Schedule Of Services
Sunday **Elders** Schooley 318-396-7296 ~ ~18-547-4026 WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED BEACON CHURCH OF CHRIS 2326 JONESBORO ROAD MAIL: P.O. BOX 3057 WEST MONROE, LA 71294 Hear the Gospel (Jn. 20:30-31; Rom. 10:17). 3:3; 24:47; 1:16; Acts 18:8; (Matt. 10:32, 33). PLACE STAMP HERE

By the Numbers:

Week of 10/21/18

Contribution - \$2243

Attendance:

Sunday Bible Classes — 32 Sunday Worship* — 50 Wednesday Night — 31

*Total for the day

Bible Trivia Question



Last Week's Answer: His face shone bright (Exo. 34:29ff).

Q: From whom did Paul hear about the problem of division at the church at Corinth?

Answer to be given next week!

Sermon Spotlight:

AM - God Hath Shined

- 1) Compare the statements in Psalm 50 and Psalm 19.
- 2) Why are all men everywhere without excuse?

PM - A Closer Look at 1 & 2 Samuel

- 1) Why are we studying both of these books together?
- 2) What is significant about 2 Sam. 7:12-13?

THE BEACON OF TRUTH

October 28, 2018

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17

In Whom I Am Well Pleased Chase Green

What young boy or young girl doesn't want to please his or her mom and dad? I can recall times when Andrew would do something all by himself and then look up at me and Lindsey to see if we were watching. Why would he do this? Because he wanted our approval. He wanted to know we were proud of him. He wanted to feel accomplished.

Parents, it is a good thing to praise children for a job well-done, especially for adding godly virtues to their lives. They need to know that the way they can gain **our** approval is by gaining **God's** approval (see Eph. 6:1-4 cf. 2 Tim. 3:17). We as parents must remember that our ultimate goal in parenting is to equip our children unto every good work of righteousness, and to do this, we must be diligent in teaching them God's Word (See Deut. 6:7ff). Thus, long before our children walk down the aisle and obey the Gospel, we need to have engrained in their minds the Truth of God's Word (see Prov. 22:6).

Parents of adult children, are you well pleased with your children's spiritual outcome? If not, why not? We need to understand that all children have free will. It very well may be the case that, having done everything within their power to teach their children to be faithful, some parents still have feelings of sorrow over children who have left the Lord. The prodigal son in Luke chapter 15 comes to my mind.

But in other cases, parents of those who have left the faith may look back at their parenting years knowing that they truly did not rear their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, and now they see the fruit of this in their unfaithful children. What then?

First of all, we need to understand that no parent is perfect. Any parent will readily admit that. But the fact of the matter is that a parent in this situation is partially to blame (consider Eli's situation in 1 Sam. 3:10-15). In this situation, the Christian parent needs to 1) repent of the sin of not rearing their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord if he or she has not already done so, and 2) needs to apologize to their wayward children for not doing so. Sadly, the wayward child may already be too far gone, but at least the parent will be made right with God. And it may be the case that the wayward child looks at the humility, love, and concern shown by the parent(s) so that he also humbles himself and returns to the Lord!

The exact phrase "well pleased" occurs nine times in the Bible. Six times it refers to Christ — three times at His baptism (Mat. 3:17; Mark 1:11; Luke 3:22), (continued on page 2)

<u>NEWS AND NOTES</u> TO OUR GUESTS—A WARM WELCOME

Thank you for coming today and please come back soon and often. If you have questions about the church of Christ, what is taught here, or the way we do anything please feel free to ask. Please fill out the Guest Register on the table in the foyer so we may have a record of your visit.

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Wanda Hendrix — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen (room 628 at Ridgecrest Nursing Home) — Ruby Weaver — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers (his surgery went well on Tuesday) — The family of Dianne Ortega, who passed away on Wednesday — Joy Skipper — Ruth Coston — Herm Langston (Bill's cousin in Texas)

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- Monthly Fellowship Meal Today in between Services.
- Annual Fall Festival This Saturday at 5:00 pm at Tim & Tricia Green's house in Farmerville. Please sign the sign-up sheet in the fover if you plan to bring something.
- Youth & Young Adults Be on the lookout for monthly get-togethers. (If you would like to help with a get-together, please let Chase know).

