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Assembly Times

Sundays
Bible Class 9:30 a.m.
Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays
Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

***Retaining The Standard
Of Sound Doctrine***

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Know Your Bible: Answers

1. Corinth (Acts 18:8)
2. Ephesus (Acts 19:1-7)
3. Ephesians (4:5)
4. Noah being saved through the water of the flood (1 Peter 3:20-21)

This Week's Assignments & Events

Sunday Worship

Greeter: Ronnie Lightfoot
Announcements: Brad Smith
Encouragement Talk: Robert McCorkle
Opening Prayer: Eddie Bowen
Scripture Reading: John Van Baale
Colossians 3:5-11
Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Table Talk: Ryan Haarmann
Contribution: Jacob McAdams
Helper: Chris Beard
Fruit of Vine: Josh Emerson
Helper: Lester Mabry
Helper: Jonathan Lovell
Closing Prayer: Pete Galvan

Sunday Afternoons

Aug 13 Visitation Day
Aug 20 Nothing
Aug 27 4PM Worship - Harper Flores to preach
Sept 3 4PM Bible Fundamentals Class

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader: Billy Lovell
Speaker: Arturo Orozco



Standing Firm

“Take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm”
Ephesians 6:13

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Good Speech

“If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man’s religion is worthless” (James 1:26). Every man struggles to control the tongue. *“If anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body as well”* (James 3:1). But God does not ask the impossible of us. His expectation is that Christians exercise self control and maintain good speech.

“The one who desires life, to love and see good days, Must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit” (1 Peter 3:10). Self control “keeps” us from sinful speech. We are to let *“no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth”* (Ephesians 4:29). None. No instance when something “slips” out (meaning it is in our thoughts). No instance when difficult circumstances would allow such speech. No unwholesome word. Instead, we are to speak *“only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear”* (Ephesians 4:29). We cannot be one who lies (Colossians 3:9), gossips (1 Timothy 5:13), curses (James 3:9), nor engage in *“filthiness and silly talk, or coarse jesting”* (Ephesians 5:4).

All sinful uses of the tongue are able to be controlled, but it must start with cleaning our mind of these things. *“But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders”* (Matthew 15:18-19). *“The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.”* (Luke 6:45). We are told to “purify your hearts” (James 4:8) if we want to draw near to God. Only then can we control our tongue and not sin with our tongue.

Beyond the concept of sins of commission, many also sin by omission. They do not use their speech as God commands. *“We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone”* (1 Thessalonians 5:14). To admonish and encourage requires speech. We are to comfort brethren with

words (1 Thessalonians 4:18). *“Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person”* (Colossians 4:6). ALWAYS with grace. We are to know how to respond. We are to be *“sound in speech which is beyond reproach”* (Titus 2:8). We are to be those give thanks (Ephesians 5:4).

“The heart of the wise instructs his mouth” (Proverbs 16:23). We say ‘think before you speak.’ Self control is the only way to master speech. Everyone can do it, and every Christian must. Our speech is one of the ways we show ourself to be *“an example of those who believe”* (1 Timothy 4:12). How are you doing with these things?

by Charles Willis

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

2 Corinthians 5:17

We live in a new covenant.

“Behold, days are coming, says the Lord, When I will effect a new covenant” Hebrews 8:7. Christ is the *“mediator of a new covenant”* (Hebrews 9:15).

We put on a new self.

“put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth” (Ephesians 4:24). We *“have put on the new self who is being renewed to a true knowledge according to the image of the One who created him”* (Colossians 3:10).

We have a new name.

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26).

Know Your Bible

Baptisms

1. In what city did Crispus, the synagogue leader, get baptized?
2. Where did Paul baptized twelve men who had been baptized of John the Baptist?
3. Which epistle tells us there is “one baptism”?
4. What does 1 Peter 3 compare baptism to?

Answers On Back

Sunday Sermon

Point your phone camera at the square below, then click on the link to hear the sermon. Recordings will change mid-week.



No Man Left Behind

by Don Truex

Desmond Doss was determined to serve his country during WWII. His conscience, however, would not allow him to carry a weapon. The Army did all it could to get him to quit. He endured cruelties that would have caused a lesser man to walk away, but he remained steadfast. Assigned to the medical unit of the 77th Infantry Division, Private Doss was sent to the front lines of the war in Okinawa. He was surrounded by atrocities on a daily basis. He would not carry a gun but he lived by the creed of the Armed Services, “No man left behind”. He is credited with rescuing over 75 men on the field of a single battle. Mr. Doss is the only conscientious objector to receive the Medal of Honor in WWII.

“No man left behind.” Quite simply, our service-men will not leave a fallen comrade in the hands of the enemy on the field of battle. And neither should we.

In Ephesians 6, Paul argues that we too, are engaged in warfare. We may not see flag-covered coffins or have funerals for those who die spiritually, but there are casualties none-the-less. The battle takes place in our hearts. The loss of life is not just physical, but a soul ... a soul lost for eternity.

What a difference it would make if we would determine that “no one will be left behind.” It would cause elders to shepherd differently, preachers to preach differently, Christians to look at others differently.

The fact is, there are people who are discouraged who need to be encouraged, lonely who need company, weak who need to be strengthened, and wayward who need to be corrected. And too, there are those who are doing well who need to be appreciated, sacrificial who need to be esteemed.

“Pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest,” said Jesus (Luke 10:2). Do you pray for the church of which you are a member when outside the assembly? Do you pray for members who are young and particularly vulnerable? People who are in a distressing family relationship? People who are older and struggling with the debilitation of age? People who have left the Lord and placed their soul in eternal jeopardy?

And then, after we say “Amen”, we need to do what we can. Maybe that means befriending a young person who needs encouragement, or an older person who needs company. Maybe it means taking the risk to go behind enemy lines to try to rescue a Christian who has been felled by enemy fire. Paul was right, *“We who are strong have an obligation to bear the weaknesses of those without strength...”* (Romans 15:1).