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Worship Opportunities

Sundays

Worship 10:30 a.m.

Bible Classes 9:30 a.m.

Mid-Week

Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

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A multi-racial community of believers with a purpose and vision to live holy lives, fulfill the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ by serving each other and our community with compassion, love and the powerful gospel of Jesus Christ.

Records you Made:	10/25/15	10/18/15
Bible Classes	27	31
Worship Service	93	89
General Contribution 2nd Sunday - Bldg	\$2910.00	\$1044.00
Wed Bible Class	30	32
Baptisms / YTD	-	10

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings. Ro 16:16

Youth Corner

By
Jamal Colson



Is What the King Asks Too Difficult?

Good morning young people! How are you doing this blessed day? I have been dealing with challenges that seem as large as life sometimes. When that happens I usually turn to Psalms, but this week I decided to look to Daniel and his friends for inspiration.

The king was looking for someone to interpret his dreams so he turned the modern things of his time: astrology and wise men. (These are still the things people turn to in current times.) The solution that these people offered.....doubt and opposition. "What the king asks is too difficult; No one can reveal it to the king except the gods".

Let's look at the following scriptures:

"The astrologers answered the king, "There is no one on earth who can do what the king asks! No king, however great and mighty, has ever asked such a thing of any magician or enchanter or astrologer. What the king asks is too difficult. No one can reveal it to the king except the gods, and they do not live among humans." Daniel 2:10-11 NIV
The God of Heaven can solve all of our problems!

"Daniel replied, "No wise man, enchanter, magician or diviner can explain to the king the mystery he has asked about, but there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries..." Daniel 2:27-28 NIV

Please continue to read this encouraging account of Daniel's faith in action.

In conclusion, "The king said to Daniel, "Surely your God is the God of gods and the Lord of kings and a revealer of mysteries, for you were able to reveal this mystery." Daniel 2:47 NIV

Young people there are no problems that the God of Heaven can not resolve, solve, and /or fix! His Love is eternal.

THE GOSPEL TRUTH

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Evangelism as Christian Mission

When we think about the word "missions" what naturally comes to our mind are specific works (primarily in other countries) in which the church participates by either contributing funds or sending individuals to be involved. The Latin root behind the English word "mission" is simply "to send." In the secular sense, the word has the idea of a specific task charged to an individual or group. In the Christian sense the word entails a work of the church to foster church growth - spiritually and numerically. Many think of missions as work in some foreign country. However, there is a great mission to be done at home as well and so we need to be mission minded locally as well as worldwide.

When we look into the scriptures, we find the comprehensive Christian mission given to the apostles in Matthew 28:18-20, "And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." In this mission, Jesus told the apostles to go out and make disciples of all the nations. Disciples were made by baptizing people and by teaching them to obey everything that Jesus had commanded. In Acts 1:8 Jesus told the apostles that they would be his witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth. That is what we find the apostles doing in the book of Acts, as the gospel is preached in different countries. At the end of the book of Acts, Christ's mission as given to the apostles has been accomplished. The apostle Paul tells us, "Of this you have heard before in the word of the truth, the gospel, which has come to you, as indeed **in the whole world it is bearing fruit and growing**—as it also does among you, since the day you heard it and understood the grace of God in truth" (Col 1:5-7). As individuals and as a Church

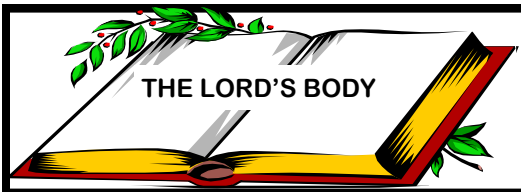
we are to participate in this great mission, doing what we can so that the Church continues from generation to generation (2 Timothy 2:2).

In our efforts to participate in this Christ given mission, we have three fronts - local, domestic and foreign. The local front is our congregation and immediate community. Our first mission is our congregation, working for its numerical growth and spiritual maturity. This means preaching and teaching the pure gospel to (1) keep our own members faithful to the Lord, and (2) increase the number of members we have through local evangelistic efforts. This is an urgent task that we must always have before us.

Our second mission front is domestic. For now we limit ourselves to supporting our sister congregations (in New York and the Northeast region) in their efforts to grow and mature.

Our third mission front is the exciting challenge of overseas work. In the New Testament we see that Paul and Barnabas were sent out from the church at Antioch on a foreign mission trip (Acts 13:1-3). Paul made other missionary journeys even as a prisoner to Rome. In these missions, he preached the gospel and was instrumental in establishing dozens of congregations in the world. He leaves a pattern, a Holy Spirit approved example, for us to follow; we are to work to establish the Lord's Church in foreign countries. This we can do by supporting trained men who preach and teach the gospel. Our overseas missions will include financial support to local men doing the work of Evangelists. We have two urgent requests from evangelists in Haiti and Jamaica calling out to us for help. I am looking forward to this congregation answering these calls, Lord willing, in the coming year. A healthy congregation is active in missions - local, domestic and foreign. Let us pray for the willingness, courage and faith to become more active in Christian missions.

Lancelot W.



The family by John Stallworth



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PRACTICAL CHRISTIANITY
BY
BENJAMIN FIELD*



ladies' Corner
by
Paulette Watson

Privileged to Serve 10/25/2015

Morning Service

Song leader	Greg Watkins
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Assistant	Mike Costello
Assistant	Ben Field
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Jamal Colson	
Derek Peterson	
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How the Internet was invented.