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once regarding His servanthood (Mat. 12:18), and twice regarding His transfiguration (Mat. 17:5; 2 Pet. 1:17). The rest of the occurrences are in reference to men — twice about the importance of righteousness in pleasing God (Isa. 42:21; Heb. 13:16), and once about God <u>not</u> being pleased (1 Cor. 10:5).

Compare your children's lives to the life of Christ. Granted, our children are not sinlessly perfect like Christ is, but are they living moral lives? Are they active members of the Lord's church? Are they growing daily in their Christian walks? If so, praise God! If not, why not?

If it be the case that we need to approach them to attempt to bring them back, then let's do so. Take me with you. Take an elder with you. Take another member with you. But don't let another day go by without addressing the fact that they are lost. Long for the day that they return (again, examine the father's joy in Luke 15). And make sure you set the proper Christian example for them so that they see Christ living in you!

Aren't we all thankful that when the Father looked at the life of the Son, He said, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased?!" I hope that we can all say the same thing about our children as well. Sadly, this isn't always the case, but let's all ensure that we do everything in our power to bring the unfaithful back!

With love, Chase

The Plain Truth About Money Roger D. Campbell

Small children are often fascinated with money because it's shiny and small enough to go in their mouth. As they grow up they reach the point when they understand money has the power to buy things. That's a new reason for them to like money. Later in their teenage years their thinking can be dominated by a desire to possess money in order to impress others or to buy things that mom and dad won't buy them. As adults; well, a lot of adults are still fond of money.

Money, in and of itself, possesses no moral qualities. Money is neither righteous nor unrighteous. Money is an inanimate object, a means or tool to help us obtain something else. It's one's attitude toward money/riches that makes the difference.

In order to help us keep a handle on our attitude, we offer the following six truthful statements about money. May they serve as a reminder and/or warning to all of us.

- 1) Money cannot buy love. Way back in the 60s the Beatles were singing, "I don't care too much for money, 'cause money can't buy me love." It was true then, and it is still true now. Money may impress folks and attract them to a money-possessing person, but money cannot buy genuine love. Young people, are you listening?
- 2) Money doesn't grow on trees. How many times did we hear our parents tell us that when we wanted something we couldn't afford? Because it is true that money does not grow on trees and we can't have it at the snap of our fingers, we need to be good stewards with the funds God has placed in our hands (1 Cor. 4:2). Our Lord says, "Owe no man anything" (Rom. 13:8). Christians ought not to use credit cards to the extent they get themselves into debt they can't pay off.
- 3) Money is not the root of all evil, but the love of money is (1 Tim. 6:10). The love of money is covetousness, and covetousness is idolatry (Col. 3:5). Such a love affair with material riches has ruined friendships, marriages, and even congregations. How sad indeed!
- 4) Money never has and never will save a soul. Money can be used to help support the preaching of the Gospel (2 Cor. 11:8,9). It is also an instrument that assists us in edifying the faithful. But still, money cannot save souls.
- 5) Money will not accompany us when we leave this world. Regardless of how much money one has, the money stays behind when we die. You can't take it with you. "For we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out" (1 Tim. 6:7).
- 6) Money is not success, and success is not possessing money. Oh, if we could only help people, including ourselves, see this point! There will be plenty rich people go to hell. And, there will be plenty poor folks go to heaven. One's eternal destiny is not determined by his/her financial status. You want success, you say? Then listen carefully to what the Lord once told Joshua: "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success" (Joshua 1:8). THAT is true success

Let each of us resolve to accept the truth about money, and in the process, beware of "the deceitfulness of riches" (Mark 4:19).

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

"And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God."

Acts 8:37

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