

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
Worship 10:30 A. M.
Worship 4:00 P. M.

Tuesday:

Ladies Class -- 10 A. M. (Sept. -- June)

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7:30 P. M.
*** Singing, Scripture Reading & Prayers on the last Wednesday of the month. ***

Our Preacher:

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God's Plan For Salvation

Hear: Rom. 10:17.
Believe: Mark 16:16.
Repent: Luke 13:3, 5.
Confess: Rom. 10:9-10.
Baptism: Acts 2:38.
Be Faithful: 1 Cor. 15:58.

There is no other way!

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Prayer List:

Delpha Pearce, Sophia Kersten, Brandy Smith, Tip Tipping, Barbara Archey, Cacie Smith, Scott and Amy, Edith Smith, Phyllis and Tip Tipping. Frankie Reeves is to have some surgery in the near future. Cacie is home from the hospital. She is to begin some new treatments in a few days.

Family and Friends:

Tabby Jenkins, Mary Lou Joseph, Bill Bridges, Chuck Northrop and Frankie Reeves.



In the Military:
Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

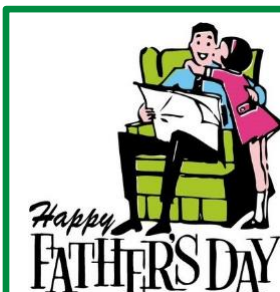
Welcome to Our Visitors

Thank you for coming. Please fill out the card in the back of the song book. We invite you to come again.

Sermon Titles:

AM: Learning From History (**Gen. 7:19-20**).

PM: The Righteousness of God (**Rom. 3:21-31**).



A Christian father is someone you look up to no matter how tall you grow. You can never outgrow him!

“LABORERS TOGETHER WITH GOD.”

Toney L. Smith

(1 Corinthians 3:6-9) “I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase. Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building.”

In 1 Corinthians chapter 3, the apostle Paul addresses the problem of division within the church at Corinth. In verses 6-9 he exhorts them to be “laborers together with God.” The passage informs them that they are the Lord’s vineyard. We recognize that a vineyard is a place of productivity, a place where things are cultivated and grown. Scripture identifies three spiritual vineyards of the Lord. First, the Garden of Eden, then the nation of Israel, and finally the church is referred to as a vineyard. Adam and Eve did not take care of the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), and Israel did not stay true and eventually produced “wild grapes” (Isaiah 3:8). Today, our responsibility is to work in the vineyard of the Lord. Man's work is and always has been to be productive in God's husbandry.

Let us observe some things concerning working together in the vineyard.

THE CHURCH IS GOD'S HUSBANDRY. A husbandry is a place where crops are produced; it is a farm. Thayer's Greek Definitions defines the word as, “a cultivated field, husbandry, tillage.” Robertson's Word Pictures describes this word as, “God's tilled land (gēorgon).” The farmer works with God in God's field. Without the sun, the rains, and the seasons, the farmer is helpless.” In our text, Paul refers to the church as being the place where work is to be done to produce the planted crop. There are some parallels between farming and the work of the church. Good production requires preparation and continued work (Isaiah 5:2). Paul is teaching the church at Corinth the necessity of working TOGETHER. He said, “...he that planteth and he that watereth are one...” (verse 8). This verse emphasizes the importance of every person in the congregation being active. There is much to do; there is work on every hand, yet it requires unity. Christ prayed for unity (John 17:21-25) so “that the world may know that thou hast sent me, and hast loved them, as thou hast loved me.”

THE CHURCH IS ALSO GOD'S BUILDING. The church is described as God's building because He is the founder and builder. Jesus said, “... upon this rock I will build my church” (Matthew 16:18). It was purchased by the blood

of our Lord and Savior (Acts 20:28). The care of His church is placed within our hands. He left it for us to keep and maintain. This care takes work on the part of every member. We will give an account of how we cared for His body, the church (Ephesians 4:4; 1:22-23; Colossians 1:18, 24). Thus, Paul warned the church at Corinth to “labor together with God.”

WHAT WAS THE PROBLEM AT CORINTH? Why did Paul, by inspiration remind them of the principle of laboring together? They were divided and thus there were contentions among them (1 Corinthians 1:10-13). It is clear that division will not bring about productivity. Cooperation is needed in every facet of our lives! The Corinthian brethren were not working together. Therefore, they could not be productive. Nothing good is ever accomplished when brethren do not work together for the cause of Christ. In fact, as we read further, we see in chapter 3 that Paul says they are carnal, “For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men” (1 Corinthians 3:3)? Thayer's Greek Definitions define carnal as, “having the nature of flesh, i.e., under the control of the animal appetites.” Their envy, strife, and divisions demonstrated carnality. In that condition, they were not cooperating with one another. Note in 1 Corinthians 3:9 they were reminded that each had a work to do and working together ***WITH GOD*** they could be productive in the vineyard of the Lord. Paul did not simply say they were to be united! He said they were to be united together with God.

WHAT IS THE NATURE OF EVERY CHRISTIAN'S WORK IN GOD'S VINEYARD? The lessons found in 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 is so desperately needed in the church today. Every eldership, every deacon, all preachers, Bible class teachers, and every member should be involved in the work being conducted by the local congregation. Elders, please take oversight (Acts 20:28) of the congregation seriously. Your lead and example will set the tone for the work that is to be done. Deacons, work hard to accomplish your assigned tasks. Preachers and teachers make sure that you are prepared for the work that you do (2 Timothy 2:15). Additionally, every member should be happy to labor together for the cause of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:21; 3:8). Remember, not everyone plants, not everyone waters, but all have a task before them. Every single one of us has a work to do. It takes combined efforts to accomplish the work set before us. Please remember, there are to be NO SPECTATORS in the kingdom of God.

The next time we sing “We'll work till Jesus comes,” or “I want to be a worker for the Lord,” be sure you mean what you are singing. Join hands and work together.