

Love one
 ♥ ANOTHER ♥
 as I have
 LOVED
 you
 -JOHN 15:12

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson, Nell Kelly, Wayne Ezell

Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Nicholson’s with Justin Kelly, Churchill’s

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

Today’s Scripture: “...not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.” **Heb. 10:25 (1901 ASV)**

Today’s Proverb: “Blessed is the man that heareth me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.” **8:34 (1901 ASV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 72

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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 6PM

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7PM

COME JOIN US!

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Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

A NATION IS A LOT LIKE A PERSON

A nation is a lot like a person. It is born. It lives. It grows old. It dies. Many great nations have arisen during the history of the world. Some of them experienced a pattern somewhat like this: They began with strong spiritual and moral conviction, followed by the growth and eventual dominance of materialism, eventually to be destroyed by moral decay, apathy, and anarchy. Sounds all too familiar, doesn't it? America began with spiritual conviction, and at least a great many people who meant it when "In God We Trust" was stamped on its money. Then came the industrial revolution, the agricultural revolution, the glorification of materialism in general, and a people who began to trust more in money than in God. Now we see signs of decadence and apathy, the next-to-last stage. As one of the Nobel Peace Prize winners pointed out several years ago, not just in America, but in the rest of the world, our moral fiber is unraveling rapidly. Is it all over? Is it the end? Is American about to die? Well, that depends upon America. It depends on what we Americans decide. God gives us the choice, both as individuals and nations to follow our way or His way (Mat.7:13-14). It's up to us. He wants us as willing followers, not as robots with no freedom of choice (11:28-30). Centuries before Christ, Nineveh, much like America today, was faced with a choice. Nineveh could pursue either its own self-centered course or turn back to God. In what must have been one of the greatest spiritual revivals in history, Nineveh heard God's warning. Its citizens believed God, proclaimed a fast, turned around from wrongdoing, and were saved from destruction (Jon. 3:5-10). The same thing can happen in America today. America has been great. It can be even greater. Our permissiveness, violence, and overindulgence can be either the beginning of the end of the crisis experience that gives us rebirth in God's will. It's up to us which of the two it will be.

 Thomas B. Warren (1920 - 2000)

BECOMETH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST

In Philippians 1:27 Paul wrote, "Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ..." Paul desired that the Philippians act in a certain way. He wanted their behavior to be as a Christian's should be. It does not make much sense for Paul to tell the Philippians that they needed to act a certain way if there was no way to know how to act. The word "conversation" refers to a duty as a citizen. Duty implies responsibility. It also implies that a rule of some kind must be involved. The word 'becometh' is from a Greek word meaning weighed. It means one thing's weight equals another's weight. The inspired Paul was saying that the Christian's manner of life should be in equal weight to the Gospel of Christ. This means that the Christian's life will be compared to the Gospel. There is a device known as a balance. It has a place on one side to put weights. On the other side one puts an item for which he wants to know its weight. It is necessary to keep putting weights on the opposite side until it balances with the item. Then, you add up the weights to know how much the item weighs. Paul was giving such a picture of a person's life. One's life is on one side and the Gospel is on the other side. Paul said the child of God's goal is to equalize his life with the Gospel. This was not a new teaching. We have references in the Old Testament about this. We read in 1 Samuel 2:3, "Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogancy come out of your mouth: for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed." The great prophet Daniel told King Belshazzar that the writing on a wall by the finger of God said, "Tekel; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting" (Daniel 5:27). Job told his friends in Job 31:6, "Let me be weighed in an even balance, that God may know mine integrity." Study your Bible. Learn what God wants you to do. Then, obey Him. Live your life as it becometh the Gospel of Christ.

 Mark McWhorter