

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Weak In The Faith

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Hans and Danesa, Wayne and Cathy, Abby, Peggy Beebe needs our prayers. Pray for Herb and Jean Watson.

Traveling/Working: Slope workers. Cathy will be traveling for a month. The Kelly's are traveling.

Men's Meeting: There will be a men's meeting December 1, 2019 immediately following the morning services. Agenda items are due to Ed by end of services tonight.

Radio Program: Listen to "Searching the Scriptures", our weekly radio program

Family Events: The potluck scheduled for today has been *cancelled*.

Women's Study: The next women's study will be Saturday November 30th at 1:00 PM at the Building

Evangelism: There are several bible studies ongoing. Check the website and attend if you can.

Today's Scripture: "As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions." **Romans 14:1 (ESV)**

Wisdom for Today: "Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked." **Psalms 82:4 (ESV)**

Attendance Last Sunday 78/67: Our Record: 107
For more detail, please go to the web site.

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November 24th, 2019 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..."

CONTACT INFORMATION

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Classes:	10AM
AM Worship:	11AM
PM Worship:	5PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study:	7PM
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Weak In The Faith

Weak in the faith, we hear this statement and I'm sure we all have a list of people in our minds who we have labeled as this. A question I have is how many of us honestly have put ourselves on that list? Or maybe the reality is you are a strong christian and you actually have a valid list of people who, quite possibly are "weak in the faith" The bible tells us we will know them by their fruits right (Matthew 7:16-17) and sometimes we can look around us, and it feels more like we are in the junk food isle, or the frozen section, rather than the produce section. All joking aside though, this article is here for all of us who are weak or strong. To help us with this question, what do we do with the "weak in the faith", or what if we are the "weak in the faith?" We get this idea of weak in the faith from: Romans 14:1 NASB Now accept the one who is weak in the faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions. "Him that is weak in the faith receive ye, but not to doubtful disputations." Romans 14:1 KJV Lets pull out a few important words from this statement: Accept, and passing judgment on his opinions. Let's start with accept, KJV says to receive ye, Strongs defines this as to admit to friendship or hospitality. (And before we do go any further in context this passage is talking about food, not soul saving, or losing matters but judgmental matters, of personal opinions, and our christian liberties.) Which leads to the next statement not for the purpose of passing judgment, KJV says not to doubtful disputations, and Strongs says, discussion that is (internal) consideration, or (extenal) debate. I think we all have had judgmental thoughts and or arguments over small matters before and can understand this full well. The question here for each one of us is why are we told to be friendly and hospitable to each other, especially those brethren with different views? Is it so we can look down on the weak to feel stronger and better. Or maybe as a weak brother, looking at the strong, passing our own sorts of judgments because we are not where they are spiritually, so we as the weak have the right to judge the strong? If we continue to read through the chapter, we can learn that Paul was instructing the church in Rome, to understand that we are each accountable to God for our own actions not the actions of another, and some of us are weaker, some of us are stronger, some grew up with traditions, and understandings that are different than yours, but we all are working towards the same goal and that is... Romans 14:7-8 KJV "For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself. For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord's." Romans 14:10 KJV "But why dost thou judge thy brother? or why dost thou set at nought thy brother? for we shall all stand before the judgment seat of Christ." James 4:11-12 KJV "Speak not evil one of another, brethren. He that speaketh evil of his brother, and judgeth his brother, speaketh evil of the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judge the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. There is one lawgiver, who is able to save and to destroy: who art thou that judgest another?" When we go beyond the scriptures

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to prove a point or become more critical of each other and passing judgment upon their actions, or opinions, we loose sight of our own actions, and we forget, that we too were once, or maybe even are still, "weak in the faith." James tells us that passing judgment make us judges (elevating ourselves above what God has allowed), rather than doers of the law. Jesus clearly tells us that we are not to go above our roles unless we want to become our own standard. Matthew 7:1-2 KJV Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. This is a position none of should ever want to be in. First of all none of us are worthy to be a spiritual judge (that is God's position and His alone) and second we skew ourselves when we think ourselves one because of our own bias. Now this also doesn't mean that we are not to take a stand against the false teachings or sinful actions but where are we going with our own standard? Or God's? The answer needs to be obvious. Romans 14:12-13 KJV "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God. Let us not therefore judge one another any more: but judge this rather, that no man put a stumblingblock or an occasion to fall in his brother's way." To help you define whether you are a strong or weak christian, the strong ones have pursued the answers through faith in the Lord and His word to find out whether, the things he or she does are right or wrong. The weaker is basing his opinions off of traditions, and has not yet come to a full knowledge of Christ, for his faith is still growing Both in their own eyes as we can read feel what they are doing is right, and both are doing what they are doing out of love for the the Lord. So concluding we can read and understand, that we should not be doing things to cause each other to stumble, but for righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit through the standard that is found in the word. Not those things that are from our own standards or traditions. 1 Corinthians 8: 6-12 KJV "But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him. Howbeit there is not in every man that knowledge: for some with conscience of the idol unto this hour eat it as a thing offered unto an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. But meat commendeth us not to God: for neither, if we eat, are we the better; neither, if we eat not, are we the worse. But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to them that are weak. For if any man see thee which hast knowledge sit at meat in the idol's temple, shall not the conscience of him which is weak be emboldened to eat those things which are offered to idols; And through thy knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? But when ye sin so against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." Romans 14:19 KJV "Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace, and things wherewith one may edify another."