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Sunday Evening Worship

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Lead Singing	ТВА
First Prayer	ТВА
Reading	ТВА
Scripture	ТВА
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Sermon	Don Blackwell
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Wednesday Bible Study

Announcements	ТВА
Lead Singing	ТВА
First Prayer	ТВА
Reading	
Invitation	Don Blackwell
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If you know of those who are sick please call the office so we can keep the sick list updated, Please keep all suffering in your prayers.

Gospel Meeting

As of this writing our "virtual" Gospel Meeting has been a resounding success. How does one gauge the success of a Gospel Meeting?

First, the sound and faithful teaching based upon the Word of God has been presented in each lesson. Everyone knew that such would be the case as brother Don Blackwell always presents lessons faithful to the Word.

Second, the lessons have been heard by a multitude of people. So often it is discouraging to see so much effort put into a Gospel Meeting only to be attended by a few. However, the statistics indicate a number much larger than anticipated. For instance, Sunday morning's lesson had reached 754 views on Youtube and on Facebook reported 2149 people being reached (all of this by Tuesday Morning). Numerous people have called and said they have also watched on Ben Lomand TV Channel 6. Given the fact that many of those views had 2-3 or more people watching the likelihood is several thousand people have watched and listened to the service.

Third, people have been encouraged. No one likes the quarantine and its easy to get discouraged. This meeting has brightened the spirits of those shut in their homes. It has allowed people to see the church is not dead. From the comments received, once this pandemic is over I can see people freely inviting their friends to come to worship with them. It continues to be a great Gospel Meeting!

~ Tony Lawrence ~

Youth News and Updates Upcoming Activities

Please be checking the Facebook page for new uploads of Bible lessons from Jason. This link to these lessons will be posted on the Youth Group page.

Its Easy/Hard Being a Christian

It's hard to be a Christian when so many terrible things crowd our minds! But then the words of a beautiful hymn written by Edward J. Bickersteth in 1875 come into my mind:

Peace perfect peace, in this dark world of sin; The blood of Jesus whispers peace within. Peace perfect peace, with sorrows surging round; On Jesus' bosom naught but calm is found. Peace perfect peace, our future all unknown; Jesus we know, and He is on the throne.

When I focus on the thoughts in this song, it becomes not only easy to be a Christian, but a bless ing beyond measure.

The book of James has always been one of my "happy places" when I study the Bible. It is so practical and helpful with everyday life. James has great insight into going through trials in life when you are a Christian. The first chapter has a theme of being patient in trouble.

In James 1:2-4 it says:"Count it all joy, my brothers, when [not "if"] you meet trials of various kinds...

Donna Faughan

Communion Packets

During the quarantine period the communion packets are available for pickup on Friday from 9-10 AM and 5-6 PM. Those who wish may leave their contribution at that time or mail to the church address.

Sympathy

We are saddened to announce this morning that sister Wilma Chisam passed away at NHC. No arrangements have been made.

Have A Positive Attitude

We live in a society that is obsessed with negative news. Whether you watch the news on TV or read it in the newspaper, most of it is gloom and doom. How often do they cover good news? Not often enough. As much as we focus on negative things, it shouldn't surprise that many in our nation are depressed.

While it is hard to have a positive attitude while being surrounded by negativity, as Christians, we should have a positive attitude about life because we are the children of God. When we remind ourselves of how awesome our Creator is and what He has done for us, it will help us to have a positive attitude about life. When we look at the beauty of a sunrise or a sunset or enjoy the wonderful smell of a flower, we can know that God created everything on the earth for us (Ps. 19:1).

Knowing that God created us with a free will should cause us to have a positive attitude as well. He could have made us like mindless robots, but He wants us to choose to serve Him. If we choose to love Him, we will serve Him and keep His commandments (1 Jn. 5:3). When we fear God and obey His commands, it will cause us to have a positive attitude because we can know that He will bless us, and we will receive the promise of heaven (Rev. 2:10).

It should cause us to have a positive attitude knowing that the Word of God thoroughly equips us with the knowledge we need to live faithfully to God (2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Pet. 1:3), which means we do not have to guess or wonder if our final home will be in heaven (1 Jn. 5:13).

We should have a positive attitude knowing that we are never alone because God is always there for us. No external forces can separate us from the love of God or the salvation He has offered us through His Son (Rom. 8: 35-39; Heb. I 3:5-6).

We should have positive attitude knowing that other Christians have been through the same trials we have and were able to resist the devil steadfast in the faith (1 Pet. 5:6-11). It will help us to spend more time with our brethren, since they are striving to be a positive light in our dark world.

When we choose to serve God and keep His commandments, we should have a positive attitude about it because John said, "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (I John 5:3).

Finally, we should have a positive attitude about life when we read about how beautiful heaven will be, and how their will no more pain, sorrow, or tears there (Rev. 21:3-4). When we think about our short our life on this earth compared with eternity in heaven, it will help us get through any misfortune in our lives (2 Cor. 4:17-18).

Those who do not believe in God have no hope in this life. To me, their existence is a miserable one, but to those of us who are Christians, we know we are not alone. We can have a positive attitude in a dark world because we have the hope and assurance that God is involved in our lives, and we will get to spend eternity with Him in heaven.

~ Cougan Collins ~



"HE'S ON."