### **THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)**

# The All Sufficient and Inspired Word of God!

AM Sermon: Daniel Schramm

### OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Josiah, Wayne & Cathy, Helen Spicer, Bill & Peggy

**Our new sister in Christ!** Shawn Marie was baptized July 14th. Keep her in your prayers.

Traveling/Working: Joe, Charles

**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: James 1:21** "Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."

**Wisdom for Today: Psalm 119:11** "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."

Evening Sermon: "Have we outgrown our need for God?" Tom Betti

Attendance Last Sunday: 78/61 Our Record: 107 For more information, visit our website at www.churchofchristwasilla.com

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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
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	COME JOIN US!
<u>Sunday:</u>	The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:
Bible Classes: 10AM	
AM Worship: 11AM	2061 N. Merciful Circle
PM Worship: 5PM	Wasilla, AK 99654
Wednesday:	(907) 373-5773
Bible Study: 7PM	
OFFICE HOURS Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web	Visit our website at: <u>www.churchofchristwasilla.com</u>

Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

### "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

## The Highest Compliment Jesus Paid?

Carl B. Garner

When you don't want to do something, it is easy to find excuses for not doing it. Moses was in an "excuse mode" when God called on him to lead Israel out of Egyptian bondage. He made every excuse he could think of, from "I can't talk" to "I don't want to," but God was having none of it. One way He got Moses' attention was to ask, "*What is that in thy hand*?" (**Exodus 4:2**). Moses had a shepherd's rod. He and God used that rod to free Israel from Egyptian bondage.

An event with a similar lesson is found in **Mark 14**. Mary, the sister of Lazarus, anointed the feet of Jesus with an expensive ointment. Judas complained that the ointment could have been sold for the benefit of the poor. Jesus, however, says of Mary, *"she hath done what she could."* There would be little time to prepare Jesus' body for burial, and Jesus said, *"..she hath anointed my body beforehand for the burial,"* **Mark 14:3-9**. She could not prevent His crucifixion, but she did *"what she could."* 

Moses used a "rod," and it was a major factor in Pharaoh's decision to let them go. Are we so blind that we are not aware of the tools we have in our hands to do the will of God? <u>Young</u> or <u>old</u>, you have means at your disposal by which you can serve God even now:

You have a phone. There are mixed feelings about the telephone. Some say it is the greatest invention ever, while others hate it. But without leaving the comfort and warmth of your home you can offer help to a neighbor, a brother or sister in Christ – or anyone who is discouraged, sick or grieving over a loved one's illness. Just one phone call may be the very thing that person needs—and <u>you can do it</u>. No excuses now – it just takes a few minutes. Costs little or nothing, and you may make a real difference in some person's life!

**You have a computer, a phone or a pencil**. I know a lady, though not as healthy as she once was, who calls or writes to every person who is not able to come to the worship assembly. She uses that means to encourage, and some of you may have been on the receiving end of one of them. If you can e-mail or write, make use of what you have *"in thy hand."* 

You have the keys to an automobile. Some of us here today became Christians because someone brought us to assemble with others who were Christians. Do you have neighbors who would come with you if you invited them? Philip used a chariot as a place to teach the Ethiopian, Acts 8. Why not bring someone with you next time? Why not offer a ride to someone who needs to go to the grocery store or the post office. That's something all of us can do.

# go into the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

You have a Bible and a brain. You can do no better favor for any of your friends than to open the pages of the Bible and show them the way of salvation. "*The entrance of Your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple,*" Psalm 119:130. You have that which can brighten someone's life today. Why not do what you can.

You have a pair of glasses. If you don't need glasses you may not be able to imagine what it is like to be blind. Many cannot see well enough to read their own Bible. You could be their "eyes," opening their heart to His word.

**You have an ear**. Many need someone who will just listen to them, talk to them and hear what they have to say. Can you imagine not having anyone to talk to? There are many who are very lonely, having no one who will listen. You may be able to fill that need in their life. But – it will take your time and your willingness to listen. That is something you have *"in your hand"* that only you can offer. How about it?

**You have recipes and an oven**. The gift of a hot loaf of homemade bread may be the best gift for some. A casserole or a freshly baked cake or cookies – what a blessed sight. It shows that you took the time to make something just for them. You men who "can't cook," the local bakery will do it for you, and similar results will be seen.

You have a lawnmower and a set of tools. You don't need to have a great deal of skill with tools to do what needs to be done in a household. The lawn needs to be mowed, but if one is disabled, sick or not capable of pushing the mower, you can be a great help. Some men and women occasionally need help with the car, or with the plumbing....or with a balky computer! If you have the know-how and the tools *"in thy hand"*, you can accomplish much good, and our young people will be blessed by these opportunities.

You have a Bible and a tract. You may think you don't know the Bible well enough to teach someone, but you can give them a Bible, or a tract that teaches Bible principles. We have plenty of both, and all you need to do is take advantage of what is *"in thy hand."* Don't forget Mary, for whom Jesus paid the highest compliment – *"she hath done what she could."* That's all God expects of any of us.

#### **Calendar of Events**

Aug 8-11Personal Evangelism Seminar - Rob WhitacreAug 22-25Gospel Meeting - Brendon Ashby