(Unknown author)

In ancient Israel, it came to pass that a trader by the name of Abraham Com did take unto himself a healthy young wife by the name of Dorothy. And Dot Com was a comely woman, Large with broad of shoulder and long of leg. Indeed, she was often called Amazon Dot Com. And she said unto Abraham, her husband, "Why dost thou travel so far from town to town with thy goods when thou canst trade without ever leaving thy tent?" And Abraham did look at her as though she were several saddle bags short of a camel load, but simply said, "How, dear?" And Dot replied, "I will place drums in all the towns and drums in between to send messages saying what you have for sale, and they will reply telling you who hath the best price. The sale can be made on the drums and delivery made by Uriah's Pony Stable (UPS)." Abraham thought long and decided he would let Dot have her way with the drums. And the drums rang out and were an immediate success. Abraham sold all the goods he had at the top price, without ever having to move from his tent. To prevent neighboring countries from overhearing what the drums were saying, Dot devised a system that only she and the drummers knew. It was known as Must Send Drum Over Sound (MSDOS), and she also developed a language to transmit ideas and pictures - Hebrew To The People (HTTP). And the young men did take to Dot Com's trading as doth the greedy horsefly take to camel dung. They were called Nomadic Ecclesiastical Rich Dominican Sybarites, or NERDS. And lo, the land was so feverish with joy at the new riches and the deafening sound of drums that no one noticed that the real riches were going to that enterprising drum dealer, Brother William of Gates, who bought off every drum maker in the land. Indeed he did insist on drums to be made that would work only with Brother Gates' drumheads and drumsticks. And Dot did say, "Oh, Abraham, what we have started is being taken over by others." And Abraham looked out over the Bay of Ezekiel, or eBay as it came to be known. He said, "We need a name that reflects what we are." And Dot replied, "Young Ambitious Hebrew Owner Operators." "YAHOO," said Abraham. And because it was Dot's idea, they named it YAHOO Dot Com. Abraham's cousin, Joshua, being the young Gregarious Energetic Educated Kid (GEEK) that he was, soon started using Dot's drums to locate things around the countryside. It soon became known as God's Own Official Guide to Locating Everything (GOOGLE). That is how it all began.

Gen. 1:1 In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.

The Gospel Truth

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The Perils and Perks of Prophecy – Part IV

Question –Should I listen to people who believe they have a special message from God?

Short Answer – There are no modern day prophets. In the subject of prophecy we must make a clear distinction in the terms we use. There is a difference between the prophets, prophesying, and examining bible prophecy.

There is no such thing as a modern day prophet. The Messiah has come and issued His final decrees. The Apostles set up the church, and after they died, we now lie in wait for the Second Coming. My personal opinion is that the only possible exception to this are the "two witnesses" that God promises will go out when the son of perdition is revealed.

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-3 "Concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered to him, we ask you, brothers, not to become easily unsettled or alarmed by some prophecy, report or letter supposed to have come from us, saying that the day of the Lord has already come. Don't let anyone deceive you in any way, for that day will not come until the apostasy occurs and the man of lawlessness is revealed..."

Zechariah 4:11+14 "What are these two olive trees on the right of the lampstand, and on its left?" These are the two sons of fresh oil who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

Revelation 11:2 "but do not measure the court of the gentiles; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, to trample the holy city for forty-two months. And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth. These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth."

Based on scripture it appears these are the only two prophets that possibly remain and when they show up the world is in a state of turmoil.

Until events become clearer, we should be examining scriptures **we have already** in context of current and predicted events.

God's prophets heard His voice. If you or anyone heard "His voice" you would know it. Do not believe anyone who says they received a direct talking to from God. The real prophets were often viewed as insane by their contemporaries and were placed on the world stage by God.

However, as we showed already, the Holy Spirit guides us in real time to events as they relate to scripture. For this very reason, ANYONE who claims to be a prophet is to immediately be suspect and considered a liar and false teacher. Anyone who offers teaching different than scripture, or that he can now add onto God's authority is a liar and false teacher. God will deal with that man.

A Woman's Place

If you ask for an example of controversial, this topic certainly meets the criteria. Nevertheless, I believe we can probably agree on some thoughts that arise from a consideration of the worthy woman, or wife, of Proverbs 31: 10-31. We will steer clear of the discussion of whether any one woman can possibly measure up to everything in that example or whether it is meant to represent a composite of characteristics. In either case, this woman is biblically an exemplary figure, and we can gather some truths from her about where a woman's place ought to be from a biblical perspective. We will try to examine this in several weeks of short articles.

The first place mentioned in the proverb is her husband's heart. "The heart of her husband trusts in her" (Verse 11). Paul notes in 1 Corinthians 7:34 that a married woman is concerned about pleasing her husband, and verse 12 of our text in Proverbs 31 elaborates, explaining that "she does him good and not harm all the days of her life." From these verses we gather that a wife can do much to gain a place in her husband's heart. A wife can do her husband good in many ways: she can give him good words to encourage and build, rather than words that criticize and complain. She can honor him, and show respect at all times as commanded in Ephesians 5: 33, "let the wife see that she respects her husband." These are things that will gain a husband's love and embed his wife in his trusting heart.

On the other hand a worthy wife would never do anything to harm her husband: for example, his reputation (like speaking ill of him to her friends); or harm his person (like starving him, withholding intimacy as a weapon or as revenge); or harm his property (like destroying his clothes or other possessions). Refraining from doing her husband harm will earn his trust in his heart.

A wife's place is in her husband's loving and trusting heart. This will ensure her happiness, and she can do much to ensure her presence there.