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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study: 9:45 AM

Worship: 10:45 AM; 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:30 PM (This is immediately followed by a short worship period)

First Friday of Each Month

Singing: 7:30 PM

LEADERSHIP

Elders

David Collins
John Thompson
Troy Antle

Evangelist

Adam Litmer

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Richard Brundige
Matt Thompson
Adam Litmer
Bill Morelan
Jim Parsons
Pat Seabolt
Adam Daniels
Jamie Powell

Adam's Office Hours

Tuesday-Friday (8:30-4:00)

even among those who claim Christ as Lord. It is lacking in the elder who lords his authority over the flock, looking upon the congregation as his own personal fiefdom. It is lacking in the evangelist who forgets that his duty is to present Christ, not himself. It is lacking in the Christian who imagines that his or her salvation will be achieved on the basis of personal goodness.

Need. The word ought to be emblazoned upon the heart of every Christian for the day will never come when the mercy and grace of God is not our *greatest* need. The one who glories in self has yet to recognize this. When they do, that realization will crush the pride that bars their way to the Lord and salvation

IN NEED OF PRAYERS

Jim Parsons, Declan Weatherholt, Jaclyn Litmer, David Seabolt, Jeff Howerton, Rhonda Boyd, Louis Harrod, Paul Atkisson, Vicky Litmer, Sheila Lawson, Keia Burton, Robert Brundige, Susie Burton, Valerie and Barry Boyd, Janett's mother and stepfather, Sandy Driver, Erlene Young, Burnice Richardson, Ruth Poynter, Larry Sells, Evelyn Damron, Tony Tyree, Jennifer Dunbar, Jean Gartland, John Blessing, Alleen Terrell, the McDonald family, William Roberts, Kip Pearce, Paul Lyda, Fae Thomas

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Christ Will Come Again To Take Us Home

Paul Fox

The parable of the ten virgins points out that there was only distress and everlasting misery in store for the five who foolishly failed to have oil in their lamps. The bridegroom's sudden arrival caught them unprepared. Any last minuet attempt to correct the past came too late. The door was shut, a fitting symbol of finality to their situation. *"Then they will go away to eternal punishment."* (Matthew 25:46)

"The door was shut." This is a hard sentence. Does it apply to us? How dreadful if that were ever to be the case! Yet it does not have to be that way. The same Bridegroom who shut the door of the foolish virgins also said, *"Come you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world."* (Matthew 25:34)

When we view our lives in the light of God's holy commandments we are bound to discover that we have sinned. ***For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*** (Romans 3:23) We have reason to stand in dread of "the Great Day of the Lord." We would totally despair if God's Word did not tell us, *"Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered."* (Psalm 32:1)

This is our comfort and joy. The Bridegroom, our Savior Jesus Christ, has completely covered our sins. Clothed in the garment of His righteousness we have nothing to fear. His promise goes far

beyond our fondest hopes and dreams. Not only are we assured that God no longer sees our guilt, but our Savior also promises us a place in heaven with Him. More than that, He tells us that He Himself has prepared this place for us. And when our last hour comes, when we walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we know that He will be at our side. His promise is, *“I go and prepare a place for you; I will come again and take you to be with me where I am.”* There is no greater promise than that!

Tribulations the Christian may have to endure as a faithful disciple of Christ here on earth may produce much weeping and tears. But God promises an eternity without tears or the tragedies that produce them. *“The Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”* (Revelation 7:17)

“Just trust me,” is what Jesus said to His disciples in the upper room on the night before His crucifixion. Their hearts were deeply troubled that night. They were confused by Jesus’ declaration that he would soon go away and leave them. They were shaken and further distressed to learn that one of them would betray Jesus. The future looked bleak. On what strange course was the Lord leading them? Was He doing the right thing? Would it only end in disaster for all of them?

We can understand how they felt that night. There probably have been and may yet still be moments when we also wonder: “Is Jesus leading me in the right direction? Does he know what he is doing? It is during those moments when we need to hear Jesus whispering to our troubled hearts, “Just trust Me.”

In contrast to the troubled disciples, Jesus was remarkably calm that evening. He was fully aware of the anguish and agony that would soon be His as He sacrificed His holy life in payment for all sin, but He was not thinking of Himself. Loving them to the end, He told his anxious and worried disciples, “Just continue trusting in God, and

continue trusting in Me.” Even in the shadow of suffering and death there is no need to fear; Jesus is still in control. And some day He will come again to take us home.

Need: A Pride Killer

Adam Litmer

In Luke 8:40-42 we read, *Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. And there came a man named Jairus, who was a ruler of the synagogue. And falling at Jesus’ feet, he implored him to come to his house, for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying.*

As a ruler of the synagogue Jairus was a man of no small influence. However, he found himself in a situation that rendered him powerless. His daughter was dying and there was nothing he could do stop it. All of his influence, wisdom, power, and fame meant absolutely nothing to him in the face of such a terrible predicament. Jesus had many enemies and there is little doubt that at least *some* of them witnessed Jairus running to Jesus and falling at his feet. There is even less doubt that word of Jairus’ actions spread very quickly. However, whatever pride Jairus may have possessed was crushed beneath the weight of his tremendous need.

A saved relationship with Jesus Christ demands one thing above all else—a humble willingness to admit that one is a sinner, helplessly lost, and completely reliant upon the mercy and grace of One infinitely greater than they (Romans 3:23; 5:1-11). This humility boasts in the cross of Jesus Christ, never in self (Galatians 6:14). This humility boasts in weakness for it is in weakness that the power of Christ shines brightest (2 Corinthians 12:9-10). Is there any wonder, in our increasingly humanistic world, that such humility is rarely seen?

Unfortunately, such humility is not as common as it should be

