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SUNDAY 9:30 A.M.
BIBLE STUDY 10:30 A.M.
WORSHIP A.M. Canceled
WORSHIP P.M.

WEDNESDAY
MID-WEEK CLASSES Online

With God all things are possible.
Matthew 19:26

IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY
"These were more noble...
they searched the scriptures daily..."

SEARCH PROGRAMS:

- May 2 "Authentic Christianity"
- May 9 "A Good Conscience"
- May 16 "Heaven Rejoices"
- May 23 "Worship with the Church"
- May 30 "Why We Evangelize"

Record for May 02, 2021

Bible School 59
Worship Service 102
Sunday Evening No Services
Wednesday Evening Online
Contribution \$3,867.30

Cleaning Team for the week of May 09: Team #6

SERVING THE CONGREGATION
WEEK OF SUNDAY: May 09, 2021
WORSHIP SERVICE
Announcements: Steve Kelly
Scripture Reader: Cary Leonarrd
Song Director: Multiple Leaders
Opening Prayer: Eddie Beard
Sermon: Logan Edmison
Closing Prayer: Dennis Brodersen
Lord Supper: Dalton Path
Contribution-North: Eric Park/Don Hair
Contribution-South: Clavin Norwood/Brian Nipper
Projection: Keith Lawrence
Audio Controls: Matt Borcharding

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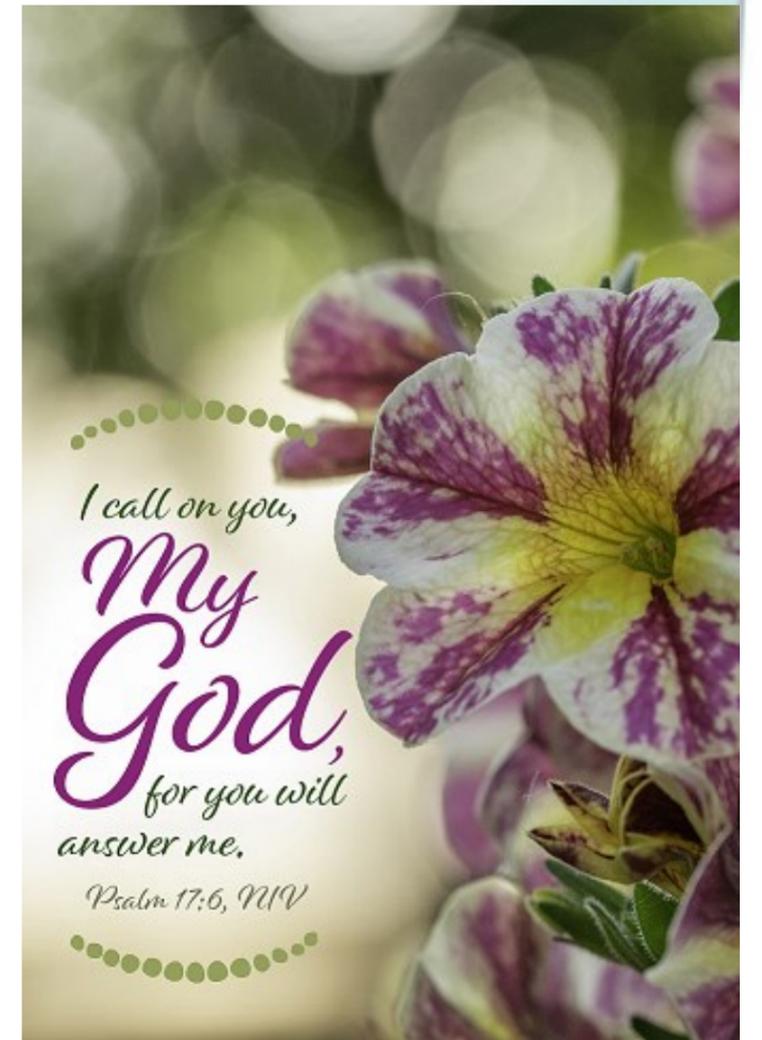
If you would like for someone to bring you communion supplies, pick up your contribution,

Our morning worship is now being streamed live on YouTube at 10:30 a.m. Go to the You Tube link noted above. It may also be viewed on our website and Facebook later in the day.



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Strong Belief

Romans 4:5-25

The one who believes in God (who justifies the ungodly), that one's belief results in justification. I know that there is nothing I can do or say to justify my sins, so this leaves me in a very tough position. The simplicity of the gospel is that, instead of trying to justify yourself with what you do or say, you simply believe that God can justify you. This justification is forgiveness, and this is the ultimate blessing from the gospel. David talks about this in Psalm 32. It is not that the Jews were unaware of how one could receive forgiveness from sins. This covenant of forgiveness was uniquely sealed on their body (circumcision). This means that men like David could appeal to God and find forgiveness for his sins (i.e., Bathsheba).

