

News & Notes

Upcoming: Every 2nd Sunday of the month we have an afternoon song practice (Next one will be Sept. 14th), once a month is held a young adult study, and our men’s Bible class is scheduled for the 4th Sunday of each month (Next Sunday at 4:30pm).

Young Adult Class: Our young adult Bible study will be held this Friday evening (7:30pm) at the Rice’s residence. Please contact Ian Rice if you need transportation and/or a study guide.

Keep in Prayer: Dottie Reynolds, Linda James, Butch Morgan, Naydene Fields, Jerry Jordan, and Brian James, and Joe Brown (Brother Brown is scheduled for surgery on September 11th).

Out of Town: Larry Wisdom, Kirk Marschall, and Audrey Davis are out of town today.

Group Meeting: Group (1) meets tonight after worship.

Annual Singing: Our 29th annual singing will be held this year on August 29, 2014, at 7:30pm (**Next Week!**). We encourage all members to help spread the word by inviting your family and friends. Flyers for the service are available for all.

Assignments for Worship Service

Wednesday Night: 8/20/14

Song Leader: Nick Groenhof
Opening Prayer: Clay Sadler
Invitation: Jordan Lawson
Announcements: Leon Miller
Closing Prayer: Jeremy Whitehead
Parking Lot: David Williams

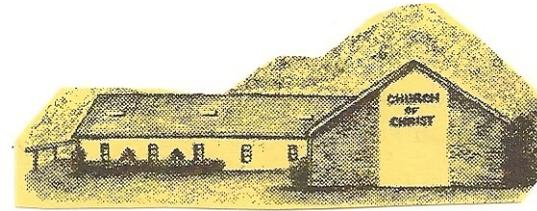
Sunday Evening: 8/24/14

Song Leader: Eddie Lawson
Opening Prayer: Rodger Robinson
Lord’s Table: Mike Sadler
Announcements: Bob Marschall
Closing Prayer: Jordan Lawson
Parking Lot: Leon Miller

Sunday Morning: 8/24/14

Lord’s Table: (B) Mike Sadler
(C) Clay Sadler
Serving: Sherman Johnson
Trent Stevens
Song Leader: Charles Rawdon
Opening Prayer: Ben Cunningham

Announcements: Bob Marschall
Closing Prayer: Jim Elliot
Parking Lot: (9:00) Ed Lawson
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SERVICES

Sunday
Bible Study 9:00 A.M.
Morning Services 9:50 A.M.
Evening Services 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday
Bible Study 7:30 P.M.

DEACONS:

Robert Marschall
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David Williams

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“We Dare to Differ”

When singing the song “Dare to Stand like Joshua” (C.M. Robinson), we sing the words to God *and* to each other, “Dare to stand like Joshua, dare to say the word”. Although we must strive to not possess a combative attitude, there are doctrines in which *we must* dare to take a stand against (1Tim. 1:3; 18). If we wish to preach the whole counsel of God, there must be (at times) a willingness on our part to differ with others who teach things contrary to sound doctrine (1Tim.1:10). Consider from this article some things in which we dare to differ with.

We dare to differ with the Atheism

Atheism is a rejection (or absence) of the belief in God. By inspiration of the Holy Spirit David wrote, “...**The fool has said** in his heart, “**There is no God.**” They are corrupt, they have done abominable works, there is none who does good. **The Lord looks down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there are any who understand, who seek God.** They have all turned aside, they have together become corrupt; There is none who does good, no, not one.” (Psalms 14:1-3)

The Bible declares that no man is without excuse in the failure to seek after and come to know God, for His power can (and should) be seen in His creation (Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:20).

We dare to differ with Polytheism
Polytheism is the belief that there are many gods. This is the view that many held within ancient times (Greek & Roman mythology), and a modern example of polytheism is Hinduism, which has over 300 million gods. The Bible clearly teaches against polytheism. Deuteronomy 6:4 tells us, "**Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one!**" Psalm 96:5 states, "**For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.**" James 2:19 says, "You believe that **there is one God**. You do well. **Even the demons believe**--and tremble!" There are indeed false gods and those who pretend to be gods, but there is only one true God!

We dare to differ with Judaism
Those who practice modern Judaism do not believe in Jesus as the Messiah. Judaism teaches that the "actual" Messiah is yet to establish a physical kingdom here on earth. However, Jesus stated that His kingdom is not of this

world (John 18:36). He came to redeem souls who had been separated from God because of sin (Isaiah 59:2; Romans 3:23; 6:23), to build His church -- which is a spiritual kingdom -- (Matthew 16:18; Acts 20:28), and to offer the hope of everlasting life through the resurrection of the dead (John 3:16; 1Thessalonians 4; 1Corinthians 15). The Bible clearly states that God expects all of mankind to recognize Jesus as the Messiah, and declares that many (not all) Jews rejected Him. John 1:11-12 states, "He came to His own, and **His own did not receive Him. But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God**, to those who believe in His name." **Jesus Himself declared** that only through Him can one obtain access to the Father. He said, "**...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.**" (John 14:6)

These are just a few of the things in which we should all be daring to differ with others on. Let us be encouraged to "speak the truth in love" (Ephesians 4:15) with our friends and neighbors as "unprofitable servants" (Luke 17:10), understanding that souls are at stake!

-Ian Rice

"Healthful Doubts"

Francis Bacon wrote, If we begin with certainties, we shall end in doubts; but if we begin with doubts, and are patient in them, we shall end in certainties. And Oscar Hammerstein is credited with the following: Too many men be-come certain about too many things too early in their lives. Over-eager to have everything settled in their minds, they lack both the wisdom and the courage to expose their hastily adopted ideas to healthy doubts. They cling with blind passion to their false certainties and too often are ready to kill or be killed for them. In these immature absolutists lies the seed of tragedy. The earth is sick with them.

The certainties of a strong man are built on a structure of resolved doubts. By the time he reaches a conclusion, he has traveled the road of reason. Even then he will be tolerant of another mans beliefs, and willing always to compare them fairly with his own. The man with a civilized mind is neither afraid nor ashamed to change it.

Your uncritical loyalty to weak ideas can not make them strong. Be ever ready to

let your ideas stand up and fight for themselves. Let them survive or die according to their merit. It is only in ideas honestly and bravely tested that you will find security.

Gods word puts it in a simple statement: Prove all things; hold fast that which is good. The Bereans were commended because they searched the Scriptures daily, whether those things were so. (1 Thess. 5:21 Acts 17:11) The word itself was confirmed — with signs following (Mk. 16:20), so that searchers for divine truth could approach it with confidence.

There is no virtue in doubting for doubts sake. The iconoclast is satisfied with the rubble of destroyed ideas; but the healthy doubts of a truth seeker drive him to objectively consider the source of truth, and be satisfied with nothing less. He questions that he might grow; and his loyalty to God is greater than party and creed. He seeks, and Jesus said he shall find. (Matt. 7:7-f.)

- Robert F. Turner