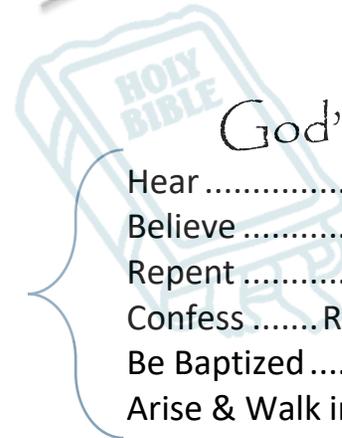


September 17th, 2017 BULLETIN for the



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

“And now these three remain:
FAITH, HOPE & LOVE
 But the greatest of these is **Love.**”
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:13

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Joe Clapp, Chloe Larson
Traveling/Working: Slope workers, Terri Douthitt and Tim Crawford
Radio Program: Listen to “Searching the Scriptures”, our weekly radio program, Sundays at 9am, on 99.7 FM.
“Is Genesis History?”: Video will be shown on 9/29 and 9/30, and there will be a meeting for breakfast in the morning on 9/30.
Men’s Meeting: Meeting on 10/1, and all agenda items are due on 9/23.
Today’s Scripture: “And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have faith in God.”
Mar. 11:22 (KJV)
Today’s Proverb: “As a jewel of gold in a swine’s snout, so is a fair woman which is without discretion.” **Prov. 11:22 (KJV)**

Attendance Last Sunday: 57

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION

ELDERS:
 Ed Maxwell (907) 373-5583 ed@churchofchristwasilla.com
 Hans Nicholson (907) 230-2969 hnichs@gmail.com
DEACONS:
 Joe Murdock (907) 715-0089 montana2189@hotmail.com
 Wayne Ezell (907) 414-0613 nytman09@yahoo.com

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:
 Bible Classes 10AM
 AM Worship 11AM
 PM Worship 6PM
Wednesday:
 Bible Classes 7PM

COME JOIN US!

The church of Christ at Wasilla meets at:
 2061 N. Merciful Circle
 Wasilla, AK 99654
 Visit our website at:
www.churchofchristwasilla.com
 (907) 373-5773

Visitors Always Welcome; Members Expected

WHERE FAITH IS LIVED

We would all like the Divine experiences of certain people of the Old Testament. We would like to have God ask us to count the stars as He did Abraham and be told that such will be our descendants. We would like to witness a miraculous dream like Jacob and see a ladder between earth and heaven with angels ascending and descending. We would like to come upon a burning bush in the wilderness and hear the voice of God, "Take off your shoes for the ground upon which you stand is holy." Can you imagine the excitement such Divine experiences generated for these patriarchs and many others to whom God granted such special favors? Their hearts surely pounded for days. Don't however get the wrong idea. These special God-connecting experiences did not happen every day. Not even for men and women who are our models of faith today. Other than these few times, the clear majority of the lives of these great men was no different than everyone else who lived like they did in those days. Their experiences, significant enough to be recorded in the Bible, happened only a few times in their entire life. Probably 99.9% of their lives were boringly ordinary. As I was driving to the office early this morning, I pondered how unexceptional my day was likely to be. There was no use holding out for a face to face meeting with God. I was not even expecting the glimpse of an angel. I wasn't anticipating the sun to stop and reverse its course or to be lifted-up to the third heaven. And, as it turned out, now at nearly the end of the day, there have been no surprises. This day was just what I expected it to be. This is an important insight which is easy to overlook when we read the Bible. In between the few occasions of the spiritually uncommon, men and women of faith led lives not any different than everyone else. They still had to make a living, patch roofs, draw water, feed the livestock, prepare a meal and wash the dishes. They lived common lives just like the faithful still do today. This morning as I pondered this realization, I suddenly understood that common lives are how faith is supposed to be lived. If we daily jumped from one miraculous or, even, exceptional event to the next, what would be so great about faith? In the trenches of common life is where faith shines!

 Floyd Kaiser

GOD NEVER GIVES CHALLENGE TO GREAT!

At times some people seem to be overwhelmed by the demands of living a Christian life. They know that, as Jesus said, the way to heaven upon which we are to tread is "strait" and "narrow", so much so that few will even find it (Matthew 7:13-14). They read that Paul warns that it is a way that is sometimes hindered with persecutions and that the evil men and seducers that cause this will only get worse (2 Timothy 3:12-13). And in spite of all of this (and more!), they read that God expects that we live a life "denying ungodliness and worldly lusts" and "should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:12).

It is at about this point that some give up, declaring that no one could live such a life in the midst of all that God warns us we will face! But is that acceptable? Is it true that God gives such a charge knowing that we are just men and cannot ever really achieve such a life? No!! The truth is that God's desire for us to live godly in this wicked world is not an unattainable act. It is, like all of God's commands, accompanied with the provisions so that we CAN be and live as He expects.

The problem is that too many become overwhelmed by the problems but don't look to the solutions that God provides. For example, in 2 Peter 1:3 we find that God has given us "all things that pertain unto life and godliness". The truth is that God, with this challenge to live godly, has given us the means to accomplish it. With God, there is no challenge too great – IF we look for His answer.

 Jack H. Williams