



The Encourager

April 11th, 2021

Welcome Guest

We are so glad you've come for worship today! Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us. Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

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Sunday Service's

Bible Study 10:00 am

Worship 11:00 am

Afternoon 2:00 pm

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Personal Bible Study

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Food Pantry

By Appointment

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Wholehearted Devotion

2 Chronicles 31:20 -21

King Hezekiah of Judah faithfully served the Lord with his **whole** heart (2 Chron. 29:2). After the nation had fallen into idolatry, he reestablished proper worship of God. But his devotion to the Lord also extended into his personal life, and that's exactly how we should live as well. Our seeking after God should be characterized by:

- **Wholeheartedness.** A united heart in Jesus has one preeminent desire—to seek and stay in the Lord. But a divided heart tries to live both for self and for God. WARNING! Jesus tells us we can not serve two masters, (Matt. 6:24; Luke 9:23).
- **Diligence.** Devotion to God includes careful attention to His Word and unwavering *effort* to obey Him. Faith and obedience is the foundation upon which we build qualities of Christian maturity (2 Pet. 1:5-8).
- **Persistence.** The Christian life is a marathon, not a sprint. We need to have endurance to overcome the obstacles that hinder us from finishing the course that God has set for us. (Heb.12:1).

By humbling ourselves and asking God for strength? He will give us the grace to diligently and persistently live for Him.

News and Notes

FOOD pantry

Chicken noodle soup
Boxed Cereal



A study on the Pursuit of
Perfection in Christ. At 2:00

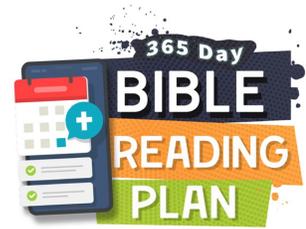
Galatians 3

Third Sunday is coming up!
Our fellowship meal follows
morning worship. Please stay
and enjoy good food and
sweet fellowship.

Men's Meeting on the 18th at
1:00. All the men of this
congregation is
invited to attend.



WEEK 16



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HIGHLIGHTS

PROMPTS

<input type="checkbox"/> MON 1 SAMUEL 25-27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Marries Abigail • David Spares Saul's Life Again • David Lives Among Philistines 	<p><i>David is gathering depth of character.</i></p> <p><i>Name some specific virtues that he is learning.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> TUE PSALMS 17, 35, 54, 63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms of David 	<p><i>David is not afraid to reason with God when he wants something.</i></p> <p><i>What are some examples?</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> WED 1 SAMUEL 28-31; PSALM 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saul & the Witch of Endor • David Leaves the Philistines • David Destroys the Amalekites • Death of Saul & his Sons 	<p><i>What did Samuel say to Saul about speaking to the dead? What were the consequences?</i></p> <p><i>Why do you think God hates this so much?</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> THU PSALMS 121, 123-125, 128-130	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms of Worship & Reverence 	<p><i>The psalms have changed tone from the ones read last week.</i></p> <p><i>How have David's circumstances changed?</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> FRI 2 SAMUEL 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Finds Out Saul is Dead • Problems Between David & Saul 	<p><i>In 1 Samuel 13, God calls David "a man after his own heart."</i></p> <p><i>Describe David's heart towards this enemy King Saul.</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> SAT PSALMS 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Psalms of Reflection s 	<p><i>How can we use some of these verses in our anxious lives?</i></p>
<input type="checkbox"/> SUN 1 CHRONICLES 1-2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Genealogy: Adam to Abraham • 12 Tribes of Israel, Names • Descendants of Judah 	<p><i>Genealogies can seem boring.</i></p> <p><i>However, what does the inclusion of Adam tell you about his authenticity in history?</i></p>



Condolences to: The Pipen Family on the loss of baby girl, Arabella Sarai.

