

THINK ON THESE THINGS (Philippians 4:8)

You Have Not Passed This Way Before

AM Sermon: Tom Betti

OUR FAMILY NEWS

Pray: Deb Betti, the Morigeau family, 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: "And they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of the LORD your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go: for ye have not passed *this* way heretofore." Joshua 3:3-4 (KJV 1900)

Wisdom for Today: "The paths of their way are turned aside; They go to nothing, and perish. Job 6:18 (KJV 1900)

PM Sermon: Michael Couch
Attendance Last Sunday -

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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
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
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"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us

. Forks In The Road

By: Bill Beebe

Have you ever looked back on your life and wondered what it would have been like had you decided to walk a different trail? What would things have developed had you made a different decision about your career? How would your life have played out had you decided to not go to college or to go to college? While it may be fun to consider these things, the fact is that when we make a decision and start down the path from that fork in the road of our lives, we cannot turn back and chose the other trail. Oh, we can at some point make the decision to pursue the alternative path but the time we lost pursuing one path is lost forever to the other. But there is danger in this as well. We cannot dwell on decisions we made in the past to the point of being too afraid to make the decisions we will have to make today or tomorrow or even next year. When we spend our time looking backwards, we cannot see the future. However, remembering the decisions we made in the past and learning from them is something we all should do.

Paul did this. Listen to him as he describes the path that he once followed before meeting Jesus near Damascus; "For I am the least of the apostles, that am not meet to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God." 1 Corinthians 15:9 (KJV 1900). And again in Galatians 1:13-14 (KJV 1900) "For ye have heard of my conversation in time past in the Jews' religion, how that beyond measure I persecuted the church of God, and wasted it: ¹⁴ And profited in the Jews' religion above many my equals in mine own nation, being more exceedingly zealous of the traditions of my fathers." But Paul didn't allow this past decision to paralyze him. He also said "For I am now ready to be offered, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith: Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love his appearing." 2 Timothy 4:6-8 (KJV 1900). Paul recognized the choices that he made early in life. Instead of allowing them to consume him to the point that he could not choose to follow Jesus when they met, he used those memories to motivate him as he walked the new path of a Christian Apostle. He goes on to say "For I suppose I was not a whit behind the very chiefeest apostles. ⁶ But though I be rude in speech, yet not in knowledge; but we have been throughly made manifest among you in all things." 2 Corinthians 11:5-6 (KJV 1900)

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

Peter is another person who chose a path and followed it. In Matthew 4:18-20 (KJV 1900) we see Peter making a decision and immediately following through with it "And Jesus, walking by the sea of Galilee, saw two brethren, Simon called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea: for they were fishers. ¹⁹ And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. ²⁰ And they straightway left their nets, and followed him." As we follow Peter's life from that time forward, we see that he occasionally made a wrong choice. We can recall that he promised Jesus that he would never deny him even unto death, then just a short time later he cursed swore and denied even knowing Jesus Mark 14:69-71 (KJV 1900). But instead of allowing this decision to define the rest of his life, Peter repented and went on to become a leader in the church even opening it up to the Gentiles.

On the other hand we can see individuals in the Bible that allowed their past decisions to consume their lives. Judas was an Apostle, but he betrayed Jesus. Instead of learning from that mistake and repenting, he allowed it to consume his thoughts to the point of driving him into suicide. We don't have time or space here to discuss the choices that King Saul made, or that Cain made or that David made or the many other examples of how people made choices and how those choices affected their lives.

Our congregation has gone through some changes lately. Most if not all of us have felt, or are feeling stress now, over these changes and the challenges we face in our new reality. We can choose to allow the decisions we made, or sometimes even decisions others made, to consume us or we can decide to allow them to motivate us. In essence we can chose to become like Paul or Judas. We can become stronger because of what we went through or we can allow it to wreck our faith and this congregation. Lets all make decisions now that will make us stronger and motivate us to become the church of Christ that we read about in the New Testament. Let us choose the fork in our road as a congregation that will lead us to become even stronger than we have been in the past.

Schedule of Events

Brother George Jensen will be here January 14-17, 2022 to meet with us about the possibility of working here as another Evangelist. He will teach the adult class, and preach the morning and evening sermons on January 13.

There will be a men's meeting immediately following the evening service on January 15, 2022