

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

What Shall We Do?

OUR FAMILY NEWS

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Radio Programs: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program on KMBQ 99.7 Sunday mornings beginning at 9:00 AM.

Today's Scripture: 1 Cor. 15:58 "Therefore my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

Wisdom for Today: Proverbs 20:4 "The sluggard will not plow by reason of the cold: therefore shall he beg in the harvest, and have nothing."

Attendance Last Sunday: 70/62 Our Record: 107
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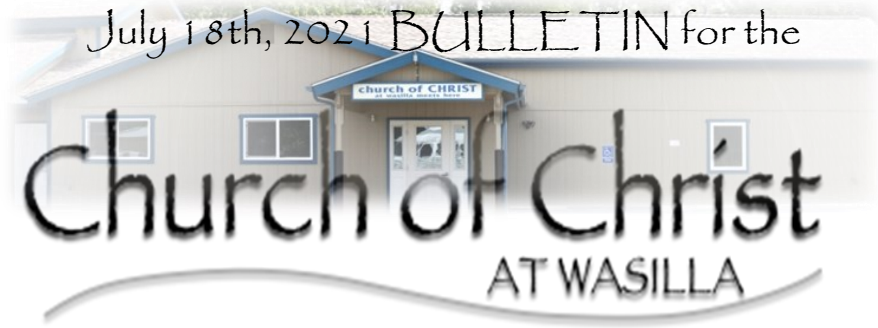
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God's Plan of Salvation

HearRomans 10:17
 BelieveMark 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
 Remain Faithful.....Matt 24:13; Rev 2:10; James 1:12

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

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

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

Wednesday:
 Bible Study: 7PM

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AM Sermon and Article: Joseph Murdock

What Now?

Joseph Murdock

Have you ever been on a roller coaster? The way they climb, drop and turn make them extremely fun for some while for others they are completely unenjoyable. Now while roller coasters have their place one thing we as the church must realize is our spiritual walk is to not be that way. Life will absolutely have ups and downs but these are circumstances. For example listen to Paul **II Corinthians 11:24-27 NKJV** **“From the Jews five times I received forty stripes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods; once I was stoned; three times I was shipwrecked; a night and a day I have been in the deep; in journeys often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils of my own countrymen, in perils of the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness—”**

Now certainly I have never been apart of these extremely difficult circumstances but just reading what Paul said could you say what he would say in other scriptures? **II Corinthians 11:28 NKJV** **“besides the other things, what comes upon me daily: my deep concern for all the churches.”** Or what about what Paul says in **Philippians 4:10-12 NKJV** **“But I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at last your care for me has flourished again; though you surely did care, but you lacked opportunity. Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound. Everywhere and in all things I have learned both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need.”** Life is going to have it's ups and downs. Life will be hard, frustrating and sometimes seem impossible. But that must never change what our goal is. That goal is to spread the gospel. We must not allow the ebbs and flows of life dictate our love for God.

Read carefully the words of James as he points out what happens when our spiritual walk becomes like that of a roller coaster. **James 1:6-8 NKJV** **“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.”** “With no doubting for who doubts is like a wave of the sea.” The turbulence in the life filled with doubt is unbearable because there is no hope. But we have hope and that hope is a living one I **Peter 1:3-5 NKJV** **“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.”** Are we confident in God. I mean the One who has never left, nor forsaken us? Who has been and who is the I am! The One who moved us by obedience to His word from the power of darkness into His kingdom. If we truly are confident the question I have is, NOW what?

Evening Sermon: Tom Betti

We are coming off a community meeting which included door knocking, handing out hundreds and hundreds of flyers. We have 2 gospel meetings coming up. We ought to be doing our best to have daily scriptural conversation with our kids, neighbors and whoever we see. Yes life can and will be hard a times. We will fail, make mistakes and have missed opportunities. We will go through ups and downs but that doesn't have to define us. Why? Because the word of God says so. Think about Peter who had swung a sword taking the ear of Malchus, spoke out of turn and denied Christ. It would be easy to see someone like him saying “I guess I'll just give up” or “I will never be good enough.” But instead of saying that this is the conclusion he came to. **I Peter 1:6-9 NKJV** **“In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, you have been grieved by various trials, that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ, whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory, receiving the end of your faith—the salvation of your souls.”** Church when we ask ourselves what now. Will we have the faith that brings forth the confidences to be ready to give an answer? To spread the gospel message which is able to save the souls of the willing hearts? Will we not let the ebbs and flows of life directs us away from God but refine us to be found in the eternal glory? Church the choice is your what will YOU do now?

“Thanks”

A Sunday school teacher, I don't know his name.
A wonderful preacher who never found fame.
So faithful, so earnest when I was a boy
He stuck to his task though I tried to annoy.
He never was missing in cold or in heat,
A smile his face lighted the moment we'd meet.
He taught by example as well as by word,
This splendid old teacher who honored his Lord.
He helped my young life more than he ever knew
Later years I remembered and tried to be true.
I suppose he has gone now to join in heaven's ranks
May it be my good fortune someday to say thanks.
-author unknown

Calendar of Events

July 28 Wed. night singing
Aug 8-11 Personal Evangelism Seminar - Rob Whitacre
Aug 22-25 Gospel Meeting - Brendon Ashby