Eugene Tewalt, Linda Adams, Joel Jones, David Born, Jane McCool, Marian Lozier, Tenia Smith, Steve Smith, Carol Ritenour, Sharon Derflinger, Gail Tewalt, Freddie Funk, Bobby Jo Henderson, Kenny Henderson Jr, Gloria Kinney, Rita Mullins, Mildred Bean, Ruth Martin, Pat Derflinger, Kim Wines, Remi Wines, Scott McCool, Michael Michelucci, Mary Steele, Linda York, Buddy Adams, Bills brother in hospital with Covid.



Those Battling Cancers

Debra Lawson
Aiden Thompson
Micah Brue
Shelly Long
Valerie Cash
C.R. Newlin
Priscilla L.
Jeff Pingley
Wendy Willoughby
Robert Jenkins
Shirley Williams

We all want to live as long as possible. The Scripture promises 3 score and ten, 70 years old but just might be longer. As birth certificates have recorded persons who have lived longer, consider the following:

"Only one person has every been verified to live to be over 120 years. Jeanette Calment from France died August 4th 1997, living to be 122 years & 164 days. At the time of her death she was also the only one in the world who had met Vincent Van Gogh in person. That means every single person at the time of her birth in the entire world died before she did. Scary thought isn't it? At age 90, with no heirs she signed a contingency contract with her 47-year old apartment lawyer saying he would pay a monthly fee of 2500 francs until she died. He probably didn't expect Calment would live another 32 years. He ended up paying Calment the equivalent of 180.000€ which was double the apartments value. When he later died aged 77, his widow continued the payments until Calment's death." (Wikipedia)

The life expectancy in USA is now 79.8 years. If you expect to join the club of centenarians, I would suggest you avoid stress. Research of the above person, notes she led a simple life & without stress. Also, she did not have any chronic health problems & lived in a time not having the serious viruses we are experiencing now.

It does not hurt to not clean your plate as I was told to do when I grew up on the farm, there was 3 big meals about every day. No one went to the doctor unless it was a threatening accident. When someone died, many would say it was cancer, which is still with us.

Some believe in the future all diseases, and such will be conquered. When the baseball legend Ted Williams passed on, his head was sealed in a cryonics chamber, to wait for the day he would be thawed and cured and get a new body.

Meanwhile, those of us left behind are trying to eat healthy & avoid too much sunshine & drive a very large vehicle to avoid dying in a crash with another; we hope with a smaller car. With all this don't forget to have lots of insurance for health checks & for unexpected air transports to the best hospitals (when all else fails!)

Mercedes years ago advertised every engine was run full throttle for 30 minutes, I don't see that any more. I am sure the company found out it caused lots of stress on the moving parts. An employee I worked with, was going to drive her teens to school; she went, warmed up the car, blew the horn & raced the engine to get the children's attention & come to the car; you guessed it all this blowing the horn & racing the engine broke the timing belt. So, on a human it works the same way...eventually something will happen to one's body, to live a long life eliminate stress it is at the top of the list. AMEN!

Birthday's And Anniversaries



Danny Derflinger
4/1

Jessica Pepin 4/3
Sharon Derflinger
4/14

Virginia Wright 4/18

Connor Clark 4/21



Mike & Jane
McCool 4/1

Terry & Jeanie
Lichliter 4/7

Tim & Kristie
Tewalt 4/8

At His Feet



Enthralled by Jesus

is the best state to be in.

Some things in this world are known to be dazzling, like diamonds or fireworks, but nothing's as mesmerizing or glorious as the face of Jesus.

An old hymn says when we look into that wonderful visage, "the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace." Surely we're to enjoy creation and all God provides for our pleasure and needs. But keeping our eyes on the Lord helps set life in order.

Sermon Notes

Assurance

Elijah's Faith 1 Kings 17-18

He Alone! - Yet Great Courage

Elijah's Fall 1 Kings 19:1-11

God's Response 1 Kings 19:12-18



I took the shell off of my racing snail, thinking it would make him faster.

But if anything, it made him more sluggish.

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A man walks into a library and asks the librarian for books about paranoia. She whispers, "They're right behind you!"

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A cement mixer and a prison bus crashed on the highway. Police advise citizens to look out for a group of hardened criminals.

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My teachers told me I'd never amount to much because I procrastinate so much. I told them, "Just you wait!"