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Worship Opportunities
Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	6/28/15	6/21/15
Bible Classes	36	28
Worship Service	90	74
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$2279.00	\$1187.00
Wed Bible Class	34	21
Baptisms/	-	1

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



How do you spell relief? (Part 4)

F=Faith

F= faith; E= encourage; A= attitude; R= repent

Young people, since we began this “mini-series” have you found yourself in situations where fear has attempted to creep into your life? If so, I’d like you to know that you are not alone. Recently, I was faced with fear and needed to apply scripture and thought of the acronym we have been using for F.E.A.R.- Faith, Encouragement, Attitude, Repent.

This week we are planning to focus on “Attitude”. What comes to mind when you think about attitude? Let us explore Jesus’ attitude, or mindset, within the following passages:
Romans 15:4-6 (NIV)
“4 For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide, we might have hope.5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the **same attitude** of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, 6 so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1 Peter 4:1-2 (NIV)
“Living for God- 4 Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude; because whoever suffers in the body is done with sin.2 As a result, they do not live the rest of their earthly lives for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God.”

In conclusion, we understand from the scripture that God wants us to have the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus has so we can glorify God. We also understand God did not give us a spirit of timidity rather boldness.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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CRY FREEDOM!

ON JULY 4TH, 1776, A MOST REMARK-ABLE DOCUMENT, was delivered to the world. This document was the *Declaration of Independence*. Fifty six men appended their signature to a document that has stirred the hearts of millions and changed the course of the world.

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.” (July 4, 1776). What became of these men?

Five signers were captured by the British as traitors, and were tortured before they died. Twelve had their homes ransacked and burned. Two lost their sons serving in the Revolutionary Army. Another had two sons captured. Nine of the 56 fought and died from their wounds or of the hardships of the Revolutionary War. Carter Braxton of Virginia, a wealthy planter, and trader, saw his ships swept from the seas by the British Navy. He sold his home and properties to pay his debts and died in rags.

Thomas McKean was so hounded by the British that he was forced to move his family almost constantly. He served in the Congress without pay, and his family was kept in hiding. His possessions were taken from him and poverty was his reward. Vandals or soldiers looted the properties of Dillery, Hall, Clymer, Walton, Gwinnett, Heyward, Rutledge and Middleton. At the battle of Yorktown, Thomas Nelson, Jr. noted that the British General, Cornwallis, had taken over the Nelson home for his headquarters. Nelson quietly urged General George Washington to open fire. The home was destroyed and Nelson died bankrupt. Francis Lewis had his home and properties destroyed. The enemy jailed his wife and she died within a few months. John Hart was driven from his wife's bedside as she lay dying. Their 13 children

fled for their lives. His fields and his gristmill were laid to waste. For more than a year he lived in forests and caves, returning home to find his wife dead and his children missing. A few weeks later he died from exhaustion and with a broken heart. Norris and Livingston suffered similar fates.

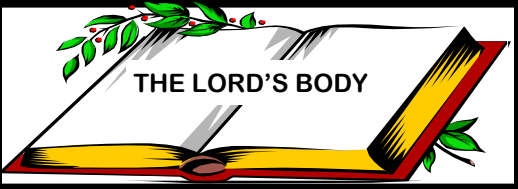
These men were not wild eyed rabble rousing ruffians. They were all soft-spoken men of means and education. They had security, but they valued liberty more. Standing tall, straight, and unwavering they pledged: “For the support of this declaration, with firm reliance on the protection of the Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other, our lives, our fortunes, and our sacred honor.” They gave to the world a free and independent America.

What moved them to make this declaration? God Almighty! The works and sacrifice of God as seen and read in the Bible, was the source of inspiration and determination to build a nation of people who will always treasure the principles of freedom.

God gave his only Son that all men can be freed from the tyranny and slavery of the Devil. July 4 is about political freedom; freedom for people as a nation. Spiritual freedom is not about the nation but the individual. Spiritual freedom is of a higher order with higher ideals. Hence to celebrate July 4 and remain under the bondage of sin, is to remain blind to the reality of God and the work of Jesus Christ.

If political freedom is to be treasured, then how much more should spiritual freedom be sought after. True freedom is in Christ Jesus. He gave his life that we can be free. “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36) This freedom is realized when we make Jesus our Lord and Savior. Are you free?

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



LIVING IT OUT—
PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD



ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 7/5/2015

Morning Service

Song leader	Brian Maddox
Call to worship	
Welcome/Prayer	Mike Salimbene
Song #	450
Scripture – Psalm 9:1-12	Kyle Watkins
Songs #	601
Song #	396
Second Prayer	Tom Meehan
Song #	395
Lord's table and Collection:	
Lead	Ben Field
Assistant	Mike Costello
Assistant	Steve Lynch
Assistant	Anthony Soto
Song - Kids to class	
Song #	535
Scripture- Rom. 8:9-16	John Sicignano
Sermon -	Lancelot Watson
Invitation #	943
Responses & prayer:	
Mike Salimbene	
Jason Harper	
Announcements &	
Closing Prayer	Mike Salimbene
Closing Song #	703

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“Just tell me!”

