

News and Notes.

Welcome to our Visitors! We encourage you to take part in our Services and encourage you to ask any questions. Please complete a visitor's card and stay around after services so we can meet you and visit with each other.

Remember these in our Prayers:

Sandra Lawrence, Eva Scoggins, Joy Jeter
Pat Kay's Sister,

Thanks to everyone for all your work and attendance during the gospel meeting this week. We have had a wonderful meeting so far. It continues today at 6:00 PM
Thanks to Bro. D.J. Dickerson for the job he has do this week. All sermons and charts have been uploaded to the website www.whiteparkchurchofchrist.com
If you requested cd copies of the meeting Andy will have them this week.

Pat and Rickey have invited everyone over for a covered dish lunch following services this morning.

The 5th Sunday Singing is today at 2:30 PM. Hope to see everyone. Come help us sing.

Out of Town Today: Hub and Sandy, Robert and Joan.

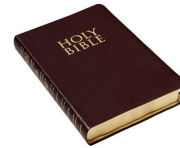
Business Meeting Next Sunday after morning services
Gospel Meeting at Stanley Congregation May 3-6 at 7:00 PM each night. Bro Kerry Henry from Carthage, TX will be the preacher.

**Sunday Morning Services begin at 9:45 AM. Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study at 7:00 PM**

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Bible Study

2 Tim. 3:16 "...equipped for every good work." April 29, 2018

“Why Do Ships Sink?”

When you think of a ship on the water, what will make it sink? Water! However, ships don't sink because of the water around them; ships sink because of the water that gets in them. The same with a stone that has been in the middle of a flowing water brook for decades. You can pull that stone out of the water and open it up and you will find it bone dry. It didn't let the water in.

What is one thing that cannot be decided by others? No matter what someone does to us or says to us will make the decision regarding our attitude. Yes, external circumstances can affect the internal, but only if we let it in.

When we consider our society and societies take on “attitude”, it is a commodity that is irrepressible. If there is something that affects the routine of the day, especially something negative, then the day has officially been RUINED! Then if someone wants to know what is wrong with us, we provide them with an onslaught of reasons justifying the attitude and behavior associated with it. (i.e. “it can't be helped”). We either allow our thoughts to determine our emotions or our emotions to determine our thoughts.

It has always amazed me to read the life of Jesus and the life of Paul and all that they suffered at the hands of men, unjustly at that. Yet, even in the midst of those unjust sufferings, they always had a profound outlook on life. Even though the waters raged against Paul, he didn't let the water in. If he was arrested and thrown into prison, he decided to sing and pray! Paul shared with the brethren at Philippi in Philippians 4:6,7 “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.” Paul would go on to tell them in verse 8 to dwell/meditate on things that are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, of good report, virtue and praise worthy things. Paul didn't just tell them, he demonstrated it through his life. Where did he learn it from? Jesus. It was Paul who told the Corinthian brethren to “imitate me, even as I also imitate Christ.” (1 Cor. 11:1). You see, Paul had already determined his thoughts. They were set on things above and nothing could penetrate his vessel,

because he wouldn't allow it. (Romans 8:18,19; 2 Corinthians 4:17)
Solomon tells us in Ecclesiastes that life comes with its problems, as well as injustices. However, he goes on to tell us to enjoy the life God has given us and accept the circumstances that come our way. Although we can't choose our circumstances, we can however choose how it affects us and how we respond to those circumstances.

A man by the name of Viktor Frankl stated the following: "Everything can be taken from a man but one thing: To choose one's attitude in any given set of circumstances, to choose one's way." Who was this man you might ask? He was one of the few survivors of the holocaust. Mr. Frankl was able to keep a positive outlook although he was in the middle of a horrific circumstance, because it was his decision.

I remember as a child singing in Bible class "I've got the JOY, JOY, JOY, JOY... DOWN IN MY HEART... TO STAY!" I think to myself as I have gotten older... do I still have it? Joy? Or have I let the water in to drown it out?

Remember, it is our choice as to what our outlook is. Paul would remind us today as he told the brethren at Philippi in Philippians 4:4, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, rejoice!"; Philippians 4:11, "Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned whatever state I am, to be content." Disciples of Christ... there is SO MUCH for us to be JOYFUL about! May we not only speak of it, but also demonstrate it in our everyday lives. Such will show we are a peculiar people who proclaim the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light." (1 Peter 2:9).

My friends, as we sail from day to day in our lives, remember... don't let the water in!

Something to Think About.

D.J. Dickerson

Memory Verse this week:

Romans 5:6-8

Ephesians gives us the Answers!

Find the Answer to each question in Ephesians, List the passage with your answer.

1. In what relationship does man receive blessings?

2. How does one enter that relationship?

3. Who is referred to as the beloved?

4. When and how did God make Christ the Head over the Church?

5. Explain why we are not living under the ten commandments given in the Old Testament today.

6. What was the mystery that was not known in other ages?

7. How does Christ dwell in our hearts?

8. How do we become a "new man" in Christ

9. What is meant and how does one "walk circumspectly"?

10. What quenches the fiery darts of Satan?

True or False

- _____ We are saved by Grace Only.
_____ Parents are responsible for teaching their children God's Word.
_____ The Word of God is the sword of the Spirit.