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<div><div><div>By the Numbers:</div><div>Week of 4/7/19</div><div>Contribution – \$2501</div><div>Attendance:</div><div>Sunday Bible Classes – 31</div><div>Sunday Worship * – 62</div><div>Wednesday Night – 30</div><div>*Total for the day</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Bible Trivia Question</div><div></div><div>Last Week's Answer: It would have been in vain (1 Cor. 15:14).</div><div>Q: What also would have been in vain (besides Paul's preaching), if Christ's resurrection was not true?</div><div>Answer to be given next week!</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>SERMON SPOTLIGHT:</div><div>AM — Bible Baptism</div><div><div>1. Are there any verses that connect salvation to baptism?</div><div>2. Are there any verses that say that disconnect salvation & baptism?</div></div><div>PM — Re-Baptism</div><div><div>1. In what chapter of what book do we have an example of people being baptized a second time? Why did they do this?</div></div></div></div>
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<div><div><div>THE BEACON OF TRUTH</div><div>April 14, 2019</div><div>“Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.” John 17:17</div></div></div>	<div><div><div>Do You Know Me?</div><div>H. W. Gibson (with comments afterward by Chase Green)</div><div>Do you know me?</div><div>I am the greatest criminal in history.</div><div>I have killed more men than have fallen in all the wars of the world.</div><div>I have turned men into brutes.</div><div>I have made millions of homes unhappy.</div><div>I have transformed many ambitious youths into hopeless parasites.</div><div>I make smooth the downward path for countless millions.</div><div>I destroy the weak and weaken the strong.</div><div>I make the wise man a fool and trample the fool in his folly.</div><div>I ensnare the innocent.</div><div>The abandoned wife knows me; the hungry children know me.</div><div>I have ruined millions and shall try to ruin more.</div><div>I am Alcohol.</div><div>The poem above was written by H. W. Gibson, who lived from 1850 to 1896. Alcohol was a problem back then, and it is still a problem today. It has ALWAYS been a problem, and always WILL be a problem. Fortunately, the Bible has much to say about this vice, so we better do our absolute best to avoid it!</div><div>“Wine is a mocker, strong drink is raging: and whosoever is deceived thereby is not wise” (Prov. 20:1). “Who hath woe? (Cntd. pg. 2)</div></div></div>
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NEWS AND NOTES
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 PRAYER

Margie Tippen — Regina Simmons — Marcia Green — Jerry Tippen — Wendy Traweek — Tim Green — Harold Myers — Joy Skipper — John & Ruth Coston — Stetson Ortega — Lindy Brown — Kaitlyn Wilson — Kathy Lawrence — Debbie Grice — Virginia Wainwright — Jessica Hancock — Melba Tippen Creech — Dewey Young — Nathan & Victoria Bird as they await the arrival of Baby Mila

OTHER THINGS & UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- We are currently in need of more items to restock our pantry. If you would like to help, please see Chase for needed items. Place your items in the barrel in the foyer.
- Youth & Young Adults — Be on the lookout for our next event! Don't miss out on these opportunities for fellowship and fun!
- Monthly Fellowship Meal — 4th Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

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who hath sorrow? who hath contentions? who hath babbling? who hath wounds without cause? who hath redness of eyes? They that tarry long at the wine; they that go to seek mixed wine. Look not thou upon the wine when it is red, when it giveth his colour in the cup, when it moveth itself aright. At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder. Thine eyes shall behold strange women, and thine heart shall utter perverse things. Yea, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast. They have stricken me, shalt thou say, and I was not sick; they have beaten me, and I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will seek it yet again” (Prov. 23:29-35). “And be not drunk with wine, wherein is excess; but be filled with the Spirit” (Eph. 5:18). “Be SOBER, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Pet. 5:8, emphasis mine, TCG). If we must be sober, and alcohol affects our sobriety, then what does that say about alcohol?

We must be diligent to always emphasize the dangers of this destructive vice that has damaged so many lives throughout the centuries.

Be Angry and Sin Not
Chase Green

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbour: for we are members one of another. Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil” (Eph. 4:25-27). It is not inherently sinful to be angry. I know that for two reasons: 1) Eph. 4:26 implies this, and 2) our Lord Jesus Christ was angry (Mark 3:5), but never sinned (1 Pet. 2:21-22). What IS sinful, though, is to let your anger be the CAUSATION of sin. In other words, do not allow your anger to lead to wrath (See Jms. 1:19; Rom. 12:19-21). Another thing I need to consider regarding anger — I had better not be angry with a brother without cause: “But I say unto you, That whosoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment: and whosoever shall say to his brother, Raca (insulting someone by calling them “worthless,” TCG), shall be in danger of the council (the Sanhedrin, the Jewish council in charge of the death penalty, TCG): but whosoever shall say, Thou fool, shall be in danger of hell fire” (Mat. 5:22).

Yes, we must make sure that we do not allow our anger to cause us to sin. But there are two other main points that this passage is teaching as well. These two teachings revolve around 1) Truth, and 2) restoring Christian relationships.

“Wherefore putting away lying, speak every man truth with his neighbor.” Why? “For we are members one of another.” Because members of the church have this intimate spiritual relationship with one another, why would we ever want to speak ill about one another or diminish one another’s character without cause? This sin is also known as “gossip,” or “slander,” or “backbiting,” and has caused a lot of damage to the Lord’s church throughout the centuries. See Eph. 4:31-32; 1 Tim. 5:13; Prov. 10:18. Therefore, I must be very careful with my tongue (Jms. 3:1-12).

Secondly, the Ephesians passage teaches about restoring Christian relationships. “Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: Neither give place to the devil.” The Devil is an expert in creating grudges between brethren. He loves when brethren are at odds with one another. If he can split the brotherhood, he’s won half the battle. Many church splits occur not over doctrine, but over personality conflicts and animosity. The Devil loves to have it so. Therefore, we must not let the sun go down on our wrath.

Did you know that we cannot worship properly while being at odds with a brother? “Therefore if thou bring thy gift to the altar (worship, TCG), and there rememberest that thy brother hath ought against thee; Leave there thy gift before the altar, and go thy way; first be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift” (Mat. 5:23-24). When the inevitable problems do arise in our Christian relationships, we simply MUST do our due diligence to reconcile with our brethren if at all possible, to not let the sun go down on our wrath.

Well, how do we go about that? The Lord Himself gave us very specific instructions on exactly how to do it in Matthew 18:15-20. Go to the brother or sister in person. If he or she refuses to hear, take two or three witnesses with you. If he or she still refuses to hear, take the whole church. If he or she still refuses to hear you, “let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican.” In other words, that person has voluntarily removed himself from the fellowship, and we must withdraw from him. But this is never done without first a lot of “blood, sweat, and tears” trying to reclaim the erring one!

The three sins listed in Ephesians 4:25-27 (lying which leads to gossip, sinful anger, and refusal to attempt reconciliation with an erring brother or sister) all have the power to cause great harm to the Lord’s church. Let us make sure that we heed the words of Paul so that we can maintain proper Christian relationships and maintain unity in the Lord’s church, to the best of our ability.

With love, Chase

THIS WEEK’S MEMORY VERSE

“Salute one another with an holy kiss. The churches of Christ salute you.”
Rom. 16:16

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