

July 12, 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Announcements
Ross Shackelford

Song Leader
Logan Yancey

Scripture Reading
Mason McAlister

Opening Prayer
Bryan Davis (A.M.)
Kevin Shackelford (P.M.)

Closing Prayer
Mason McAlister (A.M.)
Palmer Jones (P.M.)

Count and Usher
Bobby Bridges & Devin McVey

Communion
Tommy Wade

Pick Up Communion when entering

OUR RECORD

July 5, 2020

Sunday Bible Study: NO SERVICE

Sunday Morning Worship: 116

Sunday Evening Worship: NA

Wednesday Night Bible Study: NO SERVICE

Budget: \$3,500

Contribution this week: \$3,441

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PREACHER: Mark Lindley

Half Empty or Half Full? by: Bill Brandstatter

A teacher set a glass of water on his desk. The water reached the half-way point in the glass. He asked his students: "Is this glass half empty, or half full?" The purpose of the query was to learn who in the class were optimists and who were pessimists. The optimist would have observed that the glass was half full. The pessimist would have declared it to be half empty.

The apostle Paul was an optimist. He saw a silver lining behind every cloud. He stated that he had learned "whatever state I am, to be content" -Phil. 4:11. How could Paul have this attitude?

He wrote that statement while in a Roman prison. The answer lies in what he thought about and filled his mind with. Paul thought on things just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtuous and praiseworthy (Phil. 3:8). Then he encourages Christians by writing: "thing things which you learned, and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you" (Phil. 3:9). The Christian should be an optimist. There are a number of reasons a Christian should be optimistic.

First, all our fears can be overcome. John said that the victory that overcomes the world is our faith - 1 John. 5:4. If I have the right kind of faith, I can be optimistic in a pessimistic world.

Second, mistakes can be forgiven. No one is so bad that God will not forgive him. We all make mistakes (Rom. 3:23). Even the apostle Paul made mistakes (1 Cor. 9:27). Someone once wrote, "He made no mistakes, he took no wrong road, he never fumbled the ball, he never went down beneath the weight of the load, he simply did nothing at all." This is a great mistake - Jas.4:17. There is no reason to let sin keep us out of heaven.

Third, the great assurance by God we have in this life. Paul made a really optimistic statement when he wrote, "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose." (Rom. 8:28). Paul and John both knew what it was to face temptation. Temptation can be resisted and overcome- 1 Cor. 10:13.

Fourth, your labor is not in vain in the Lord. When we are trying to reach people with the gospel, our attitude should be ..Never give up, never give up, never give up. Paul admonished Christians to not "lose heart" (Gal. 6:9). Some measure success by numbers. Seed needs to be sown and given time to germinate. We should let God have his time (1 Cor.3:6).

Fifth, God has provided us with an all-sufficient guide to follow. This guide is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path (Ps. 119:105). God has provided us with all things that pertain to life and godliness (2 Pet. 1:3).

Sixth, man's necessities are promised. Jesus said that if the kingdom of God and righteousness were top priority, God would provide us with the necessities of life (Matt. 6:33). He provides us with many things, however, that are unseen. The spiritual blessings in Eph. 1:3 are items which cannot be seen. They can be experienced, however, by the faithful child of God. Some of these include prayer, fellowship, and giving. From the very beginning, God has provided. He still does today. We can be happy in this life and in the life beyond. God will provide.

Christians should be optimistic for at least the above six reasons. The last reason, however, is the most important. Christians should be optimistic because they are God's people. God is on their side (Rom. 8:31). God has provided a way out of sin. The Christian has sins forgiven. That alone ought to cause optimism , hope, and a brighter tomorrow.

If you looked at the glass the teacher presented, would it be half empty or half full?

Stirring Waters by: Rick Woodall

Many times in my life the calm waters have been stirred. Stirring waters are signs of change. When the water stirs the course of time may be altered. One might be called upon to make some remarkable changes in their life.

There was once a man who could do nothing to change his condition. He was lying by the healing pool to wait for the waters to physically stir. When the waters stirred the people would get in the water for healing.

The big problem was this man could not get in the water. He would beg for assistance but everyone was too busy getting in the pool to help him. He never made it to the water while it was stirring. Then along came Jesus and the man reports to him.

John 5:7 "Sir," the invalid replied, "I have no one to help me into the pool when the water is stirred. While I am trying to get in, someone else goes down ahead of me."

Jesus had the answer. John 5:8 Then Jesus said to him, "Get up! Pick up your mat and walk." John 5:9 at once the man was cured; he picked up his mat and walked.

Many opportunities pass us by. The door is open but we can't get through the door cause it is jam packed with people going through the door. Before we can get in the door is closed. The water is stirring, but we can't make it to the water.

The good news is this. My gift reminds me that Jesus knows our situation. He will not leave us without an answer. He will come to our aid.

Listen to Jesus. Mat 11:28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Mat 11:29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Mat 11:30 for my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Is the water stirring in your life? You can't seem to make it to the water in time? Wait on Jesus. Listen to His Word. You might find yourself doing something you could never do before.

CHAPMAN SERVICES

Sunday morning will remain
at 10:30
with Worship Service only

Sunday Evening Services
at 2 PM

Wednesday Night Services
at 7 PM
No Children Bible Classes

*All Services will be in
auditorium and outside.*

**PLEASE DO NOT COME
IF YOU HAVE ANY
SYMPTOMS
OR AT HIGH RISK.**

**Sermons available
on Facebook and YouTube.**

Zoom Bible Study: Check
Facebook for updates and Zoom
Meeting Information.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

*Remember to count your blessings,
pray for our lost ones, the sick, the
world and the broken-hearted.*

•**HOSPITAL:** Oleta Chapman
Montgomery (Desoto County ICU)

•**SURGERY RECOVERY:**
Dala Vandygriff, Reed Shackelford

•**EXTENDED ILLNESS:** Johnny Cissom,
Buffie Moore, George Doss, Joanie Kate
Reese, Louise Pannell, Thad Berryman

•**CANCER:** Marie Brumley, Jimmy
Hopper, Keith Hall, Hermie Henry
(Bonnie Hurt's Mother), Kay
Thompson, Cohen Hurt, Frank Elliott,
Jimmy Smith, Betty Faye Ledbury,
Peggy Boggs, Marsha Jones, Nita
Trotter, Carolyn Medlin, Niani Colom-
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