



The Encourager

June 13, 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

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When God Became Man Part 1

Just how much do you understand about Jesus Christ? Who and what he was? Lots of people assume they know the answers.

These are **critical** questions and not just from a knowledge standpoint, but from the crucial impact they should have on your life! In fact knowing the answers, should impact your life now, as well as how you will spend eternity!

Let's look into God's Word to the true answers to these questions? Dig into the Scriptures to find out about this God/Man, Jesus Christ.

Why did the Son of God, die on the cross, be buried, and be resurrected? Why did He give His life for sinful man? Become the sacrificial lamb, for a dying world?

To begin to understand, we must first **grasp** Jesus Christ's true identity—to go much further back in time to who and what He was **before** His human birth.

John 1:1-2: "In the beginning was the Word. . ." The apostle John tells us here that "in the beginning"—a time before the creation of the universe recorded in **Genesis 1**—two divine Beings existed—one referred to as "**God**" and the other as "**the Word**" who also "**was God**" and existed "in the beginning *with* God." vs.14 tells us something wonderful about this Word who was God! This Word became "*flesh and dwelt among us*" as a human being—the One we know as Jesus Christ! Apostle John was an eyewitness to "*the Word*"

Isaiah 7:14 7:14 The Immanuel Prophecy

Matthew 1:18-25 Christ is Born

Jesus we see here, though fully human was also someone and something far more. He was "**God with us!**"

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Joel Jones Update:

There are no current plans for any services at this time.

A future memorial service is a possibility but has not been planned so far. Janet thanks all for cards which are greatly appreciated.

In lieu of flowers, Janet ask a donation to the church of Christ be made in Joel's name.

Virginia Special Olympics

A special summer event is being held at the 14th Street track. A "scavenger hunt" at the track for each Olympian.

We are asking for anyone to make a tax-deductible donation of four \$5.00 gift cards to places such as McDonalds, Wendy's Burger King, Roy Rogers, Spelunkers, Duncan Donuts, Taco Bell, Subway, Fox's Pizza, etc., to help us fund the final prizes for our scavenger hunt. **Please see front BB for where to send the gift cards.**

June 20th: Fellowship Meal followed by Men's meeting at 1:00.

Any questions for the Men's Meeting to speak on please see Eugene.



The Cracked Acorn Carson van arsdall

Blessings
June 13, 2021

The evening news: I remember Peter Jennings the ABC News Anchor when he told us that he has lung cancer. Mr. Jennings was a workaholic and had a busy life of marriages and reporting. He was easy to listen to and got straight to the point. I liked him and wished him a successful fight against his disease of which only about 15% are cured. I also thought that once he was cured, he could begin to "smell the roses" and enjoy much of the life he had missed. (He died at 67, year 2005.)

Consider: a period of great prosperity that changed everything and reached everyone, but the Peach family always just barely got by, but paid their bills on time. Land was going up in price, but not everyone could sell and move away. The Smiths had to stick it out and stay where they were. The family increasingly found their small house shadowed by tall Mac Mansions. Mr. Smith never would mention it or told his wife that he was terribly depressed. Finally, when he could stand it no more he confided in a close friend filled with practical wisdom.

"Fred, how many cars do you own?" his friend asked.

"Well, I have an old Chevy and a rusty jeep. Why?" "Fred, go buy as many old clunkers as you can find, have them towed to your property."

"I don't see what this has to do with anything, you're crazy!" and Fred walked away. He could not understand why his best friend would pass out such idiotic advice, eventually Fred did what he never thought he would do. He found give away cars and asked people to donate cars or trucks and leave them on his property. When his friend stopped to visit, he told Fred that he was proud of him, but he needed to do one more thing. "Fred, there's still room on the property close to the mailbox. I know someone who can't get rid of his old cattle truck, call him up and take it off his hands for junk." Fred was in so deep that his wife was not speaking to him. So he swapped a Saturday of lawn work for the smelly old eighteen wheeler; it now reposed by the mailbox, and you could no longer see the house. Yes, Fred knew he had completely gone around the bend, for what reason and purpose he did not know. His friend now told him to call the salvage yard and have it all cut into scrap. learned, Fred saw his property as much larger and noticed that his small house was really lovely and had many fine features. His wife now spoke to him and they begin to build a closer bond with themselves and their blessings. (thanks to an old Russian Folk Tale)

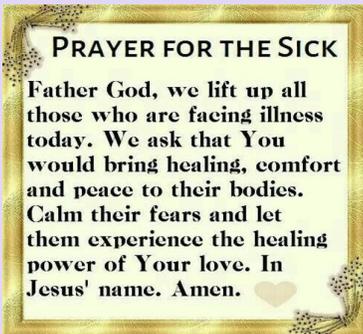
When upon life's billows you are tempest-tossed, when you are discouraged, thinking all is lost, count your many blessings, name them one by one, and it will surprise you what the lord has done.
(sacred selections)

-- sell all that thou hast, LUKE 18:18-23

HIGHLIGHTS

PROMPTS

Virginia Wright, Janet Jones,
Sharon Derflinger,
Danny Derflinger,
Linda Adams, David Born,
Carol Ritenour, Gail Tewalt,
The Popen Family,
Bonnie Kerns, Anthony Kerns,
Freddie Funk, Paul Sullivan
Bobby Jo Henderson,
Kenny Henderson Jr,
Gloria Kinney, Rita Mullins,
Mildred Bean, Ruth Martin,
Pat Derflinger, Scott McCool,
Mary Steele, Linda York,
Buddy Adams, Charlie Alder,
Stephanie Steed



Those Battling Cancers

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

MON
ECCLESIASTES 1-6

- Meaninglessness Without God
- A Time for Everything
- Trust God & Enjoy Your Work
- More Things Meaningless
- Fulfill Vows to the Lord
- Riches are Deceitful

Is all of Ecclesiastes true so far?

