

June 7, 2010

SERMONS FOR SUNDAY

June 13, 2010

a.m. *"Right Use of Time"*

Scripture: Psalm 90:11-17

p.m. *"Sowing in Tears, Reaping in Joy"*

Scripture: Psalm 126:1-6

Vacation Bible School 2010
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Great Men of Old
“The Prophets”

Learn of the Prophets and their lives. God in many ways and at many times spoke in times past to the fathers by the prophets, but in these last days has spoken unto us by His Son. The Prophets are exciting men with great messages for all ages.

June 14-16, 2010~ 7 PM-8:15 PM

Ages: 2 yrs. Through 5th Grade and Adults

Remember Saturday and help pass out invitations. We will meet at the Annex at 9:00am.

FAMILY CARE: A Message from Our Shepherds

"For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to desire that ye might be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins: Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: And he is before all things, and by him all things consist" (Col 1:9-17).

By grace, we have been delivered from Satan's darkness and placed in the kingdom of light. We have received a great inheritance. Being sons or daughters of God has spiritual promises when we cleanse ourselves from all defilement of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God (2 Cor 7:1).

The Lord provided an inheritance for the redeemed. Their sacred duty is to be qualified to receive it. Those who hear the truth and open their hearts to its teachings respond by purified lives in such a manner that they reflect the holiness of God (1 Pet 1:13-18). The first principles of the oracles of God are to hear, believe, repent, confess and be baptized. All who will be in Christ follow the same principles for cleansing their souls. The Christian is endowed with an inheritance of eternal life (1 Jn 5:13) Being in the kingdom of God's Son is an endless joy. The inheritance of the Christian is to be an heir with Christ of Abraham's promise (Gal 3:24-29).

As soldiers of light, we are an army. None act independently. All are under the command of The Lord. As a good soldier of Jesus Christ we do not entangle ourselves in the affairs of the world (2 Tim 2:3). The Bible gives the soldierly orders wherein they respond lovingly to Christ's commands. The supremacy of Christ over the devil is profound (Heb 2:14-18). In the battle of light versus darkness the Christian is more than a conqueror through Christ Jesus (Rom 8:31-39). "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?" (Ps 27:1).

Perhaps, in this analogy, our marching orders are objective and the method for obedience is found in the manual of arms [the Bible]. The devil is a wily leader of a host of foes. The Christian is arrayed in the armor of light with its shield of faith, breastplate of salvation, helmet of salvation, shod with the gospel of peace, girted with truth and hold the sword of the Spirit (Eph 6:10-20). We are the infantry of light, soldiers of Christ strong in the strength which God

supplies. Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul. Take every virtue, every grace that we may overcome in Christ alone and stand entire at last [**Soldiers of Christ Arise** – C. Wesley, 1749]. “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober” (1 Thes 5:5, 6). Don Hatch

Jesus The Greatest Teacher

Don Hatch

Immortal stories have certain possessing traits. When mankind centers the mind on a subject they are not willing to let perish from off the earth, they will teach it. These truths are more than just material which clutters a shelf or deep teachings of scholars. There are truths which have resident within them a heritage and foundation of people everywhere. Even in an age when less is known of the Bible, stories of Jesus are the best known of any person who has ever lived. They connect with the heart, soul and mind of those who hear them.

Jesus used His three year ministry to open the vistas of heaven and resolve the insecurities of mankind. He inserted God’s truth into the mind of mankind by allowing them to see God from a vantage point of love, mercy and grace. His teachings astonished those who heard and read them. He spoke as one who had authority beyond the teachers of any time. His insight into the needs of things human was supernatural. Jesus summed up that which was obvious and detailed the unobvious. To make mankind see truth in ways which favored character building and spiritual growth He set noble standards. Much like the parables of the Old Testament Jesus awakened and made mankind aware of the enormity of sin and the beauty of spiritual surrender to God (2 Sam 11; 12). The muscles of the mind, soul and spirit were developed. Not with mental acrobatics, but with thoughtfulness and endeavor which profited the hearers.

All people everywhere want to reach a conclusion about right and wrong (Heb 5:11-14). When they find what they must do, a crossroad is reached. Often they will choose the broad way wherein many go, rather than the narrow ways wherein few enter (Mat 7:13, 14). Jesus’ practical stories made real life and actions appeal to the moral fiber of mankind. Jesus’ teachings drew strong contrasts between right and wrong, moral and immoral. Most of mankind tends to think in pictures where abstract designs are more difficult. Many argue the definitions of beauty or goodness without reaching a conclusion. Pointing to what is beautiful defines beauty and once it is established the argument is ended. Jesus made His teachings recognizable by presenting them in picture form. He taught doctrine in such a vivid manner that only those who deny doctrine would be unable to grasp His truth. Jesus knew what man was and made demands on their heart, soul and will wherein they would cultivate spiritual conclusions.

