

August 11, 2019

UPCOMING EVENTS

- AUGUST 16-18 – CAMPING TRIP REUNION: See Kelly or Connie for additional details
- AUGUST 24-25: SHOW-ME YOUTH CONFERENCE – hosted by the Conway church of Christ – see Dwight for details.
- AUGUST 25: HUDSON HOUSE SERVICE: 2:30 p.m.
- AUGUST 25: SINGING PRACTICE: 4:30 p.m. We need you there!!! (see Steve Pearce for more details)

HOW TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

- Hear (Romans 10:17)
- Believe (Hebrews 11:6)
- Repent (Acts 17:30)
- Confess (Acts 8:36-37)
- Be Baptized (Acts 2:38)
- Live Faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

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THE VALUE OF “KIDS”

By: Scott Thrasher

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
The fruit of the womb is a reward.
Like arrows in the hand of a warrior,
So are the children of one's youth.
Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;
They shall not be ashamed,
But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.*
(Psalm 127: 3-5)

The middle of August can be a time of dread or delight. It marks the start of a new school year for most of our young people. This is a time of transition. The newness of buildings, schedules, teachers, and some new friends enhance the anxious feelings. God designed the family to provide love and stability for these moments. This support should also come from their extended (spiritual) family. This is where you fit in!!

Do you realize how precious these little souls are? Jesus most certainly did. Matthew records a time when the disciples were questioning Jesus about who was the greatest in the kingdom. Jesus answered them by bringing a little child

before them. He answered them:
“Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Whoever receives one little child like this in My name receives Me.” (Matthew 18:3-5).

Jesus used the child as a symbol of selfless humility, trusting obedience and unconditional love. Oh, how valuable are our young people! They need us. Are you willing to answer the call?

As a family, let's all do our best to show our love, support and encouragement to our kids as they navigate the days ahead. I'm reminded of the old Oak Ridge Boys song, *“When you look down in those trusting eyes that look to you, you realize... There's a love that you can't buy... Thank God for kids”*. AMEN!

PRAYERS PLEASE

- Gayle Hudson and family.
- Matt Turnbull – battling cancer
- The Garbee family - loss of a 3-year old son.
- The Lovins twins. (We continue to collect cards and gifts for Sam and Allison. See Alby & Angela or Twila get those gifts to them).
- Danny Lovins – Injuries sustained from a farm accident.
- Tabbie Jenkins – (also Steve & Cindy Dyke)
- Gene Williams
- Kids going back to school

SUNDAY

9:30 AM Bible Study
10:30 AM Morning Worship
6:00 PM Evening Worship

WEDNESDAY

7:00 PM Bible Study

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ATTENDANCE AM: 118

ATTENDANCE PM: 66

WEDNESDAY PM: 72



TODAY'S SERMON OUTLINE

“AWAITING A SAVIOR”

(Philippians 3:17-4:1)

INTRODUCTION

A) The Facts:

1. We live on this earth and must therefore deal with the evils of the flesh. (1 Corinthians 5:9-10)
2. As Christians, our citizenship is in Heaven. (Philippians 3:20)

B) The Challenge:

1. “In the world” (John 17:11)
2. But “not of the world” (John 17:16)

MEETING THIS CHALLENGE INVOLVES

A) Imitation: 17

1. The man: Paul
2. The faithful: among them
3. The pattern: the standard for all

B) Realization: 18-19

1. The contrast: “enemies of the cross of Christ
2. Their end: “destruction”
3. Their description: Who are they?

C) Anticipation: 20-4:1

1. Our citizenship
2. Our Savior
3. Our transformation

CONCLUSION

A) Jesus demands that we choose Heaven over earth. (Matthew 6:19-21)

B) Paul demands that we look to the things that are unseen. (2 Corinthians 4:18)

C) “Stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved” (Philippians 4:1)

NOTES:

