

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

Understanding God's Spiritual Kingdom

AM Sermon: George Jensen

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Deb Betti, Josiah, Helen Spicer, Bill and Peggy.

Traveling/Working: Wyatt Couch, Steve and Abby

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: "Also I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? Then said I, Here am I; send me." Isaiah 6:8 (KJV 1900)

Wisdom for Today: "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles." Psalm 43:3 (KJV 1900)

PM Sermon: George Jensen

Attendance Last Sunday -

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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
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

Why Me?

By Bill Beebe

Last Wednesday evening Mike Couch presented the devotional message. In his message, Mike pointed out that it was very easy to ask “Why me?”. What did I do or what happened to put me in the situation that I am? Why is it always me that bad things seem to happen to? Why can't I do what others can? Why did my shoulder get damaged, or why are my legs no longer able to hold me up. It is very easy for us to begin to pity ourselves and ask “Why me?”.

While Christians are not immune to this attitude, especially after some type of significant trauma, we shouldn't allow it to interfere with our efforts to grow. Paul told us about a “thorn” in his side that he prayed for God to remove. His prayers on this subject were answered succinctly by God. In 2 Corinthians 12:7–9 (KJV 1900) Paul wrote “⁷ And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. ⁸ For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. ⁹ And he said unto me, **My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness.** Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.”

This passage should give the Christian comfort in what ever affects us. But Paul didn't only tell us that, he makes at least two more comments in his letters that should help us to not ask “Why me?”. In Philippians 4:13 (KJV 1900) Paul writes “¹³ I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” Whatever it was that Paul was struggling with, he still had confidence that God would provide the strength to get him through it so that he could continue his work. Then in Philippians 4:7 (KJV 1900) he writes this for us; “⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

Regardless of our situation we have no reason to ask “Why me?” Contra-

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

ry to the world and their tendency to pity themselves, we Christians should maintain a positive attitude and continue our work for the Lord. In fact, our attitude should be “Why not me?” Why not me when it comes to calling visitors and thanking them for visiting with us. Why not me when letters and cards need to be written to members who are suffering and need a little push in the right direction to get them going again. Why not me when teachers are needed, or someone needs a visit or a meal.

Lets all get, and keep, an attitude of “Why not me?”. There are so many things we can do that do not require a person to be completely whole. Mike has been a great example while suffering with his shoulder injury and the resulting pain of surgery and rehabilitation. We all can learn from him. We are entering a new stage in the church here at Wasilla. It is time for us all to ask “Why not me?” and then step up and volunteer to get things done. We can no longer sit back and let others do the things that need doing. As we grow there will be more and more work that needs doing. We will need more teachers. We will need more people to maintain our facilities. We will need more members ready to pitch in when we decide the time is right to plant churches in Palmer, Sutton, Willow and Talkeetna. So start now by asking “Why not me?”, when Joe asks for teachers or when Phillip asks for help with snow removal, or when we ask for door knockers or just for people to help stuff envelopes for a direct mail campaign.

There is plenty that needs done and more will need doing as we grow. Ask “Why not me?” often enough and it will become natural for you to volunteer. And, who knows who is looking and who will notice our positive attitude and love for each other. And this may just give them the courage to say “Why not me?” and walk down the hallway to the baptistry when the invitation is extended.

Schedule of Events

There will be a men's meeting immediately following the evening service tonight.