

We Want You To Know

Sunday Morning
March 14th, 2021

We welcome our visitors! Thank you for joining us in this Worship Service. We invite you to join us Wednesday Evening at seven o'clock. You'll find a livestream link on our website listed at the bottom of this page.

Hope you remember our Sunday Morning Fellowship Coffee & Sweets beginning around 8AM and available

until the 10:30 Worship. Come enjoy the fellowship!

As the COVID-19 vaccinations continue and the pandemic's critical state seems to lessen, we are resuming our Wednesday Evening Bible Classes. You'll find the same Youth Class Arrangements as Sunday Morning. Our Adult Study remains the same with Jeff & Randall sharing a study in Systematic Theology. This auditorium class will continue to be livestreamed, and will end with a question and answer session on the subject of the evening. Our Evening Ladies Class meets in the Annex adult classroom. They've started a new study entitled "JOY" from the Book of Philippians. This is a rather large class that you can also join by Zoom. See Staci Grisham about a book and your Zoom invitation. These classes began at 7PM and are dismissed at 7:45.

Our Wednesday Morning Ladies Bible Class continues to meet at 9:45. Last Wednesday, they began a new video study "LOVE FIRST." Now is the time to join one of these classes if you haven't been taking advantage of a midweek encouragement session.

Those Needing Prayers & Visits

- Continue to remember the Albers Family in your prayers. They had an extensive electrical fire at their home. They are currently living in an extended stay motel arrangement. They promised to let us know of needs once the insurance and fire recovery adjusters have completed their assessments.
- Remember Lou Hollow in his cancer diagnoses,
- David Baker, a friend of Dallas & Jerri Dobbs, had a serious stroke. They ask a place for him in our prayers.
- Remember Wanda Coffee's grandson Aaron & Ray Reiss in their recoveries, Doug Klingman and the Duffey family as they deal with their health issues.

Notes & Thanks...

Connor Evans wishes to thank all those who sent cards and prayers concerning his health issues.

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Welcome!

*Our
Spiritual
Challenge*



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Philippians 3.3-15a

Pressing On Toward Maturity

Spiritual Maturity – Becoming More & More Like Jesus...

What a great blessings we find in Fresh Starts & New Beginnings
Are we satisfied with status-quo – Satisfied with our life as it is
Paul answers for us in our text – Philippians 3.12-15a

Cultivating A New Excitement & Enthusiasm For Maturity...

We must check our current position – Where we are spiritually...

Problems thinking we have arrived

Status-quo – Lukewarmness leaves no room for improvement

We must be willing to change our ambitions...

Who - What - Where will we be if we maintain our current direction

How well do our ambitions align with those of Paul

We must forget the past...

Past sin failures

This world's ambitions and entanglements

Forgive & forget the hurt & bitterness imposed by others

Forgiving & Forgetting are within our control

Both ugly or illustrative pasts are to be forgotten

We must press on...

We are to work out our salvation with faith and obedience

Paul is saying Christian maturity is giving it all we've got

God cannot work His wonders in those who insist in status-quo

Our movement must be in an upward direction – Heavenward

We must ask – Are we interested in an earthly future or heaven

Attitude determines altitude – Sir Edmund Hillary

Meeting The Challenge Before Us

3 For it is we who are the circumcision, we who worship by the Spirit of God, who glory in Christ Jesus, and who put no confidence in the flesh—

4 though I myself have reasons for such confidence. If anyone else thinks he has reasons to put confidence in the flesh, I have more:

5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; in regard to the law, a Pharisee;

6 as for zeal, persecuting the church; as for legalistic righteousness, faultless.

7 But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ.

8 What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ

9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith.

10 I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the fellowship of sharing in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death,

11 and so, somehow, to attain to the resurrection from the dead.

12 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me.

13 Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining towards what is ahead,

14 I press on towards the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenwards in Christ Jesus.

15 All of us who are mature should take such a view of things...

