

July 14, 2019

The Bread of Life

By Michael Hickox

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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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Elders: Mike Gerber, Travis Hall

Deacons: John Frost, Dave Goff,
Roger Sholders

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.

John 6:35: *Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will not be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."*

In **John 6:5-14**, Jesus miraculously fed about five thousand men (**verse 10**) with "**five barley loaves and two fish**" (**verse 9**), and had twelve baskets of fragments left over after all had eaten (**verse 13**).

Following *another* miracle, this time walking on the sea, Jesus was sought after by some people wanting to know how He got to Capernaum without a boat (**verses 24-25**).

Jesus responded in **verses 26-27**, "**Most certainly I tell you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate of the loaves, and were filled. Don't work for the food which perishes, but for the food which remains to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For God the Father has sealed Him.**"

While physical food is needful, Jesus provides something even greater... *spiritual* nourishment. Jesus satisfies *eternally*. He offers food for our *souls*.

As the bread of life, Jesus is the One in whom we can have permanent fulfillment and satisfaction.

Mankind looks a number of places to find the everlasting nourishment that our soul longs for. Jesus is the answer.

Doing the Right Things for the Right Reasons

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In **James 4:2**, the inspired writer told Christians “***you don’t have, because you don’t ask.***” This statement infers the importance of frequent prayer.

If we read on in **James 4** though, the Holy Spirit has more to say about prayer. **Verse 3: *You ask, and don’t receive, because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.*** This verse teaches that *why* we pray matters (cf. **Matt. 6:5-8**). It’s important to pray, but our *reason* for praying is just as important.

This principle applies to many of God’s commands. Pleasing God requires doing the right things for the right *reasons*.

Consider the “***scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites***” rebuked by Jesus. He said of them “***they do all their works to be seen by men***” (**Matt. 23:5**). Self-exaltation was their motive.

While some do good things to be regarded highly by others, others only refrain from evil things to keep from being viewed lowly by others.

Instead, we should refrain from sin because we abhor evil (**Rom. 12:9**).

Doing what is right should be motivated by a wholehearted determination to please God (cf. **Rom. 12:1**).

There are a handful of questions we could each ask ourselves to examine our motives. For instance, we might ask: do I pray with a desire to better serve God and others? Or do I pray with the desire to “spend” what is received on my pleasures (**Jas. 4:3**)?

Do I give with cheerfulness? Or do I give grudgingly (**2 Cor. 9:7**)?

Do I study God’s Word with a desire to know the truth and apply it as God requires? Or do I study God’s Word to “win” an argument or justify myself?

Do I assemble with saints with a desire to praise God and edify brethren (**Heb. 10:24**)? Or do I assemble with little concern for the spiritual significance of the occasion?

These are far from the only questions we might ask ourselves in consideration of our motives for what we say and do, but they serve to exemplify the need to ensure that not only our outward deeds are right, but that we do the right things for the right *reasons*.

Area Gospel Meetings

Yale church of Christ:
July 15-19 (with Mike Davis)
M-F: 7:00 PM

Hazel Dell Church of Christ:
July 28 - August 2 (with Greg Sharp)
Sun: 9:30; 10:30; 6:00; M-F: 7:00 PM

*Our Gospel Meeting will be **August 11-16**
with David Tant (see flyers for topics)*

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

Prayer List

Holly G
Sandy S
Betty P
Mabel H
Cheryl S
Norma C
Dody G
Joe B
Allen S (Cancer)
Raymond & Maxine
June H (Broken Pelvis)
Randy S (Strokes)

Mike Gerber's father (Loren) passed away on Thursday morning. Please keep Mike and his family in your prayers.

Daily Bible Reading

July 14 – Job 38-40; Acts 16:1-21
July 15 – Job 41-42; Acts 16:22-40
July 16 – Psalms 1-3; Acts 17:1-15
July 17 – Psalms 4-6; Acts 17:16-34
July 18 – Psalms 7-9; Acts 18
July 19 – Psalms 10-12; Acts 19:1-20
July 20 – Psalms 13-15; Acts 19:21-41

“But he who looks into the perfect law of freedom and continues, not being a hearer who forgets, but a doer of the work, this man will be blessed in what he does.” - James 1:25

Prayer Leaders

Sunday, July 14, 2019

Bible Study: Dan H

Worship: Steve

Evening: Darrell

Wednesday, July 17, 2019

Roger

Cleaning Building

Jessica

Prepare Communion

Jessica

Upcoming Reminders

July 27: Ladies' Bible Class @ 9:30 a.m.

Study: Two Gracious Souls (Ruth 2:8-13)

August 11-16: Gospel Meeting

Speaker: David Tant

Assignments

Sunday, July 21, 2019

Reading: Dan H

Announcements: Mike

Table: Darrell

Serve: Travis

Mark

John

Steve

Wednesday, July 24, 2019

Invitation: Dave

Anniversaries

July 16 – Darrell and Sidney

August 15 – Roger and Debbie

Birthdays

August 4 – Steve

August 4 – Mabel

August 5 – Julzy

August 10 – Cheryl