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GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear the gospel (Romans 10:17)
- Believe Jesus is the Christ (John 3:16)
- Repent from sins (Luke 13:3)
- Confess faith in Jesus (Romans 10:9-10)
- Be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
- Live worthy of the calling (Ephesians 4:1)

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Recent Additions:

Deborah Moody continues to struggle with back trouble.

List:

Our members: Jeff Howerton, Glenn Kimberlin, Paul Atkisson, Arlena, The Tirey family

Others: Lenny Shepperson, Jan Hogen, Barabara Matheny, David Morrow, Debbie Parker, Rita Pagan, Vina Krassow, Courtney and Aubrey Reeves, John Bennett, Robert and Sarah Brundige, Donald Dawson, Jean Gartland, Gail Stein, Dawn Rutledge, Sandy Childress, Mary Wilson, Doris Baker, Bill Childress, Susie Burton, Fred Dalton, Norma Hurt, Taylor Osterling

<p><u>WEEKLY READING</u></p> <p>Sun: Ps 90, 1 Kg 22:1-40, Zec 3, Jam 3:13-18</p> <p>Mon: Ps 91, 1 Kg 22:41-53, Zec 4, Jam 4:1-10</p> <p>Tue: Ps 92, 2 Kg 1, Zec 5, Jam 4:11-5:12</p> <p>Wed: Ps 93, 2 Kg 2, Zec 6, Jam 5:13-20</p> <p>Thu: Ps 94, 2 Kg 3, Zec 7, Jn 1:1-18</p> <p>Fri: Ps 95, 2 Kg 4, Zec 8, Jn 1:19-51</p> <p>Sat: Ps 96, 2 Kg 5, Zec 9, Jn 2</p>	<p><u>LEADERSHIP</u></p> <table style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>ELDERS</u></p> <p>Garry Banks David Collins John Thompson</p> </td> <td style="vertical-align: top;"> <p><u>DEACONS</u></p> <p>Troy Antle Richard Brundige Neal Erickson Adam Litmer Bill Morelan Jim Parsons Pat Seabolt Matt Thompson</p> </td> </tr> <tr> <td colspan="2"> <p><u>EVANGELIST</u></p> <p>Adam Litmer</p> </td> </tr> </table>	<p><u>ELDERS</u></p> <p>Garry Banks David Collins John Thompson</p>	<p><u>DEACONS</u></p> <p>Troy Antle Richard Brundige Neal Erickson Adam Litmer Bill Morelan Jim Parsons Pat Seabolt Matt Thompson</p>	<p><u>EVANGELIST</u></p> <p>Adam Litmer</p>		<p><u>SERVICES</u></p> <p><u>Sunday</u> Bible Study: 9:45 AM Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM</p> <p><u>Wednesday</u> Bible Study: 7:30 PM</p> <p><u>1st Fri. of Month</u> Singing: 7:30 PM</p> <p><u>3rd Fri. of Month</u> Bible Study: 7:00 PM (Ask for location)</p>
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There's A Lesson Here

One of the great mysteries of the human condition is how man is able to use wisdom and good judgment in the secular realm, but often fails to do so in the spiritual realm. Man too frequently operates as if the physical and the spiritual are so opposite to one another that what works in the physical world has no place in the spiritual, and the principles that apply to the spiritual could not possibly apply to the physical.

Everyone knows that a house must be built upon a firm foundation or it will not long stand. One who constructs a building upon an inadequate foundation is considered foolish. Jesus called the one who would build his house upon a rock a wise man and the one who would build his house upon the sand a foolish man. (Matthew 7:24-27) Everyone would agree with Jesus that wisdom and good judgment dictate that good construction practices require a rock solid foundation.

However, when it comes to building a spiritual building, man, more often than not, casts wisdom aside and opts for foolishness. Consider the connection Jesus made between building upon a rock and constructing one's spiritual house. *"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock."* (Matthew 7:24) Further, consider the connection Jesus made between foolishly building one's spiritual house upon a shaky, insubstantial foundation. *"And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand."* (Matthew 7:26)

What is the rock solid foundation upon which a secure, unmovable spiritual house must be built? Let's let the scriptures answer. Isaiah prophesied about this foundation. *"Therefore thus says the Lord God, 'Behold, I am the one who has laid as a foundation in Zion, a stone, a tested stone, a precious cornerstone, of a sure foundation: 'Whoever believes will not be in haste.'"* (Isaiah 28:16)

The New Testament identifies the cornerstone as Jesus. *"So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members*

Two Questions

How many people did we speak to about our Lord this past week? How many will we speak to this week?

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of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.” (Ephesians 2:19-22)

The Apostle Paul stated that he did not build foolishly in his evangelistic work. *“For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field, God's building. According to the grace of God given to me, like a skilled master builder I laid a foundation, and someone else is building upon it. Let each one take care how he builds upon it. For no one can lay a foundation other than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. Now if anyone builds on the foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, straw— each one's work will become manifest, for the Day will disclose it, because it will be revealed by fire, and the fire will test what sort of work each one has done.” (1 Corinthians 3:9-11)* Did you notice his warning? *“Let each one take care how he builds upon it.”* How critically important is the correct foundation? *“But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.” (Galatians 1:8)*

The Elders

What I've Seen

I have seen the tears a mother sheds,
When she hears that her dear child is dead.

I have seen a father on his knees,
Crying to God his most desperate pleas.

I have seen disease invade a home,
With no answers found in any tome.
How eagerly it does its dark deed,
So invasive, strong, and full of greed.

I have seen families torn apart,
With choices made that break every heart.
How they would gladly give flesh and bone,
To restore the heart now made of stone!

I have seen churches give up the ghost,
Quickly casting off their gracious Host.
I've seen wicked people wrest the reins,
Counting tragic as happy gains.

So much I've seen that I'd soon forget,
So much I've heard that I now regret.
It is not just I who feels this way,
It is likely all who read this day.

But what I *haven't* seen spurs me on,
And it's to those things my feet must run.
With so much wrong exists perfect right.
I'll see it complete when faith is sight.

I could never live without my hope,
To just exist on any icy slope.
Wielded now, I'll soon put down my sword.
Forgetting all, I'll embrace my Lord.

So step after step, mile after mile,
And dreaming of just a little while,
I'll leave sadness here for heaven's clime,
And know it was but a moment's time.

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Sermons: (AM) Christ is the answer

(PM) Psalm 73

Reading: (Am) Luke 17:20-35

(PM) Luke 18:1-17