

OPENING HYMN #33

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Kevin Thacker is scheduled to preach here on Saturday and Sunday, April 20 and 21. The Lord willing we will plan to have a lite meal after the service on Saturday evening, and lunch after the Sunday service. Check with Gwen or Dee Anne if you would like to help with the meal planning.
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SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-13

WORSHIP HYMN #255

Blessed Assurance

OFFERING

“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, *so let him give*; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.” 2 Cor 9:7

WORSHIP HYMN #291

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

MESSAGE

A RUNNING ISSUE

LEVITICUS 15:1-33

CLOSING HYMN #116

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

THINGS TO PONDER

When we find ourselves rebuked by the preaching of the gospel of Christ we must remember we are hearing God’s word to us personally. His word is “*sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart*” (Heb 4:12) “*Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?*” (Jer 23:29)

-Pastor Clay Curtis

So great is the depravity of unregenerate man that, although there is nothing that he needs more than the Gospel, there is nothing that he desires less.

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How Are Things Going at the Church?

Frequently, concerned and interested friends ask me this question; and I am always a little perplexed in trying to answer it. Yet, I recognize that it is needful for us to take stock of ourselves and honestly answer this question for our own benefit.

Frankly, there are some things which **CONCERN** me. I am afraid that we are not doing all that we can and should be doing to get people under the sound of the gospel. Very few of you ever bring anyone with you to hear the gospel. How long has it been since you brought anyone to the house of worship? How long has it been since you even invited someone to come?

Yet, I see many things which **ENCOURAGE** me. In the past three years, I have seen many of you growing in the knowledge of the gospel. You show an ever increasing concern for and commitment to the gospel of the grace of God, and a desire to make it known. More and more of you are making use of our tracts, tapes, and bulletins to spread the message of God's grace. It appears that the Lord is working in our midst.

New doors of utterance are continually set before us. Interest in the work of our missionaries appears to be growing. And I believe that the Lord has truly given us a unity of heart and purpose, such as few congregations enjoy. For all of these things I am truly thankful to God. And I am full of **ANTICIPATION** regarding the future. God has put us here for a purpose. Were it not for the hand of God's providence we would not be here. We can all testify to that fact. The Lord has been pleased to teach us the gospel and he has placed before us a tremendous opportunity for ministry. There is no other house of worship in this immediate area where the gospel of God's grace is preached, so the burden of responsibility upon our shoulders is great. We must seize every opportunity to declare to our generation the gospel of Christ. I trust that we will be equal to the task. Judging from what the Lord has done for us already, from what he is doing among us, and from the opportunities that are before us, I cannot help but to be full of anticipation. I do whole-heartedly believe that if we will give ourselves to the work we will have a lasting, effectual, and meaningful ministry together in this area for the glory of Christ.

But I am **CAUTIOUS**. I do not want to be presumptuous. We will be delighted to serve the cause of Christ in whatever way he is pleased to use us, be it great or small. Let us do nothing to quench his Spirit among us or to hinder the work of the gospel in this place. **WE WANT NOTHING BUT THE GLORY OF CHRIST, BUT WE PRAY THAT HE MAY BE PLEASED TO USE US FOR HIS GLORY**

-Pastor Don Fortner

The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, as the rivers of water: he turneth it whithersoever he will.

-Proverbs 21:1

Every child of God knows that God is in control of all things, and that He works all things after the counsel of His own will, and causes all things to work together for good to the called according to His purpose (Eph. 1:11, Rom 8:28). To know these things is to also know that every man and woman's heart including the (so called) most powerful of men (the king) is in the hand of the Lord God Almighty! But have you ever noticed what the king and every other man and woman's heart is compared to? It is compared to water. As the rivers of water, God turns it whithersoever (however, whenever, to whomever) His good will is pleased to do so. The king's heart and ours are as the rivers of water.

What are some things about water that we all understand? First it is unstable. It always flows downward and follows the path of least resistance. What a picture that is of our hearts. Our hearts being deceitful above all things and desperately wicked, always gravitate downwards taking the least path of resistance in sin and wickedness. That is the nature of our hearts unless God Almighty turns it! Water is inanimate, which simply means it does not have a will or a choice in anything. So it is with our dead cold hearts, unless God make it alive and willing to serve Him in the day of His power.

Water takes the shape of its environment. You pour it into a round bowl it takes the shape of round. You pour it into a square container and it becomes the square shape of the container. It is the same with a deceitful wicked heart. It conforms to the world and the things of it, always gravitating downward, always remaining unstable. The only hope the king's heart has is the only hope that you and I have; that is God Almighty turns it according to His own Sovereign will.

In Joshua chapter three, the Israelites were crossing over the river Jordan into God's land of promise. The priests carrying the "ark of the covenant" (a picture of Christ), stepped in the water and immediately the current and flow of the river Jordan not only stopped but turned back the other way. Who can change the river's mighty flow in the midst of flood season? The same One that can turn the king's heart and direct it as He pleases, GOD ALMIGHTY. Oh may God be pleased to change the direction and flow of our wicked hearts to serve, love, worship Him in whom we owe a debt that we can never pay.

-Pastor David Eddmenson

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Sunday April 7, 2019

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely."

Rev 22:17



"But to us there is but one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we in him; and one Lord Jesus Christ, by whom are all things, and we by him." 1Cor 8:6