desire to find Jesus*. The father knew that Jesus was the only one who could help his son. Fathers today need to realize that Jesus needs to be in their homes (Eph. 6:4). Satan has declared war on families, and he seeks to win by alienating husbands and wives and alienating and severing a father's ties with his children as discussed before. This is why Christian fathers need Jesus in their lives. They need to be present to set a Christian example that a husband and father should be. The nobleman had a faith in Jesus that caused him to seek the Lord, and he did not care the price that he had to pay.

Finally, the nobleman would hear the words "your son lives" because *he would lead his family to Jesus* (v. 53). He believed and so did his whole household. Fathers today need to lead their children to Jesus by the lives that they live. They need: (1). To be examples in prayer, study, and love for the Lord; (2). To be faithful to God's family in giving, attendance, and service to the Lord.

If you were the father in Cana a long time ago, would your son have lived because of your faith? Dear friend, there is more than physical life at stake in our families: our children have living souls.

John 4:50—Jesus said to him, "Go your way; your son lives." So the man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him, and he went his way.

News and Notes

Those We Need to Remember in Prayer: Ruth Walters, Robert Foster's sister, is not expected to live much longer. **Bill Coles** received a shot in his back on Wednesday. It will take a few weeks to see if it works. **David White** has a ruptured disc, but it is doing better. **Bruce Millikin** will have outpatient back surgery on June 21 at UAMS.

Others We Need to Remember in Prayer: Ed Hager, Melissa Larson (Shelia Smithee's sister who has cancer), Paula Millikin (as she adjusts to the nursing home)

Sympathy Extended: Dana Barber passed away Friday evening. Arrangements are not known at this time. We extend our deepest sympathy to Johnny and Laura and the rest of Dana's family. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Ladies Day Meeting: There will be a Ladies Day Meeting next Sunday after the evening service.

Children's Home Shopping List: Muffin Mixes

Romanian Children: If you are helping with the support of the children of Romania, please give your donation to Tammy Harris.