Where might Solomon have succumbed to depression or negativity that could have temporarily blinded him?

TUE
ECCLESIASTES 7-12

- Chapter Similar to Proverbs
- In an Unfair World, God is Fair
- You Can Still Find Wisdom
- Contentment in Darkness
- The Conclusion of the Matter

What is Solomon's conclusion of the matter, and how does it apply to you & yours?

WED
1 KINGS 10-11;
2 CHRONICLES 9

- Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon
- Solomon's Problems: Wives, Adversaries
- Death of Solomon

In what way did Solomon become greedy, and what problems did it cause?

THU
PROVERBS 30-31

- The Sayings of Agur
- Sayings of King Lemuel
- Traits of a Good Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31 seems to come out of nowhere.

Why was it included?

FRI
1 KINGS 12-14

- Solomon's Son is King
- Jeroboam Sets Up False Idols
- A Prophet Speaks Truth
- Jeroboam Seeks a False Prophet
- Rehoboam Does Evil

Do you know any very devout Christians whose children have strayed from God?

How do you think that happens?

SAT
2 CHRONICLES 10-12

- The Rebellion Against Solomon's Son
- Jerusalem is Attacked

Things can go from good to bad quickly.

When has your life changed quickly, bad or good?

SUN
1 KINGS 15:1-24;
2 CHRONICLES 13-16

- Kings Abijah, Asa

How did these kings differ in their behavior?

Birthdays & Anniversaries



Juanita Tewalt 6/2
Debbie Martin 6/4
Art Candenquist 6/19



Steve & Tenia Smith
6/24

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Who did those who "saw God" really see?

Adam in the Garden seen God, the patriarch Abraham (*Genesis 12:7; 15:1; 18:1*), his son Isaac (*Genesis 26:2, 24*), his grandson Jacob (*Genesis 28:13; 32:30; 35:9-10*), Moses (*Genesis 3:6; 33:11, 21-23*)

The biblical accounts describe most of these as face to face encounters. Two involved eating a meal with God. One wrestled with God.

So how do we explain this? Whom did these individuals see? Scripture tells us that they saw God! One way to understand this by listening to the words of Jesus and John in telling us that no man has seen **God the Father** at any time. Putting all this together in what Scripture reveals is that the **One** who was born as *Jesus of Nazareth*, is the **One** who interacted with the patriarchs, leaders, prophets and people of Israel as the **LORD or God** on behalf of God the Father. They never saw the **Father**, only the Word or representative of God, who came to reveal the Father (*John 1:18*).

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Forgive One Another



Investigate the Theology of Forgiveness

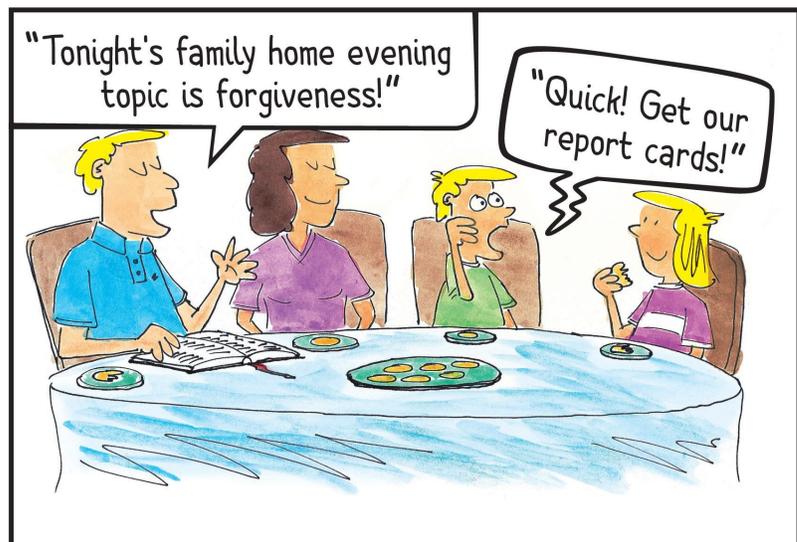
Ephesians 4:32, 1:7
1 John 1:9;

Follow the Thread of Forgiveness!

Matthew 6:9-13
1 John 1:8, 10
Romans. 3:23; 6:23; 7:14-25

Benefit from the Examples of Forgiveness

John 13:15
1 Corinthians 11:1
1 Peter 2:21!
Psalms 103:12



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