

September 9, 2018

“Treasures in Heaven”

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Services

Sunday

Bible Study	9:30 am
A.M. Worship	10:20 am
P.M. Worship	2:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Class	7:00 pm
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Visitors are welcome
We offer Bible classes for all ages
We also offer in-home Bible studies

We have Bible lessons on the radio
(92.9 FM) Sundays from 8:00-8:30 a.m.

Matthew 6:19-20: *Don't lay up treasures for yourselves on the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consume, and where thieves don't break through and steal;*

In **Luke 12:16-21**, Jesus spoke a parable that shows the folly of laying up treasures on earth. The man in the parable had earthly wealth and planned to build bigger barns before saying to himself, “**Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years. Take your ease, eat, drink, be merry**” (verse 19). God told him, “**You foolish one, tonight your soul is required of you. The things which you have prepared — whose will they be?**” (verse 20).

Like the rich fool, many center their lives on earthly riches. What profit do these things provide beyond the “here and now?” What if we are called to meet God in judgment tonight? “Treasures” on earth provide nothing *beyond* this life, and do not produce contentment *in* this life (see **Ecc. 5:10**).

Jesus encouraged a wiser pursuit in **Matthew 6:20**. May we obey Him, and seek the eternal “treasures” God has prepared for the righteous.

Preparing for the Judgment

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2 Peter 3:10: *But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in which the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up.*

It can be difficult to envision the earth being burned up. It can be even more difficult to remind ourselves that this may be seconds away. The earth may be gone before tomorrow.

The Holy Spirit through Peter said that some will find this so hard to believe that they will ridicule the promise of the Day of Judgment (**2 Pet. 3:3-4**).

If we walk by faith, we will realize that this world is temporary, and the years we spend here will seem short when we reach our eternal destination. Consider what James told the Christians he wrote to in **James 4:14-15: *Whereas you don't know what your life will be like tomorrow. For what is your life? For you are a vapor, that appears for a little time, and then vanishes away. For you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will both live, and do this or that."***

Both physical death and the Day of Judgment can come at any time. We do not know what will happen tomorrow, and must therefore be prepared at all times to meet the Lord.

Recognition and remembrance of what comes after this life should prompt us to obey God. Notice **2 Peter 3:11-12: *Therefore since all these things will be destroyed like this, what kind of people ought you to be in holy living and godliness, looking for and earnestly desiring the coming of the day of God, which will cause the burning heavens to be dissolved, and the elements will melt with fervent heat?***

Since the world may be gone at any moment...

- We should prepare for what comes after life on earth (**Matt. 25:31-46**).
- We should care about things that have eternal significance (**Col. 3:2**).
- We should fear God instead of man (**Luke 12:4-5**).
- We should lean on God's wisdom and not our own (**Prov. 3:5**).

May we heed the Lord's warning and "**Watch therefore, for you don't know the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming**" (**Matt. 25:13**).

"For we must all be revealed before the judgment seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad" (**2 Cor. 5:10**).

May we all prepare for the Day of Judgment, knowing that it could be today.

God's Plan for Saving Man

God's Grace	Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood	Romans 5:9
The Holy Spirit's Gospel	Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith	Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance	Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession	Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism	1 Peter 3:21
Christian's Work	James 2:24
Christian's Hope	Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance	Revelation 2:10

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Words to Consider

“O come, let us sing unto the LORD: let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, and make a joyful noise unto Him with psalms.”—Psalm 95:1-2 (KJV)

“I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Your works are wonderful. My soul knows that very well.”—Psalm 139:14 (WEB)

“Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, Than he that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich.”
—Proverbs 28:6 (ASV)

Prayer List

Holly
Barb
Harold (Prostate Cancer)
Sandy (Foot Injury)
Betty
Mabel
Norma's Grandson, Ryan (Head Injury)
Cheryl (Breast Cancer)
Norma (Injuries from fall)
Jerry G (Throat Cancer)
Mattie (Leukemia)
Tom (Pancreatic Cancer)
Linda & Family
Caleb & Darcy & Family
Rick & Carlotta & Family
Dody
Louise & Family
Joe (Lung Cancer)
Allen (Cancer)
Raymond

Daily Bible Reading

Sep. 9 – Psalm 140-142; 1 Cor. 14:1-20
Sep. 10 – Psalm 143-145; 1 Cor. 14:21-40
Sep. 11 – Psalm 146-147; 1 Cor. 15:1-28
Sep. 12 – Psalm 148-150; 1 Cor. 15:29-58
Sep. 13 – Proverbs 1-2; 1 Cor. 16
Sep. 14 – Proverbs 3-5; 2 Cor. 1
Sep. 15 – Proverbs 6-7; 2 Cor. 2

“Blessed are those who keep His statutes, who seek Him with their whole heart.”—Psalm 119:2 (WEB)

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, September 9, 2018

Bible Study: Larry

Worship: Michael

Evening: Dan H

Wednesday, September 12, 2018

Mike

Cleaning Building

Misty

Prepare Communion

Misty

Upcoming Reminders

Sep. 22: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Assignments

Sunday, September 16, 2018

Reading: Larry

Announcements: Travis

Table: Mark

Serve: Darrell

Harold

Don

Mike

Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Invitation: Larry

Anniversaries

Birthdays

September 12 - Sidney

September 20 - Michael

September 24 - Maxwell