

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for October, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Noel Ramirez / Ross Sanders / Danny Rolling / Steve Sanders

Announcements

Dale Sanders

Building Duties

Larry Wyrosdick

Greeters

Jim Johnson
Joe Noble

Nursing Home Duties

Jace Sanders
Reed Kilcrease

Lord's Supper Preparation

Paulette West

Scripture Reading

Isaac Sanders

Privileged to Serve on October 18th, 2009

Morning Prayer

Andrew Moorer (opening)
Darrin Sanders (closing)

Evening Prayer

Steve Sanders (opening)
Maynard Rolling (closing)

Song Leader

Frankie Sims

A/V Equipment

Zack Wilson

If you are unable to serve, please contact Danny Rolling – 429-0055/335-3030
All announcements need to be written and turned in before each assembly!

The Messenger



**Minister
Keith Dixon**

Services

Every Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 5:00 PM

Every Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

From

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DECISIONS

"Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision" Joel 3:14. We make hundreds or even thousands of decisions every day. Some are not so good and some turn out pretty good. Some decisions will affect our eternal destiny.

We sing a song, "I have decided to follow Jesus." The song also has "if none go with me still I will follow." Is that true? When we sing a song it needs to be the truth. We are teaching one another with our songs (Colossians 3:16). We might think that it is true but when persecutions come will we still follow? This is one of those decisions that we need to be prepared for when the time comes. We all hope that we will make the right decision and stay with that decision.

When temptations come will we still follow Jesus? When Jesus was giving the explanation of parable of the soils He tells of the stony places. These are the folks who hear and with joy receive the Word. When temptations or persecutions come upon these individuals they have no roots and do not produce fruit. They do not endure until the end. They made a decision to follow Jesus but they were not ready for what came next. We need to be prepared for these things. We also need to help those who are newly converted to know these things and help them make the right decision.

There is also another group mentioned in this parable; it is those who have the seed planted among the thorns. This group has made the decision to follow Jesus, but this time the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of riches get in the way of that decision. We must prepare our minds so that we will say that "though none go with me I still will follow." We must let the new child of God know that there are outside forces that will try to get them to recant the decision that they have made.

There is a decision to worship God. We are to worship God upon the first day of the week. Since every week has a first day then we are to worship God every Sunday. There are five acts of worship that we are to do upon Sunday. We are commanded to be here for this worship. We have made the decision to follow Jesus and we are willing to sing that song, but when things do not go the way that we want them to go, will we still follow Jesus? If we stay up too late on Saturday night would we rather sleep in than go to worship? If you have made the decision to follow Jesus, this is not going to be discussed. That decision has already been made. You will be here; ready to worship God. On Wednesday evening you will be in your proper place to study about God. This is the time when we can come together to study together the Will of God and become closer as a family. What has been your decision? Will you follow Jesus or will you do what the devil wants? These decisions are important!

If we have decided to follow Jesus then we must add the fruit of the Spirit to our lives. This will take work. Do you have all the love that you need? What about someone who has mistreated you, do you love them too? How much joy do you have? Look in the mirror – which way is your smile? We say we have joy but we look like we have been sucking on lemons for a long time. If we have joy then show it at least with a smile. Peace, are you at peace with God and your fellow man? This may take some work to leave peaceable with some folks! Do you have all the longsuffering you need or want? Are you really that patient with all men? Are you gentle toward all? Are you good toward all? Do you have faith so that you can move mountains? If not, then you see you need to get to work! You see there is work when we make the decision of follow Jesus. Who will you follow? Let us all follow Jesus.
.....Love, Keith



In Our Prayers

- Alan Bagents – showing improvement
- Shelley Baker – recently diagnosed with MS
- Lynn Beasley – chemotherapy
- Ole Dahle – hip surgery; probably November
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Tracy Holzmon – high risk pregnancy
- Shirley Ivy – pancreatic cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Lucy Kilpatrick – back at home!
- Chris Kyser – health
- Ernestine Mullins – eye problems
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Dickie Sims – ready to begin rehab following heart surgery

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall Allene Mount Edwina Rolling

Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends on the death of Annie Senn, Marsha Senn's mother-in-law.

- *Pray for soldiers overseas:* Kevin Singleton
- *Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.*

God's Plan of Salvation

- ▶ Learn the truth (John 8:31-32; Rom. 10:17).
- ▶ Believe in Christ (John 8:24).
- ▶ Repent of sins (Acts 17:30; 2 Cor. 7:10).
- ▶ Confess faith in Christ (Matt. 10:32).
- ▶ Be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16; 1 Peter 3:20, 21).
- ▶ Remain faithful unto death (Rev. 2:10; Matt. 10:22).

World's Best Book

This book contains the mind of God, the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers. Its doctrine is holy, its precepts are binding, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable. Read it to be wise, believe it to be safe, and practice it to be holy.

It contains light to direct you, food to support you, and comfort to cheer you. It is the traveler's map, the pilgrim's staff, the pilot's compass, the soldier's sword, and the Christian's charter.

Here Paradise is restored, heaven opened, and the ways of hell disclosed. Christ is the grand object, our good its design, and the redemption of man its end. It should fill the memory, rule the heart, and guide the feet. It is a mine of wealth, a paradise of glory, a river of pleasure.

It is given to you in life, will be open in the judgment, and will be remembered forever. It involves the highest responsibilities, will reward the greatest labor, and condemn all who trifle with its sacred contents.

Author Unknown

"How precious also are Thy thoughts unto me, O God!"

Psalm 139:1

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