Earthly stories with heavenly messages lead mankind to an obvious need to choose. The inward resemblance between natural and spiritual unsurprisingly planted a seed of hope what awaits mankind at the conclusion of an earthly sojourn. The Christian line of thought is despised by the world until there is a need for moral purity to prevail. When moral disarray reaches tidal wave proportions mankind seeks a solution for their ills. Jesus provided the answer pointing out and persuading mankind of the significance of character. If there is no moral compass the destination of mankind is always in doubt. By applying the principles,

precepts and understanding of the promises made by Jesus, the light of the truth of the gospel is able to overcome blindness and dullness of spirit.

Jesus probed the inner being of mankind with His teachings. His teachings were composed in such a timely manner that minds of countless ages are captured. Jesus took what seemed to be a diamond in the rough and polished it on a lapidary stone of the hearts of mankind until it showed in radiant facets the will of God. It was characteristic of Jesus to shape His teachings concerning conflicts with a super intervention which removed the improvised teachings of the philosophers. Jesus teachings were rapid, resourceful, penetrating and took the protagonist by surprise. He allowed the mind, heart and soul to absorb in an unimpeded manner, the genesis and sheer genius of God's perfect will. His teachings were lovingly and compassionately orchestrated with careful wording designed to manifest the need for true religious values in all social and cultural settings. His teachings stand as supreme amongst the products of the mind of men.

Acknowledging Jesus as the greatest teacher properly makes the case that all mankind should listen to Him. Removing the clutter of principles which are out of stride with God and inserting those which come from God is a reminder of the obvious, "...it is impossible to please God without faith" (Heb 11:6). "Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the word of God" (Rom 10:1-17). Jesus' teaching cast a spiritual light on all matters great and small. The intrepid mind will find that the pathway before it has many wonderful experiences wherein choices will need to be made. The attitudes of minds which humble themselves before God know arrogance and pride will be their downfall. Reverence is not mental fear. It is being in awe of God who allows mankind to have fellowship with Him. Jesus taught us of God.

GREETER ASSIGNMENTS

Sunday, June 13, 2010

Front foyer: Richard & Carolyn Renfro, Carol Swinney

Back foyer: Bill & Linda Matthews

Sunday, June 20, 2010

Front foyer: Robert & Betty Ruckman

Back foyer: Mike & Elizabeth Garrison

Family News:

MISSION PRINTING

Mission Printing will meet **Sunday** at 4:00 p.m. in the Jr. Auditorium.

SINGING SESSION

The last **Sunday afternoon** singing session will meet on June 13th in room #116 at 5:15 pm; we will reconvene on September 12th.

MENS' GATHERING/DEVOTIONAL

The **Monday morning** devotional will meet at 6:00 a.m. in the Annex.

SUMMERTIME GOSPEL PREACHING

Don Hatch will be speaking on "How Does Sin Affect Mankind?" on **June 16th**. Bring a friend!

CHRIST'S HAVEN

The Christ's Haven van will be here to pickup groceries on Tuesday, **June 15th**.

RESPONSE

Bobby England (Brenda's husband) surrendered his life to Christ last Wednesday evening. We're so happy for you, Bobby; we love you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Be sure to invite friends & neighbors so that we may have the best VBS yet: **June 14-16**.

Come and help hand out invitations on **Saturday, June 12th** from 9a.m. – 11a.m.

If you'd like to participate, we are collecting cookies for our breaks at VBS.

SUMMER YOUTH SERIES

The Summer Youth Series will be at the Grandview Church of Christ on **June 15th**.

HELP NEEDED

Please see the signup sheet in the front foyer if you will be able to sit with Billie Gilliam.

WHEELCHAIR NEEDED

If you have a wheelchair that is in good shape that you no longer need & would like to donate it to the congregation, please see one of the elders.

