

GOOD NEWS

Do and Teach

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray For: Logan’s grandpa, Helen Spicer, Chloe Larson, Wayne Ezell, Doris Fikes.

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

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Today’s Scripture: “The former treatise have I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach, Until the day in which he was taken up, after that he through the Holy Ghost had given commandments unto the apostles whom he had chosen:” **Acts 1:1-2 (KJV)**

Today’s Proverb: “He established a testimony in Jacob and set up a law in Israel, which He commanded our fathers to teach to their children ⁶ so that a future generation— children yet to be born—might know. They were to rise and tell their children” **Psalms 78:5-6 (HCSB)**

Attendance Last Sunday:60 Record: 96

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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
- 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 Study: 7PM

OFFICE HOURS

Tue./Thur. 3PM-7PM

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Do and Teach

A marque at a church in Mississippi recently read "Preach the Gospel, if necessary use words". It is a good reminder that we often teach more with our actions than we do with our language. There are numerous studies that indicate that even in one-on-one conversations, our body language often speaks louder than our words. The way you sit, how you lean, if you cross your arms or legs during a conversation will often determine the message that the listener gets. You can easily see this if you just try a simple experiment. Talk with your spouse, close friend or someone you trust to tell you how you come across. During the conversation maintain eye contact, lean forward just a little and don't cross your arms or legs and ask them how the conversation went. Then try having no eye contact, lean back away from them, and cross your arms during the conversation then ask how it went. Or sit side by side and cross your legs toward them for part of the conversation, then cross them away from them during the rest and ask which part of the conversation felt better to them. You will see that body language is important.

In trying to teach the Gospel, I suggest that body language is important, they may not listen closely if you choose the incorrect body posture. But I would argue that "life language" is much more important. How you live your life will impact how effective you are at spreading the Gospel. Another saying that many of us have heard is "Be careful how you live, you may be the only bible some person may ever read." Jesus understood this well and, living a sinless life, was the perfect teacher. In fact Luke tells us that Jesus did first then taught. Notice Acts 1:1, "I wrote the first narrative, Theophilus, about all that Jesus began to do and teach". In this verse, Luke tells us that Jesus used His life as a language, then He taught. He practiced a life of obedience to God, then He taught it.

Today, here in Wasilla, we want to spread the Gospel of Christ to the lost all around us. We look around and see that there are thousands of souls ready to be taught the Gospel and if we do not teach them Hell will be their eternal home. It is vitally important for us to teach the Gospel, but it is just as vital and maybe more so, for us to live it! If we only use words to try to teach and they see us live a ungodly life our efforts will be worthless. They will see us for the hypocrites we would be then. On the other hand, if we live Godly lives and never have the opportunity to speak to them, they may see something that causes them to go to our website, listen to the radio program or visit our services and hear the gospel that way.

The Bible teaches us a lot about living a life that is acceptable to God. In answering the rich young ruler, Jesus gave us a list of things that would be considered living a Godly life. In Matthew 19:16-21 Jesus says don't murder, don't lie, don't steal, don't commit adultery, honor your parents and love your neighbors.

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He then goes on to say care for the poor. Paul gives us a similar list in Romans 13:8-10. Here he says, don't commit adultery, don't murder, don't steal, don't covet and love your neighbor. In Revelation 22:15, John quotes Jesus as saying that sorcerers, murderers, sexually immoral, idolaters, and all who love and practice lying are outside the heaven. Therefore, anyone living those kinds of lives would be living ungodly.

It is rather easy for us to say, well I think that I just about have that nailed. I am not a sorcerer, I am not a murderer, I am not an idolater, I don't lie, and I am not sexually immoral so my "life language" is good and people should see it and know that I am a Christian. However, I would like to ask you to consider these points:

- Do you show the importance of Christ in your life by regular and consistent attendance of the services of the church?
- Do you show your love for the church by contacting those who are sick or miss services?
- Are you engaged in the operations of the church? Do you help with the activities when the opportunity exists?
- Do you demonstrate your love for others by visiting the sick or those in need of encouragement?
- Do you maintain and improve your knowledge of God's word by constant reading, study and participation in classes?
- Do you demonstrate your care for the lost by readily engaging in conversations about God and Jesus when the opportunity presents itself?

In order to effectively teach others, it is important that we first live as a Christian. Let them see, in your life, that you truly love Jesus and the church. Then you can teach them, and they will be willing to listen. Remember:

Do First Then Teach!