After forgiveness, God tells Abraham to be circumcised. This is the confirmation that forgiveness comes by faith/belief in God. This means that circumcision was always intended to function in this way throughout the history of the Jewish people. Remember when Moses is on his way back to Egypt and God shows up to kill him? His wife circumcises his son, and says, "You are a husband of blood" (Exodus 4:26). There was no forgiveness for Moses' belief because the confirmation of forgiveness for belief (circumcision) was not on his child. When sin is not forgiven then the result is death. When the child is circumcised, then God relents/forgives. There are other lessons from this passage (looking forward to the Passover), but we will focus on this one only for now. Circumcision was necessary to keep the covenant of Abraham, not the covenant of Moses (which had not been made yet). The covenant of Abraham was forgiveness that came through belief in God, and circumcision was the confirmation of that forgiveness.

This is not to say that Abraham was forgiven because of circumcision. No, he was forgiven because of belief. Abraham was forgiven before he was circumcised. This means that circumcision is not where forgiveness comes from, but from belief. Therefore, if anyone believes in God, then God will forgive them according to the Abrahamic covenant (i.e., Nineveh in the book of Jonah). Since Abraham is the father of many nations, every nation can believe God and thus, be forgiven by Him. This is not earned, it is given (grace).

One might say, then why did Christ die? Remember chapter 3: Christ justifies God's identity. In other words, Christ's sacrifice makes God's forgiveness of those that believe Him appropriate. And from Abraham's belief came life. Abraham believed God and not only did God forgive him, but God gave life to his body. His belief in God was strong, and from that strong belief came life (Isaac). This is important for us as readers because our belief in Jesus and His resurrection (life from death) is how we can receive forgiveness and life as well. Christ's sacrifice justifies God's forgiveness of the ungodly.

We are two chapters away from seeing that our death and resurrection is through His death and resurrection at baptism, but we are not there yet. Without faith, one will never be baptized because they do not believe God's word. If you honestly believe in the resurrection of Christ, and God says to be baptized through His resurrection for forgiveness, then the question is simply, do you strongly believe that? But to conclude that baptism contradicts what Paul is saying in Romans 4 is just an attempt to explain away baptism altogether, something that Paul is not trying to do. Paul is merely emphasizing a foundational essential of the gospel which is: believing God. Without belief, there is no forgiveness.

Logan Edmison

"Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you."

Exodus 20:12

Join us for a Wednesday Night study. Logan Edmison will continue a study on the book of James entitled "Wisdom from Above."

This will be on Facebook live at 5:00 pm.



IN OUR Thoughts and Prayers

We have no members currently in the hospital at this time.

Joe & Amber Curtis had surgery Friday April 30. They are both recovering at home.

Don Mack saw his doctor and will have an MRI. The doctor said both of his shoulders are in bad shape.

John Rampey is back at the Rehab Center. He continues to recover from health issues due to covid.

David Perry is home and off the oxygen. He is still trying to get his strength back.

Central's Burnt Cabin session is June 13-19. Our theme this year is "Lego, Let God". We will be studying all week about letting God be our boss, our protector, our peace giver, and that He is enough. Camp applications are in the foyer and everywhere you find the weekly bulletin throughout the building. Applications will also be on the church and camp websites. If you have any questions regarding camp, or would like to contribute to help send a child, please see Bob or Janet Stephens. In addition, please be praying that our camp session will be fruitful in teaching our kids and kids across the state the importance of Letting God into their lives.



Executive Desk Needs A New Home

We have an executive desk that is no longer needed. It is wood, has a 3' X 5' top, and has three drawers. This is free to any member. Call the office if you are interested.

Reading the Bible in a Year Together

May 10, 2021
Ezra Chapters 6-9

May 11, 2021
Ezra Chapters 10, Nehemiah 1-2

May 12, 2021
Nehemiah Chapters 3-5

May 13, 2021
Nehemiah Chapters 6-9

May 14, 2021
Nehemiah Chapters 10-12

May 15, 2021
Nehemiah Chapters 13, Esther 1-2

May 16, 2021
Esther Chapters 3-6

CONTINUING PRAYER CONCERNS All these members and friends have continuing health concerns or other special circumstances. They appreciate your interest and prayers.

Don Mack	Fredith Hanifan	Blake Carter
Chad Beard	John Sullivan	Selene Williams
Carla Dame	Thelma Divine	Dorothy Strickland
Carl Weeks	Diane Lawrence	Thearlene Morris
Emma White	Frank Romberg	John Rampey
Boyd Cheney	Sandra Pollard	Sandon Hilditch
Debbie Taffe	Debra Campbell	David Perry

TIPTON HOME



Our Tipton Home collection for the month of May is Toilet Tissue.

Please place these items in the barrel in the foyer. Thank you.

LOOKING AHEAD

Bible Class in auditorium at 9:30 am
Sunday morning worship service 10:30 am
Wednesday Night service will be online.
May 16 at 2:00 pm Elders/Deacons meeting
Burnt Cabin - June 13th - 16th