

We Welcome You to our Services This LORD's Day!

March 22, 2015

SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL for the entire family.....9:45 am
Adult Class: "Daily Life of the Redeemed" (Ex. to Deut.)Auditorium

Morning Worship Service 11:00 am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Chorus *I Love Him Better Every day* **Insert**

Hymn *Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart* **15**

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading **Luke 3:1-20**

Hymn *Revive Us Again* **44**

Offering

Hymn *This World is Not My Home* **311**

Special Music *All the Men (319)*

Message **'Marks of Repentance'**

Closing Chorus *O Jesus I Have Promised* **168**

If you would like a Hearing Aid Headset,
Please inquire at the Bulletin Table.

Ladies Retreat Planning Meeting.....5:00 pm

Evening Service..... 6:00 pm

This evening we will examine a series of simple yet profound lessons about Christian living given to us directly from our Lord. I wish I could be speaking this evening to every teenage Christian.

Quotable: *A man is what he thinks about all day.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| | TODAY | NEXT SUNDAY |
| Greeters: | Mike & Trish V. | Gene & Shirley H.. |

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| Budget: | General Fund (Needed Weekly) | \$ 3,013.00 |
| | Rec'd Last Week: | |



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| General | \$1,472.30 |
| Faith Promise | \$20.00 |
| Burma Church (3 rd Sunday SS) | \$5.00 |

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

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| Wed. | Mid-week Prayer Meeting | 7:00 pm |
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| | <i>Kid's Klub</i> | 7:00 pm |
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| | Crusaders of Light | 7:00 pm |
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FAMILY MATTERS

Coming Up -

Next 5th Sunday: next Sunday, Mar. 29, Chili Cook off and Dessert Bake off: this is a "Fun Event"! Nonjudgmental awards will be given and all items brought are automatically entered. There are no specific categories and anything (not just chilli and baked goods) is welcome.

Bible Memory -

This week's passage is Psalm 62:8 - Trust in him at all times; ye people, pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us.

Parson to Person (a borrowed message from Charles Spurgeon) -

Genesis 35:18 "She called his name Ben-Oni [son of sorrow], but his father called him Benjamin [son of my right hand]." In everything earthly there is both a bright and a dark side. Rachel was overwhelmed with the difficulty of her hard labor and death. Jacob wept over the loss of his wife but could see mercy in the birth of a child. We should remember that while we grieve over trials our faith triumphs in divine faithfulness.

Samson's lion yielded honey (Judges 14:8), and when properly considered so will our adversities. The stormy sea feeds multitudes with fish. The stormy wind sweeps away the plague. The biting frost loosens the hard soil. Dark clouds distill bright drops. Black earth grows lovely flowers. A vein of good can be found in every mine of evil.

Sad hearts have peculiar skills in seeing only the worst in every trial. If there were only one swamp in the entire world, they would soon be up to their necks in it. If there was only one lion in the desert, they would hear it roar. There is a tinge of this wretched folly in all of us. We at times are likely to cry with Jacob, "All these things are against me" (Genesis 34:30).

Faith's way of walking, however, casts all care on the Lord and anticipates good results even from the worst calamities. Like Gideon's men, faith does not worry over the broken pitcher but rejoices that the lamp blazes brightly (Judges 7:16). Out of the rough oyster shell of difficulty, faith extracts the rare pearl of honor. From the deep ocean caves of distress, faith lifts the priceless coral of tried experience. When the flood of prosperity ebbs, faith finds treasures hidden in the sand. When the sun of delight sets, faith turns the telescope of hope on the starry promises of heaven.

When death appears, faith points to the light of resurrection beyond the grave and makes our dying Ben-Oni our living Benjamin.