

The church of Christ at Luverne

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Assembly Assignments for October, 2009

The Lord's Supper

Noel Orozco / 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

Darrin Sanders

Privileged to Serve on October 25th, 2009

Morning Prayer

Sam Sanders (opening)
Isaac Sanders (closing)

Evening Prayer

Larry Hoffman (opening)
Jim Johnson (closing)

Song Leader

Dale Sanders

A/V Equipment

Robb Sanders

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

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“ARE YOU FOR US, OR FOR OUR ADVERSARIES?”

This quote comes from Joshua 5:13 and is a good question for all of time. The answer was obvious. Joshua was asking this question of the “captain of the host of the Lord” (Joshua 5:14). He is also told to take his shoes off of his feet for the place whereon he stood was holy (Joshua 5:15). Both indicated that this “captain” was from God and was on their side. Joshua had to look around and see the answer. If the question was asked today would the answer be as obvious?

When Jesus was talking about false prophets, he said: “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruit ye shall know them” (Matthew 5:15-19). Several questions that can be asked after reading from the Sermon on the Mount: what kind of tree are you? You are either a good tree or a corrupt tree. Another question is: what kind of fruit are you producing? If we know what kind of fruit we are producing, then the first question answers itself. To know a person, if he is a false prophet or not, all one has to do is to notice the kind of fruit that they are producing. What kind of fruit are you producing?

Do you think that others can tell what kind of fruit you produce? Think of the teachers over the years that have influenced you to do the most good. What kind of fruit do you think they have produced? Have you ever had a teacher that was a bad influence? What kind of fruit do you think they produced? Reading an autobiography of Zig Ziglar one will find that he grew up in Yazoo City, Mississippi. In the book he tells of several famous people who grew up in that city about the same time. He contributes this phenomena to the fact of strong teachers and strong preachers. Faith and education go hand in hand and when the two are strong, great things will happen. It must be so, for in this case - his illustration of the many famous people, show it to be so. It goes back to what the Bible says, “... by their fruits ye shall know them.”

Time sometime is needed to tell what kind of fruit is going to be produced. It does take time for some plants to grow into maturity. It takes time then for these plants to produce a crop. So we may not be able to tell immediately what kind of fruit is going to be produced. In some cases it takes years to find out if the tree will produce at all. When one buys a fruit tree from a store, will fruit come from that tree the first year? It may take three or four years before one can tell if the tree is going to produce a crop or not. The same is true for some people’s teaching; it may take years before the real fruit is produced or enough has been produced to tell if the teacher and the teaching are going to produce good fruit.

Notice John 5:42, “But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you.” You may say that Jesus knew their hearts and knew this, and that may be true, but if you will read the book of John carefully one will see that their love of God was manifested by their actions. Their actions said they did not love God no matter how much they said they love Him. By their fruits one can tell whose side they were on. Whose side are you on?

Love, Keith



In Our Prayers

- Alan Bagents – improving
- Shelley Baker –diagnosed with MS
- Lynn Beasley – chemotherapy
- Ole Dahle – upcoming hip surgery
- Joe Griffin – general health
- Bobbie Sue Henderson – cancer
- Tracy Holzmon – high risk pregnancy
- Shirley Ivy – pancreatic cancer
- Cecil Kelley – COPD; general health
- Lucy Kilpatrick – doing well at home!
- Chris Kyser – at home
- J. T. Owens – lung cancer
- Dickie Sims –physical therapy
- Leah Sims – gaining strength at home
- Weaver Robinson – not feeling well; at home

In Luverne Nursing Facility:

Margaret Hall
Allene Mount
Edwina Rolling

- Pray for all those who have lost loved ones.

*- Pray for soldiers overseas:
Kevin Singleton*

- Pray for missionaries, for leaders, for our congregation, and for our efforts to carry out God's will.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed: Bottles of lotion and bars of antibacterial soap to prepare Christmas packages for approximately 150 nursing home residents.

Attention Youth: Area-wide devotional in Opp on November 1.

Rules for Happy Living

Do you desire a "Happy Life"? Follow these rules and you will enjoy happiness that cannot be found in "things" of this world.

1. Count your blessings, not your troubles.

Though we have many problems in life, we are still richly blessed. The plaque on the wall stated, "I grumbled and complained because I had no shoes, until I saw a man who had no feet."

2. Live one day at a time. Regardless of what Satan may throw at you, it can be handled "one day at a time" (James 4:13-15). You can control and conquer if you will take on obstacles one day at a time.

3. Learn to say, "I love you" to those near and dear. Break the shackles and learned restraints and express your love and appreciation to as many as possible each day (Mark 14:3-6).

4. Be a giver, not a getter. Often if you fail to get out of life what you want, it is because you are expecting to GET instead of GIVE (Luke 6:38).

5. Seek good in everyone and everything. Be a "good" seeker. Try hard not to be a "fault finder". When faults are present, deal with them lovingly.

6. Pray every day. Always take the time to express to God our appreciation for blessings and ask Him for guidance (Luke 18:1).

7. Do a good deed each day. The "grandest intention" is not as good as the "smallest deed." Follow the Lord's example (Acts 10:38).

8. Watch your priorities. Keep the important things in first place (Matt. 6 :33).

9. Fill your life with good. Throw away the "trash" from your life and replace it with good thoughts and deeds (Phil. 4:8).

10. Laugh and cry. Laughter is good medicine. A good sense of humor overcomes many "ills and problems" of life.

11. Learn to practice the happiness habit. Smile, and the world will smile with you (Phil. 4:4). Make up your mind to "be happy".

12. Let go and let God control your life. To find peace and happiness, you must let God completely reign on the throne in your life. You must totally follow His will. It is for your own good.

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World's Best Book – The Bible

Are you studying it everyday?

II Timothy 3:16