

Schedule Of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A. M.
 Worship 10:30 A. M.
 Worship 4:00 P. M.
 2nd Sunday Potluck following the morning service. At 1:15 we will have a singing service.

Tuesday:

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

Wednesday

Midweek Services: 7:30 P. M.

Our Preacher:

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Live Broadcasts

We are broadcasting our worship services over the Internet.

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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!



Prayer List:

Delpha Pearce, Sophia Kersten, Brandy Smith, Edith Smith, Phyllis Tipping, Johnny Graham, Christine Joplin, Darlene Scott, Larry Lallance, Sherra Reeves, Geneice and Derral, Scott and Amy. Tip fell and broke his hip. He is in the Mansfield hospital.

Robby Roth is in the Dallas VA hospital. He said he appreciates our prayers.

Family and Friends:

Kay Tipping, Leanna Shafer, Chuck Northrop, Cathy Merchant and Galen Anderson.



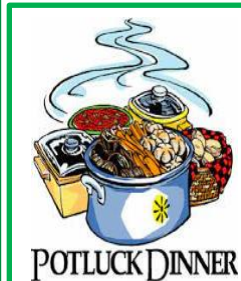
In the Military:
 Keith Pilgrim and Justin Cormier.

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:

In the weeks ahead we will continue our study of Christ and His life. We are currently studying **Isaiah 9:6-7** - **"Isaiah's Prophecies of the Messiah."**



Potluck Today

November Potluck will follow our morning service. We will have our evening services at 1:15 PM.

A HILL WITH THREE CROSSES.

Toney L. Smith

Just outside the Northern walls of the ancient city of Jerusalem stood a hill known as Calvary. It is also referred to as Golgotha or “the place of a skull” (Matthew 27:33). Silhouetted against the skyline were three crosses. Nailed to those crosses are three men. Two of these men were thieves and on the middle one is Jesus Christ the Son of God. Prophecies had foretold of this event and the circumstances connected with it. Isaiah 53:12 says that “... He was numbered with the transgressors; and He bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.” Jesus, the Messiah, was crucified between these two malefactors (Mark 15:27-28). Usually, we focus solely upon the middle cross which held the body of Christ. But there were three. Two thieves and our Savior. Each cross represents a powerful lesson. One cross represents sin, one stands for security while the center one represents the sacrifice of salvation. May we learn and live by the lessons each represents.

THE CROSS OF SIN:

One of the crosses represents sin and the eternal destiny of those who will not repent. One of these thieves joins in with the unruly mob as they continue to mock the Christ. The crowd mocked Christ’s message of salvation, “And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also with them derided him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if he be Christ, the chosen of God” (Mark 23:35). One of the thieves added to that saying, “And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, saying, If thou be Christ, save thyself and us” (Mark 23:39). This cross represents rebellion and unbelief. Notice that he said, “**IF** thou be the Christ.” IF represents doubt and unbelief. Jesus had said earlier, “... for if ye believe not that I am He, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

This thief chose to continue in his lost condition. He did not renounce his doubt and unbelief. He wanted physical deliverance and gave no thought to his soul. He could not look beyond the present moment. Many today are following the mindset of this malefactor. They are caught up in the selfish desire for physical security and give no attention to their eternal soul.

THE CROSS OF SECURITY:

Upon this cross is a transgressor who at the first joined the crowd as they mocked Jesus (Matthew 27:44). The verse states, “...cast the same in his teeth.” That is to say, they railed on Him and chided Him just as the crowd was doing. He

began his ordeal of death as the other thief. However, in Luke 23:39-43 we see a change of heart. Verse 40- 41 states, “Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.” This man knew Jesus was innocent and said so! In verse 42 he calls Jesus Lord. How could he make such a decisive statement? It was because he knew something about the man who was nailed to the center cross. With that understanding, he makes a request of Jesus; “... Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom” (Verse 42). How did he know about the kingdom? He must have heard the teaching concerning Jesus and His mission (Luke 19:10). He believed that even though Jesus was dying on the cross, He would still be king! He recognized Jesus as being Lord and King.

This thief made a change and sought the **security** that only Christ could give. Because of this change of heart Jesus would assure him that “... Today thou shalt be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43).

THE CROSS OF SAVING SACRIFICE:

On the middle cross, we have the hope of salvation realized. God made the promise to send a Savior, who would make the blood sacrifice which would give men an anchor for the soul (Hebrews 6:19). The sins of mankind required a Redeemer. This cross of sacrifice was God’s answer for our salvation. Jesus and Him alone bore all of our sins (Hebrews 9:28; 2 Corinthians 5:21; 1 Peter 2:24). All of us sin from time to time (Romans 3:23; 1 John 1:8, 10), therefore we must all look to the middle cross for our redemption.

It is beyond our comprehension what Jesus suffered on that “bitter tree.” It is hard to imagine the physical pain that He endured. Yet, He endured it all so as to make possible our salvation. He died so that we could avoid spiritual death (Romans 6:23; John 3:16). Without question, Jesus died so that we might live. Paul said, “I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

About two thousand years ago, three men were crucified together. One chose to be in rebellion and be lost, one chose to acknowledge and accept the salvation represented by the middle cross. You and I must also make a choice. Will we repent and be saved or reject and be lost? The choice is ours to make.

Too many people have a cross on their table but not in their hearts. **Luke 9:23** “And he said to *them* all, If any *man* will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”