

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

The Foolishness of Taking it Easy

AM Sermon: Tom Moore

OUR FAMILY NEWS

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

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

Traveling/Working: Hans, Joe

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: Jude 1:3 “...it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.”

Wisdom for Today: Galatians 6:9 “And let us not grow weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.”

Evening Sermon: “Will God Always Bless America?” Eddie Maxwell

Attendance Last Sunday: 65/45 Our Record: 107
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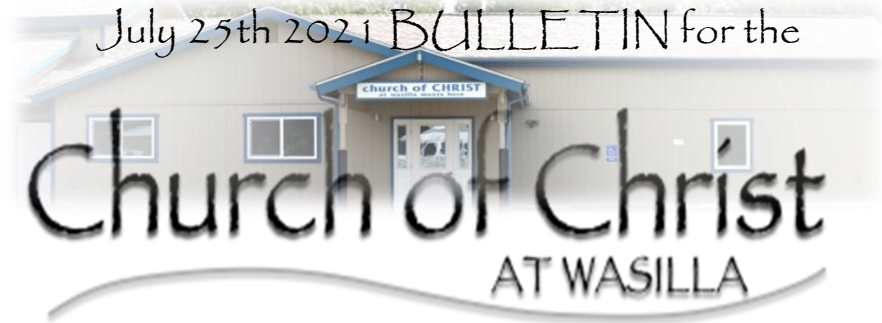
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God’s Plan of Salvation

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

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. Call or Ck Web

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

Unhappy?

"Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," is one of the most well-known statements found in the Declaration of Independence. Despite the fact that this idea is at the heart of American ideas many people still find happiness difficult to achieve. Followers of Jesus should be the happiest people in the world. The Savior Himself spoke of the life He offers as being abundant (John 10:10). The apostle Paul said the spiritual mindset will be one of life and peace (Rom. 8:6). Sorrows are a part of life (cf. 1 Thess. 4:13). However the Christian has access to joy at all times because he is "in the Lord" (Phil. 4:4). Perhaps you are thinking, "I understand these things but I'm still not particular happy." If you, as a disciple of Jesus, are unhappy, then perhaps these thoughts may serve helpful...

Perhaps you suffer from "I" disease? Selfishness is often the tap root of discontentment and a lack of joy. Biblically there is a proper place for self-fulfillment (cf. Mark 12:31; Phil. 2:4), however there's a much greater stress on serving others (John 13:15; Gal. 5:13). Never underestimate the power active service and giving to others has in bringing about blessedness (cf. Acts 20:35).

Perhaps you are worried and anxious about life? Nothing zaps joy like worry, stress and anxiety. The Lord did not leave us without instruction regarding these matters. Three times in the Sermon on the Mount Jesus commanded His followers not to worry (Matt. 6:25, 31, 34). In His discourse He spoke of God's intimate knowledge of His creation, His care and His promise to provide life's needed items especially to those who seek first the kingdom (Matt. 6:33). When we trustingly place our minds on heavenly things (Col. 3:4), happiness typically is just around the corner.

Perhaps you are allowing others to affect you? It is easy to search for happiness through relationships with others. And, it would be difficult to deny that healthy relationships (spouse, relatives, friends, etc.) indeed bring a great deal of joy. However, people will and do disappoint us. If I'm waiting for a change in someone else before I can be happy I may find myself waiting forever. The same thing holds true if I am waiting for someone else to provide me joy. Therefore I must choose to work on my relationship with God first (James 4:4), making the necessary changes I can make in my own life (2 Peter 3:18) and allow these avenues to provide the happiness I desire.

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

Perhaps you are allowing the less important to sidetrack you from the most important? I have heard it said before that the key to life is keeping the main thing the main thing. Certainly this is true. Jesus spoke of the negative effects the cares, riches and pleasure of this life can have on the soul (Luke 8:14). Like Martha we can allow the good to crowd out the best (Luke 10:38-42) and miss out on what really matters. If unhappy, why not determine to focus on the 'one thing' that matters most (Psalm 27:4; Phil3:13-14)? Focus has a way of pushing out distractions and bringing about peace (Phil 4:6-7).
(Bill Burk)

What is a Saint?

S - A saint is one SANCTIFIED, according to the Bible definition - set apart to the Lord's work by obedience and consecration to the service of God.

A - A saint is ACTIVE, going about doing good, caring for the needy, teaching the Word, cheering the faint-hearted.

I - A saint is an IMITATOR of Christ, bearing his image, aiming at his glory.

N - A saint is NOBLE; a person, like the Bereans visited by Paul and Silas, who searches the Scriptures daily.

T - A saint is THANKFUL for his blessings, TRUSTS the Lord always, and is TRUE to his promises.

What are some symptoms of someone falling away?

1. When you can easily put other things before God and the kingdom.
2. When you can easily miss worship or Bible study.
3. When you seldom study your Bible.
4. When you start finding fault with everyone in the church.
5. When you begin to talk about "they" when talking about the church.
6. When you give little of yourself - Time, money and talents.
7. When you have no urgency for the lost. Not concerned about your neighbor
8. When you spend more on hobbies than on the Lord's work.
9. When your closest friends are either weak friends or non Christians.

Calendar of Events

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