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Worship Schedule

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM
Morning Worship 10:30 AM
Evening Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 PM

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Are You a Christian?

Do you know what you must
do to be saved?

Hear – Romans 10:17
Believe – John 8:24
Repent – Acts 17:30
Confess – Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized – 1 Peter 3:21
Live Faithfully –
Revelation 2:10

Got a Bible Question?

Be sure to submit it in the blue
box on the table in the foyer! You
can also text, email, or message
the Facebook page. Questions
will be answered the last Sunday
evening of each month.

The Park Street Informer

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Those Fighting Cancer: Barbra Hook and Drew Shinn.

Prayer List

Mike Katosh, James Jones, Tina Thomas, Millie Robertson, Brandon
Hall, Pj McCray, Steve Franklin and Meredith Hall.

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Ladies Class Oct. 12 at 10:00 am.
Men’s Meeting Oct. 13th following morning worship.
Building clean up Oct. 19 at 9:00 am lunch to follow.
Our Ladies Day with Leah Thrasher Oct. 26th
Our Gospel Meeting with Trent Thrasher Oct. 27th – 30th
Children’s Day Nov. 9th

Directory Pages

There are directory pages for Cameron and Lee on the back table for
you to add to your directory.

Passage to Ponder: Ephesians 4:11-12

¹¹ And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some,
evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

¹² For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry,
for the edifying of the body of Christ:

Sunday Sermons

A.M..... The State of the Union
P.M..... Guest Speaker: Gage Coldwater

Hold Fast the Form of Sound Words

Ben F. Vick, Jr.

As Paul’s time of departure was nearing, he by the inspiration of the
Holy Spirit, penned 2 Timothy to his son in the gospel, of whom he had said
that he had no man like-minded. Of the instructions he gave to his dear friend,
one was: “Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in
faith and love which is in Christ Jesus” (2 Timothy 1:13). To hold fast
indicates not veering from something, or to cling to something. Thayer says
the Greek word for “form” means “the pattern placed before one to be held
fast and copied, model.” Another reference says the word means “model,

Those To Serve

Oct. 6th, 2024

Morning Worship

Announcements

Ed Hanson

Song Leader

George Thomas

Opening Prayer

Ron Campbell

Preside

Steve Phillips

Assist

Ron Campbell

Closing Prayer

Ed Hanson

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Zac Hall

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

George Thomas

Wed. Oct. 9th, 2024

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Invitation

Zac Hall

example. The word denotes an outline sketch or ground plan used by an artist or in literature the rough draft forming the basis of a fuller exposition." (Linguistic Key to the Greek New Testament, page 639). "Sound words" means healthy words. If one is of sound mind, his mind is healthy.

Paul was heard to speak sound words in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. This pattern or model of sound words came forth from Paul's lips. He set the proper example for Timothy to follow. No uncertain, or questionable, words were heard coming from Paul. He spoke forth the words of truth and soberness.

Christians and, in particular, gospel preachers, should be careful to hold fast the form of sound words. There are many expressions used by the world, even some in the church, regarding matters religious that do not have the ring of soundness. Sometimes the words or expressions are wholly foreign to the New Testament. At other times, the words or expressions can be scriptural, in that they are found in the New Testament; but they are misused or misapplied. We must be careful to call Bible things by Bible names and do Bible things in Bible ways. Or, to put it as did Paul: "Hold fast the form of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus."

Many years ago brother G. K. Wallace's grandson asked him to tell him all the bad words so he would know what not to say. Let us consider a few unsound words regarding titles, names, phraseologies and manners of expressions so that we know what not to say.

"Reverend." The purpose of this title is to elevate the preacher above the other members of the church. The preacher is not above any other member of the church. The word "reverend" is found one time in the King James Version, and it is used in reference to God. The Psalmist said, "He sent redemption unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and reverend is his name" (Psalm 111:9). One should be respected for his work's sake, but he is not to be elevated above others.

"The Pastor." This word means shepherd. The word is never used in reference to a gospel preacher. It is not found in the singular in the New Testament. Ephesians 4:11 refers to "pastors," a plurality of men who meet the qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1. They tend and oversee a local congregation.

"Father" or "Pope." No man should wear these religious designations as titles. To do so is in essence to slap the Son of God in the face. Jesus said, "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ. But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matthew 23:8-12).

"Other denominations." Sometimes an untaught member of the church will refer to "the church of Christ and other denominations." Such a statement is to suggest that the Lord's church is a denomination, which it is not. A denomination is larger than the local

body of Christ, but smaller than the church universal. A denomination is a sect of which the church of Christ is not. Jesus did not die for a sect or denomination (Acts 20:28). He did not build a denomination (Matthew 16:18). He is not the head of a sectarian body (Ephesians 1:22-23).

"Join the church." One cannot read of an individual who is not a part of the body of Christ "joining the church." We read that the penitent baptized believers on the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Christ were by the Lord "added to the church" (Acts 2:38,41,47).

"The direct operation of the Holy Spirit." Do not be fooled, brethren. There is nothing sound about this expression on the work of the Holy Spirit. It cannot be found in the New Testament. It is a tap root issue of many problems in the church and the religious world in general. It is unsound, unhealthy. I am not interested in people kowtowing to my terms of expressions or my phraseology. People have the right to express themselves in various ways; but when what is expressed is unsound, or expresses an unsound concept, I am going to speak or write my objections.

"Get religion." This is an expression one does not hear as often now as it once was, but one does not "get religion." One may practice religion or do that which makes one religious (James 1:27), but one does not "get religion." That expression makes one think that religion is like some kind of disease or germ that one contracts, or catches.

Other examples could be given, but this is enough for now. Let us hold fast the form of sound words in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus (2 Timothy 1:13)