

News & Notes

Sunday, July 26, 2009

Remember in Prayer: Robbie Alberson; Arland Anderson; Hermon Autry; Mary Baily; Shirley Graves; Don and Norma Hobson; Clifton Holmes; Dot Ketchum; Billy Liming; John and Deliah Mann; Maria Mayes; Ann Ray; Pete Samples; Katherine Shaw; Ruby Tapp; Calvin Ursery; Marie Whitehead; Alvie Williford;

Pantry item for the month of July is Sugar.

We will **meet at South Ashland** this coming Wednesday (the 29th).

There are **order forms** in the foyer if you would like audio CDs of the gospel meeting with Allen Webster.

Ashland Events: Today: Elder's meeting at 4:00 PM; Beginning August 5: Wednesdays in August;

Area Events: Beginning today: Vacation Bible School at the New Albany congregation; POWER lectures at the Southaven congregation; August 2-5: Lectureship at the Chapman congregation;

Sermon in Preview:

AM: Samson – Give Me a Head with Hair

PM: Last-Sunday-of-the-Month Singing

For the Record (July 19, 2009):

Attendance: 64 Contribution: \$998.00 Budget: \$1459.00

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Sunday:

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 5:00 PM

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 PM

Shepherds:

Barney King

Jeff Roberson

Carrol Street

ASHLAND ANNOUNCER

"Note Those Who So Walk"

Philippians 3:17

2Thessalonians 3:14

Treasures, Old and New

Jesse Robertson

Although the Christian Bible has two main divisions—the Old Testament and the New Testament—the Bible is still composed of one, unifying, epic story. We cannot fully appreciate the cross without knowing what happened in the Garden of Eden, and we will miss some of the meaning of the Lord's Supper if we never study about the Exodus and the Passover. It seems that if we are going to be "New Testament Christians," we also have to be "Two-Testament Christians." As we do that, here are a few points to keep in mind.

(1) There is only one God, but there is more than one covenant. God makes several covenants in the O.T. (with Noah, Abraham, David, etc.), but it is mainly about the covenant he offered to Israel through Moses. The N.T. is about the covenant God offers to all nations through Christ. God himself is always the same: "I the Lord do not change" (Malachi 3:6). His covenants, on the other hand, are not all exactly the same: "In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete" (Hebrews 8:13). Because there is one God, however, all of God's covenants fit into one master plan, and many of his commands never change (for example, Romans 13:9 quotes five commandments straight from the O.T.).

(2) All of Scripture helps us to know God better. Paul put it this way, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work" (2Timothy 3:16-17). What would Paul have in mind as "all Scripture?" The O.T. was

the Bible the early church started with. The Jews in Berea were more virtuous than those in Thessalonica, because “they searched the Scriptures [=O.T.] daily” to see if what Paul and Silas were teaching them was true (Acts 17:11). The truth about God is attested from Genesis to Revelation because all of Scripture—the Old and the New—comes from the heart of God.

(3) We read the Old Testament as Christians. That is to say, because we now know the work of God in Christ, we are able to see things in the O.T. that the Jews could not know before Christ. After Jesus was resurrected, he reminded his disciples that his mission was to fulfill the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms, and “he opened their minds to understand the Scriptures” (Luke 24:43-44). When we read that God promised to bless all families of the earth through Abraham (Genesis 12:3), we see a connection with the Great Commission. When we read in Isaiah 53 about one by whose “stripes we are healed,” we can begin here and preach Jesus, as Philip did (Acts 8:32-35). Space fails me to point out the connections with the priesthood, the Tabernacle, the sacrifices, the wanderings in the Wilderness, Joshua, David, and many other great figures and events. But as Christians who live under the new covenant, let’s remember that Jesus said, “Every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old” (Matthew 13:52).

THE CROSS

Jim Lewis

There are many things which are inseparably tied to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is by virtue of His death and resurrection that these things are established. Some of these are:

The Bible - The shed blood of Christ is the “*blood of the new testament*” (Matthew 26:28). “*Where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator*” (Hebrews 9:16).

The Church - The church is a blood-bought institution. It is that “*which he hath purchased with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28). “*He gave himself for it [the church, j]*” (Ephesians 5:25).

Salvation - We are saved by the gospel which Paul preached: “...how that Christ died for our sins, according to the scriptures; and *that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*” (1 Corinthians 15:3,4). In Christ, “*We have redemption through his blood*” (Ephesians 1:7).

Our Resurrection - Christ is “*risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept*” (1 Corinthians 15:20). “...*all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth...*” (John 5:28,29).

The Lord's Supper – “*For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come*” (1 Corinthians 11:26).

Judgment – “*He hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead*” (Acts 17:31).

No Time for Prayer

I woke up late, no time to pray, I hurried off to school.
I failed to take advantage of this important tool.

Throughout the day I ran about, I had no time to kneel.
When dinner came, I failed again, to thank God for my meal.

When day was done, I went to bed, to get the rest I needed.
But once again the Bible’s call for prayer was left unheeded.

One busy day my soul was called, to answer for my deeds;
And as I stood, I realized I had denied its needs.

My name was called, and I stepped up to hear my sentence quote;
Yet all I got, to my surprise, was a little paper note;

And on this parchment God had written a message, oh, so true.
“You always failed to talk to me, why should I speak to you?”

- Anonymous