There are so many times in my life where I find myself at a crossroad and I'm confused at about what the right choice is. Job, marriage, moving, house, etc. Even times when seeking advice, I had the attitude of God or my counselor: “Just tell me!” I find myself frustrated and jealous of those folks of old who ‘walked by site’. God walked with Israel out of Egypt. Spoke directly with Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, etc. Did you ever think? “I wish God would just tell me what to do.”

So what if God did speak to you. Would it be like a Tarot card reader? What do you think he'd say? “Yeah, that's a good house. Definitely don't marry that guy. In 2 years you will hate that job.” Makes me remember God speaking with Moses.

Ex. 20:18-19 When the people saw the thunder and lightning and heard the trumpet and saw the mountain in smoke, they trembled with fear. They stayed at a distance 19 and said to Moses, “Speak to us yourself and we will listen. But do not have God speak to us or we will die.”

Dt. 5:24-25 And you said, “The LORD our God has shown us his glory and his majesty, and we have heard his voice from the fire. Today we have seen that a man can live even if God speaks with him. 25But now, why should we die? This great fire will consume us, and we will die if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any longer... Go near and listen to all that the LORD our God says. Then tell us whatever the LORD our God tells you. We will listen and obey.”

Israel, faced with the voice of God, chose to have Moses intercede. We are faced with this scenario each Church service and Bible quiet time; do we say, “We will listen and obey.” So God is answering. Do you hear? Jesus says, “My sheep listen to my voice...”

“Just tell me!” READ the answer HERE Prov. 2:1-10.

Go Ahead.....ASK!

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to ALL without reproach, and it will be given him.” James 1:5

This verse means one thing; if you ask God for wisdom, He will give it to you, even though He has every reason to say “no.” His reproach is deserved by all, but he makes some unconditional promises. For example, there is the honoring of parents, giving to the poor, and the request for wisdom. They all come with promises (Malachi 3:10, Prov. 28:27, James 1:27, Prov. 2:6, Eccl 2:26 just to name some). Test God out. Should you buy that home? What do you say? How do you proceed? Will he give you forward vision and knowledge of what is to come? If He isn't real, these verses will prove to fail. Is your faith strong enough to test it? Test God in what He says where He gives permission. That is not blasphemy.

These are the gemstones of faith to use as a litmus test as to whether God is with you. There are some things we can ask God for, or declare in His name, that are so inherently true to His nature, that He promises to honor them indiscriminately.

Remember, knowing the truth and having knowledge and wisdom brings pain at times (Ecc. 1:18) because you will find out who is real and who is fake, who is there for you and is not or cannot be at that time, who to trust and who not to trust. But remember the value of wisdom (Proverbs 16:16) and remember that ignorance allows you to fall into darkness.

I often feel the church lacks “normal” Christians (myself too at times). We ought to spend time in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes and the wisdom books. They are gifts to start with and **share with our family**. They are an offering to us of unqualified wisdom. Some think that “denying the flesh” means ignoring reality, but the wisdom books talk of wealth, honesty, sex, love, violence, hate, religion, generosity, and all things of life that pertain to spiritual realities. There are too many broken homes in our churches that live imaginary faith, too many liars, too many who can't keep a job, too many cheat, too many who neglect God. It is the dichotomy of our church. Only broken people come to God, so it is not a surprise to see the “worst” of us, but NONE of us has the right to stay in that state, and if we don't show His **wisdom** in our daily business we are void of God and liars. So ASK and then do. I don't say this lightly. When I had cancer, I asked God for my life, and then how I should proceed. He answered generously.

Love

If we wish to continue in Christ and not fall out of fellowship with God or the church, love is the final quality on the list of qualities we are instructed to add to our faith (1 Peter 1:7). It is the last trait mentioned, but it is by no means the least important. Let us look at two facts that emphasize the significance of love: First, Jesus told us that the greatest commandment is love—of God first, and then of our neighbor. Second, the apostle John tells us that without love we cannot claim to even know God, because God is love.

In Matthew 22: 37-40, we read “Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” Jesus is emphasizing that God must be supreme in our lives. There should be *nothing* and *no one* more important to us. We must examine our hearts and our actions to ensure that this is so. He is also emphasizing that we must show compassion to our fellow men and do good to them—“Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers” (Galatians 6:10).

John expands on this theme in 1 John 4:8 stating, “Whoever does not love does not know God, because *God is love*.” God showed His love for us because Jesus died for us while we were unrepentant sinners. He loved us while we were in an unlovable state, before we loved him. If we are unwilling to love each other, we cannot truly know God and be a part of Him in Christ, because love is who He is—His essence.

Next week we will continue to examine the quality of love by looking at a practical biblical description that shows how we can adopt, maintain, and grow in a lifestyle of love.