

Today's Order of Worship

Announcements: Greg Lowery

Song Leader: David Key

Opening Prayer: Greg Lowery

On the Table: Head - Ralph Burleson
Servers - Josh Berryhill
Gary Addison
Lannie Key

Closing Prayer: Al Corkren

Preparing the Lord's Supper Amelia Key

Weekly Service Times

Sunday

Bible Study 10:00 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 5:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm

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This Is My Father's World



The Brilliant Beacon



The Word Requires...

By Andy Robison

Basic Speech classes teach that the communication process requires a transmitter who accurately encodes a message and a receptor who as accurately decodes it. (No secret is involved in the coding, just the formulation of the message.) The communication of the sacred Word of God may be so viewed. In the case of God’s Word, the process requires, on God’s (the transmitter’s) part: Communication in Life and Letter.

The Word of God was transmitted by the Word who became flesh (John 1:1-3, 14). He, in real person, in flesh and blood (Hebrews 2:14), is the very caring, completely in touch communication from the throne of Heaven. Meditate upon the magnitude of the thought: God not only sent a letter, He sent a life—the very life of His only begotten Son. The Life died for us, the receptors (Philippians 2:5-7). This was no inanimate, uncaring, mandatory letter. This was God incarnate (1 Timothy 3:16). He communicated in person—in the person of His Son.

Of course, then, the message of life was recorded. The Son promised He would send the Spirit (John 16:13). He did (Acts 2:33). Those apostles who received it, and the prophets on whom the apostles laid their hands (Acts 8:14-17), recorded the message of inspiration, the very plan of salvation (Ephesians 3:5-6)! These things were written so the receptors who did not see His life would still believe (John 20:30-31) and be in full fellowship with those who did witness His glory (1 John 1:1-4). God “has in these last days spoken to us by His Son” (Hebrews 1:3) both in life and in letter.

The fullness of the message (2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17) was delivered by the only qualified Mediator between God and man, “the Man Christ Jesus” (1 Timothy 2:5).

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Danny Berryhill: having trouble with blood clots, please pray that he can receive help with this problem

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Dewight Kitchens: (Al’s Boss) recovering from recent colon cancer surgery, please praying that they all the cancer was removed

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law} he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Jamie Long: recovering from recent liver transplant, please pray that there will be no problems and that he will make a quick recovery

Angie Ganey Gardner: she has been diagnosed with stage 3 breast cancer, please pray that this cancer will be treatable

Bobby Sanderson: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he has a good recovery, he will have another surgery in a few weeks

Deborah Pollard: is currently taking cancer treatments, please pray that these treatments will be successful in defeating her cancer

Upcoming Events

Today Dorian Flynn 10:00 am
 {Missionary Report }

Today Tri-County Singing 2:00 pm
 {Tidwell Chapel }

The Word also requires on God’s part: A Resurrection. The resurrection was verified by witnesses (1 Corinthians 15:1-8) and serves itself as a verification of all that Jesus claimed (Romans 1:1-4). Further, this message speaks to the very soul and deepest needs of man. Men long to overcome death (Hebrews 2:15) and can do so in the Resurrection—Jesus (John 11:25-26; 1 Corinthians 15:20-24).

On man’s part, the Word requires: Reaction. Man must not only decode the message, he must live it. Hearers of the Word have no reward unless they are also doers (James 1:22-25). Rituals of worship are no substitute for real obedience (1 Samuel 15:22; Isaiah 1:10-17).

The apostle Peter reacted rightly when given a choice to leave the Lord. He said, “Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life” (John 6:68). Those words are living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12), but they must be obeyed to be beneficial to the receptor.

The Word requires on man’s part: Correction. The Word will pierce the heart (Acts 2:37; 7:54). People will react with obedience (Acts 2:38-41) or anger (Acts 7:55-60), but God’s Word will never return void (Isaiah 55:11). The wise hear the Word of God, allow it to pierce to the soul and spirit (Hebrews 4:12) and cause godly sorrow (2 Corinthians 7:8-9). Then, they allow that sorrow to lead to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:10). The wise take the letter of the message and make it alive in their lives.

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Dedication unto the Lord

By Ronald D. Reeves

The necessity to be dedicated unto the Lord is realized in all that the Bible affirms about devotion, consecration and being hallowed and set apart for divine service. The breadth of what should be dedicated unto the Lord includes (1) each of us (John 17:17; Ephesians 5:26), (2) our possessions (2 Corinthians 9:7) and (3) our time (Ephesians 5:16). This parallels the Old Testament teaching in Exodus 32:29, Leviticus 27:21 and Exodus 20:11. Rather than being unqualified priests before the Father (1 Kings 13:33), we will be accepted as dedicated priests (1 Peter 2:5, 9) by having been sanctified (1) by the Holy Spirit (Romans 15:16), (2) through the Word (John 17:17, 19), (3) by faith (Acts 26:18) and (4) through the offering of Christ (Hebrews 10:10). If we have genuinely obeyed the Gospel (1 Peter 4:17), our status as ones dedicated unto the Lord has been achieved and, consequently, we must look to the future with an eye of service in order that we maintain our dedication before the Lord.

The life of dedication unto the Lord is one of ministry (Romans 6) and must be unto every good work (2 Timothy 2:21). This requires the dedicated child of God to be truly active in the kingdom of God as the norm and the standard of his character (Matthew 7:21). To only serve the Lord once in a while is not adequate. Furthermore, we must take all necessary steps to safeguard what has been dedicated from being profaned (Leviticus 19:8). Even though each child of God has imperfections, we must endeavor to be ever growing unto perfection (Hebrews 6:1).

The consequences of faithful and maintained dedication unto the Lord extends far beyond this life; it most certainly touches the realm of eternity. This is evident in the receipt of blessings consequent to our faithful dedication (Exodus 32:29) as well as the receipt of the heavenly inheritance promised to faithful servants of the Master (Acts 20:32; 26:18).

The challenges of life may easily distract us from the measure of faithful, dedicated service that Christians are obligated to provide in their daily lives. May we periodically evaluate our priorities (Matthew 6:33) so that we can be truly regarded as dedicated children of God, thus hallowing the name of the Lord God among us as His people (Matthew 6:9).

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Say What?

By Denny Petrillo

In Ecclesiastes 7:21 Solomon warned, “Do not take seriously all the words which are spoken...” The fact is, people say things—sometimes things they don’t really mean. We often respond, “Oh yeah? Then why did they say it if they didn’t mean it?” To this Solomon responded, “Haven’t you ever said something you didn’t mean?” All of us would have to say, “Yes,” to that question. Maybe we said something in anger. Perhaps we were tired, sick or irritated, and so out came those words that we later regretted.

Yet, this isn’t a passage about guarding one’s words, but rather about guarding one’s ears. We need to be careful about running too far, overreacting to the words of others. We need to be a little more thick-skinned. Don’t take everything so personally. Give people a break. We all say things we don’t mean or say them in a way that upsets the hearer.

Christianity is a religion of tenderness, compassion and forgiveness. Rather than being quick to anger or being easily offended, let’s give each other a dose of kindness. I know I need it. Do you?

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