

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Sunday Morning Service

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Scripture Reading Kelly Knepley
- Opening Prayer Kelly Knepley
- Lord's Supper Jim Tobias
- Closing Prayer Luke Collinsworth
Tom Haddox

Sunday Evening Service

- Song Leader Akel Marshall
- Opening Prayer Jim Tobias
- Closing Prayer Akel Marshall

Wednesday Evening Service – March 26th

- Song Leader Philip Steele
- Opening Prayer Akel Marshall
- Closing Prayer Jim Tobias

Today's Sermons:

AM – Why Should I Trust the Bible?

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 7:24-27**

PM – Dynamic Faith in a Deluded World: “When They Call for Open-Mindedness” (Daniel 3)

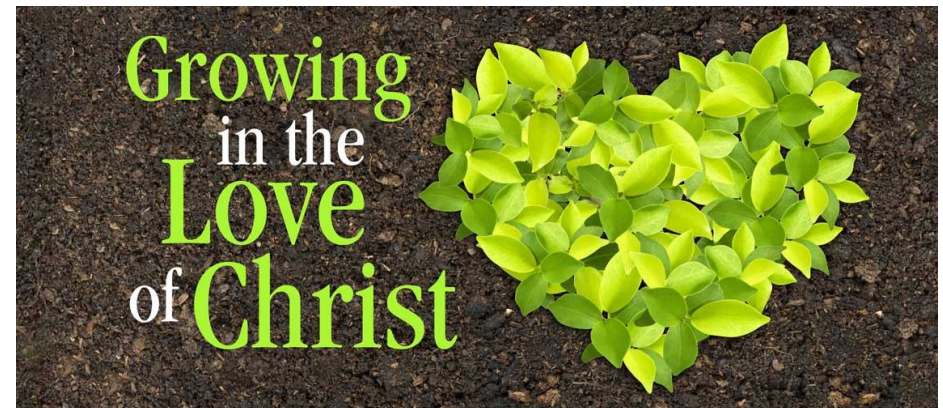
Wednesday Adult Class Study: **2nd Samuel**

“Let Brotherly Love Continue”

Hebrew 13:1

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SERVICES OF THE CHURCH

Sunday



SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY

Local Cable 18

@ 7:00 AM and 4:30 PM

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

Wednesday

Bible Class	6:30 PM
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March 30, 2014

Two-sided Christianity

By Randall Caselman

Living the Christian life is more than just abstaining from evil. When Paul wrote to the Ephesians, he asked them to eliminate some things from their lives: *Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths... Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice... There must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or any kind of impurity, or of greed because these are improper for God's Holy people. Nor should there be obscenities, foolish talk or coarse joking, which is out of place. (Eph. 4.29, 31, 5.3-4).* But notice, mingled among those things that should be eliminated are listed the good which should replace them: *Speak only what is helpful for building others up... Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgive you. (Eph. 4.29-32).*

Jesus lets us know that simply eliminating evil is not all there is to living for Him. He tells the parable of one who swept his house clean, but did not refill the void with anything worthwhile. As a result, the final condition was seven times worse than the first. Satan knows that it is all right if we clean up our lives... But if we do not replace evil with good he still owns us.

Peter picks up this thought as he admonishes: *Make very effort to add to your faith goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness and love. For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive.* Fruitful, effective, productive, saving Christianity is replacing evil with good.

Jesus said, *A good man brings forth good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and the evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart.* What we do daily comes from the heart. An empty life is the result of an empty heart. I believe Paul tells us what to fill our heart with in Philippians four: *Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

Church, if we fill our hearts with such thoughts, then life will change, it will be *right*. Jesus said it would, because out of the heart comes life: good or evil.

James tells us that *Good and evil cannot occupy the same heart. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring... Can a fig tree bear olives or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.*

Yes, we must eliminate sin from our lives, but let us understand that the other side of Christ-likeness is replacing sin with goodness. The Bible repeatedly emphasizes the importance of our doing good! Jesus was sinless, yet *went about doing good... We are His workmanship, created to do good works... Jesus died to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good... Consider how we may spur one another to love and good works... As we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.*

Indeed, there are two sides to our Christianity. It is not enough to just eliminate the evil, we must replace that evil with good: Good thoughts, Good deeds, Good habits.

Upcoming Dates to Note:

- **Potluck** – April 13th, immediately after the morning service.
- **Monthly Men's Business Meeting** – Immediately after the potluck.
- **Men's Breakfast** – Saturday, April 19th @ 7:30 AM at Big Boy's followed by Bible Study in the fellowship hall.
- **Church Family Night** – Our next Movie night is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th @ 6 p.m.

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Study (03/23) – 18
Sunday Morning Service (03/23) – 26
Sunday Evening Service (03/23) – 18
Mid-week (03/26) – 20

Statistics:

Contribution Last Week (03/23) - \$1059
Average Contribution (per week, up to 03/23) – \$999
2014 Weekly Contribution Goal – \$1015

Remembrance in prayer:

- **Betty Navin** – ongoing health issues.
- **Kristine Haddox** – severe Bell's palsy
- **Melva French** – (Cheryl French's mother)
- **Karen** – (Mae's daughter)
- **Tim Brown** – (friend of Carl) diagnosed with liver cancer
- **Bob Engel** – (friend of Jim) has cancer and is in hospice care
- **Lesley Harrison** – (friend of Barb) is battling lung cancer.
- **Bobbi Ross** – (Tobias' daughter)
- **Cass Poma and family** – Cass did have whopping cough as well as pneumonia, so as a precaution, the doctor has asked the family to wait awhile before returning to services.