THANK YOU

My sister-in-law, Doris Smith, is now home with the aid of a visiting nurse & hospital shuttle transportation for continued treatments. She is weak, but this is all new to her as she has been very healthy all of her life. God has blessed her with 83 years. Thank you, my Beltline friends, for the prayers. Love you, Ilene Ashworth

Ashley Rebora, my niece, had surgery due to a staph infection (initially thought to be a spider bite), which caused an abscess cyst; she has been released & is now home. My family and I appreciate all the prayers that were said on her and our behalf. Mike Batot

Dear Brethren, thank you so very much for the gift of money, 'treasure chest' and plaque from the congregation. Also, many

congratulatory words & cards made our 50th anniversary extra special! We enjoyed the reception given by our children & with so many friends & loved ones in attendance...and much help by Letitia. We love you & pray that we will all have many more years to live & work together in the Lord. Lovingly in Christ, Don & Joann

NEWS OF THE SICK

- **Marjorie Bennett** will undergo a cardio version on June 17th.
- **Linda Head** will undergo a procedure soon.
- **Everett Newton** has an appointment at MD Anderson in Houston tomorrow (6/8).
- **Virginia Stull** will undergo an MRI today (6/7).
- **Judi Bowman** (Nancy Pond's sister-in-law) is having trouble getting her blood regulated.
- **Perry Cotham** is in Baylor/Dallas, Johnson Bldg., room #323.
- **Orval Griffith** (Claude Holmes' father) is in an induced coma following a car accident.
- **Claude Holmes** (Elizabeth Garrison's cousin) is now in an induced coma.

CONTINUOUS PRAYER CONCERNS:

Evelyn Armstrong, Bobby Bowen, Grady Fowler, Fauna Garrett, Billie Gilliam, Don & Judy Hancock, Hank Henry, Jean Kelly, Jack & Frances LaFerney, Gardean Latham, Everett Newton, Tom Prince, Jan Smithson, Leo Townsend, Thomas West, Brad Anderson (Bill Paschall's friend), Mark Curtis (Lotah Franklin's friend), Gail Hieronymus (Mike Garrison's daughter), Johnny Williams (Bobbie's son).

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Be sure and mark your calendar -

- June 13: Mission Printing in the Jr. Auditorium at 4:00 p.m.
- June 13: Singing session in room #116 at 5:15 p.m.
- June 15: Summer Youth Series, Grandview
- June 16: Don Hatch, "How Does Sin Affect Mankind?"
- June 12: Pass out VBS invitations
- June 14-16: Vacation Bible School
- June 15: Christ's Haven pickup

LORD'S TABLE/MORNING

Front Table

- Mike Batot
- James Gilliam
- Denzil Myers
- Stan Selby
- Henry Seidmeyer
- Thomas Rathbun
- Jerry Baker
- Brandon Howard

Rear Table

- JC Ross
- Robert Taylor
- Max Melton
- Keith Vaughn
- Derrol Allen
- Bill Paschall
- Roy Martin

SUNDAY A.M. PRAYERS

- Jerry McKey
- John Mayer
- Henry Seidmeyer

A.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Glen Kelly
- Psalm 90:11-17

A.M. SONG LEADER

- Darrell Allen

SUNDAY P.M. PRAYERS

- Thomas Rathbun
- Stan Selby

P.M. SCRIPTURE READING

- Kenny Mayer
- Psalm 126:1-6

P.M. SONG LEADER(S)

- Jerry Baker

LORD'S TABLE/EVENING

- Marvin Brown
- Glen Kelly

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

- Bill Paschall

FOR THE RECORD: WEEK ENDING ATTENDANCE & BUDGET

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>This Week</u>	<u>YTD Avg.</u>	<u>Goal</u>
Sun. Class	92	78	82	125
A.M. Worship	148	147	147	210
P.M. Worship	81	80	77	112
Wed. Class	72	77	77	110
Ladies Bible Class	-	-	28	35
Contribution	\$5378	\$5392	\$5396	\$5433

MISSIONS

- Charlie & Mary DiPalma - Malaysia
- Willie & Del Gley – Ghana/Togo, Africa
- Roland & Rose Mohsen – France
- Gary & Nadya Workman – Ukraine
- Glen & Kuintattersall – Australia
- Oleg & Natasha Yakimenko - Russia
- Wil & Telanda Sadler – Military Missions

Christ's Haven Children's Home - Keller, TX
Foster's Home for Children – Stephenville, TX
Bitragunta Church of Christ, Bitragunta, India
Dan Keele – Bear Valley School of Preaching
Ian & Mabel McPherson – Tasmania Australia
Wayne Jackson – Christian Courier on the Web
Ted Lingren - Sisophon Bible School – Cambodia
Mission Printing Worldwide Literature Distribution
Terry & Pam Laurence – Ft. Defiance, Arizona – Navajo Nation
Dennis & Beth Johnson - Chennai Teacher Training School – India