

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Refocus

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Alice Stone is being referred to UW Cancer Research Center for assessment, please pray for her! Mia, Danesa's niece has been released from the hospital and is at home but still needs our prayers. Shila, Danesa's sister and her husband, George, also needs our prayers. Thad Douthitt is being deployed pray for his safety. Duane Cline need prayers as they recover from surgery. Charles and Neil Kelly needs our prayers.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Hans is in Dillingham, pray for his safety and for a successful season, Ben, Carla and their family on their way back home.

Family Events: Class on James on Tuesday July 16 at 6:00PM.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.

Today's Scripture: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you". **Matthew 6:33 (KJV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. **Ecclesiastes 12:13 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday XX/XX: Our Record: 107

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God's Plan of Salvation

Hear..... Romans 10:17
Believe..... Mark 16:16, Hebrews 11:1-6
Repent..... Acts 2:38, II Corinthians 7:10
Confess..... Romans 10:9-10, Matthew 10:32-33
Be Baptized Mark 16:16, Acts 22:16
Arise & Walk in Newness of Life Romans 6:4

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth..."

—Romans 1:16 KJV

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes: 10AM
AM Worship: 11AM
PM Worship: 5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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It is surprising how busy we get during this time of the year. I am guilty of making so many plans that I end up forgetting which plans I had first made! We have plans to go camping, plans to do yard work and plans go fishing. All the while the word of God sits on our shelves collecting dust. It is no surprise then that with how easy it is to become overwhelmed with everyday plans that the Word of God would have much to say about our priorities. HAGGAI 1:4-8 NASB "Is it time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses while this house lies desolate?" Now therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider your ways! You have sown much, but harvest little; you eat, but there is not enough to be satisfied; you drink, but there is not enough to become drunk; you put on clothing, but no one is warm enough; and he who earns, earns wages to put into a purse with holes." Thus says the LORD of hosts, "Consider your ways! Go up to the mountains, bring wood and rebuild the temple, that I may be pleased with it and be glorified," says the LORD." Now it is not wrong to do these things such as yard work, camping and fishing but we must not let what God has blessed us with the ability to do become an excuse to not seek Him continuously and diligently. So I believe there are three simple solutions to properly "seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33 NKJV.

First pray, yes that simple! It is amazing how easily we can forget prayer in our life and forget about God. We must not forget to pray. A pattern I have gotten into was to pray before bed and then pray the moment I wake up. There is only one thing better than kissing my wife good night and waking up to kiss her good morning and that is to pray to God and thank Him for the privilege to be blessed with such a wonderful wife. Prayer is a blessing that needs to become more apart of our life but it must be done in faith. We must understand who we are talking to, our God, our creator, our sustainer of life. James 1:5-8 NKJV "If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways." So when we pray to the Almighty let us understand He is alive and working! Let us not be double minded but asking in faith knowing that God gives liberally to the righteous man.

Second commit yourself to real bible study. This is not just skimming through trying to find a quote of the day. But as Paul told Timothy, 1 TIMOTHY 4:15-16 NASB "Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all. Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you." This pain that was to be taken was a deep mediation in the word, while correcting and making a change to our old ways of

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life. Too often I find myself guilty of becoming so busy with things that have no impact on my spiritual growth and then wonder what is wrong. This must be taken seriously when we think about what is at stake. Deep bible study encourages us, corrects us and also gives us the strength to contend earnestly for the faith. Jude 3 NASB "Beloved, while I was making every effort to write you about our common salvation, I felt the necessity to write to you appealing that you contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints." Bible study refocuses our mind and inner man to do what is right.

Finally let us draw near to God by action. James 4:7-8 ASV "Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye doubleminded." We begin to lose focus when we don't apply the things we have learned. Application starts in the heart, the heart that desires to do the right things for the right reasons. 1 TIMOTHY 1:5 NASB "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."

We can be busy but let's be busy for God first. Starting our mornings with prayer. Moving into an enriching bible study or bible study with a purpose. Finally thinking about how we can truly apply these spiritual blessings and be moved to action. Matthew 9:36-38 NKJV "But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them, because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." Church family being busy is a part of life but it does not need to be the consuming part of our life.

We can refocus and become refreshed by putting the spiritual things first and then allowing the other things to follow.

At the end it is not that we have a lack of time but a lack of a heart seeking to glorify God.

With these simple reminders to pray, bible study and apply we can ALWAYS find more time! II Peter 3:17-18 NKJV "You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked; but grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and forever. Amen."

