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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, Drew Shinn, and Leanna Shafer

Prayer List

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

Shut-Ins

Ted Thrasher, Debbie McGuire.

Upcoming Events

Children’s Day Nov. 9th at 9:30am
Men’s Meeting Nov. 10th following morning worship.
Ladies Meeting Nov 10th
Ladies Class Nov 16th at 10am
Questions and Answers Nov. 24th
Wednesday Singing Nov 27th

Birthdays

Sarah Hall- Nov 3rd

Passage to Ponder: Acts 17:2-3

² And Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them, and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures,

³ Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ.

Sunday Sermons

AM.....The Truth is What Turns Men to God
PM.....Greetings to the Thessalonians

Weekly Adult Bible Classes

Sunday.....John 14:14
Wednesday.....Isaiah 6:6

Those To Serve

Nov. 3rd, 2024

Morning Worship

Announcements

Zac Hall

Song Leader

Ed Hanson

Opening Prayer

Steve Phillips

Preside

George Thomas

Assist

Ron Campbell

Closing Prayer

Ron Campbell

Evening Worship

Opening Prayer

Ron Campbell

Closing Prayer

Steve Phillips

Lord's Supper

Ed Hanson

Wed. Nov. 6th, 2024

Song Leader

George Thomas

Invitation

Zac Hall

THE CHURCH'S PRIMARY MESSAGE

David P. Brown

To some brethren (evidently more than a few), unity among and between men is the fundamental design of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. To the contrary, the fundamental design of the Gospel is to bring men into unity with God. One is not ready to preach the Gospel if that one is going into all the world to unify men. We go into all the world to get men to walk with God.

Having stated what the primary purpose of the church via the preaching and defense of the Gospel of Christ is to accomplish, we hesitate to add that we are not unmindful of our Lord's prayer for the unity of believers in Christ as the Son of God and their Savior (John 17:20-21). Any Christian desires to see our Lord's prayer for unity of all believers answered.

However, it is useless to seek unity among men simply for the sake of unity. Such an idea is foreign to the Bible. The Gospel is God's power to save men – men who are in need of salvation because they are separated from God by their sins (Mark 16:15; Romans 1:16; 3:23; 6:23; 10:17; I Corinthians 15:1-4; II Thessalonians 1:8; I John 3:4). Thus the unity that should first, foremost, and always concern every Christian is the reconciliation of men to God through the preaching and defense of the pure, unadulterated Gospel of Jesus Christ (John 12:48; Colossians 3:17; I Timothy 4:1-3). It is vain to seek unity among men apart from "walking in the light" of God's Truth (I John 1:7; cf. John 8:31-32; 17:17; Jude 3).

Therefore, whatever causes any member of the church to deviate from the doctrine of Christ, no matter how slight the departure may seem to fallible men, such a departure ruins the ultimate, final, and logical end of the Divine Scheme of Redemption – the salvation of the souls of men.

If, therefore, the unity Christ prayed for and Paul commanded (I Corinthians 1:10), the planks of which are listed in Ephesians 4, is to be realized, we must learn to put "first things first" or we will get the proverbial "cart before the horse" in the matter of unity and thereby corrupt the whole Divine system of unity (Matthew 6:33).

Without the doctrine of Jesus Christ believed and obeyed, no person can be saved and remain in a saved state with God. Only by a pure Gospel can men find and possess salvation from sin through the blood of Jesus Christ. And only those who are saved from sin have authority from God to unite with one another – and then unite only on His terms. To seek a "unity" among men apart from the doctrine

of Christ is foreign to and against God's Scheme of Redemption.

Thus, the Holy Spirit-inspired John instructs us: "*Look to yourselves, that we lose not those things which we have wrought, but that we receive a full reward. Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed: For he that biddeth him God speed is a partaker of his evil deeds* (II John 8-11).

We, therefore, must teach, believe, practice, and contend for unity with God first, which unity comes only through compliance with Christ's doctrine. Only by such compliance with the doctrine of Christ is the unity for which Christ prayed and which Paul commanded obtained and perpetuated.