



JACKSON CHURCH OF CHRIST
Family Matters

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Lessons for Today

Sunday AM

Brian Mitchell
"In Remembrance of Him"
Luke 22:15-20

THE GOOD LIFE

"Going for the gusto", "it doesn't get better than this", and "the good life" have been very successful ad slogans used to portray "the good life" as having the fastest car, the most money, the biggest house.... If this picture is accurate, the only way to have fun and be successful is to drink a lot of the advertised beer, engage in immoral sexual relations with as many different partners as possible, and never once be concerned with the consequences of our actions. This image is far from the truth.

Jesus' words, *I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly. (John 10:10)*, show that it is a part of God's plan for each of us to have a good life. In fact this seems to be a major part of why he came to this world.

Of course, it is true that the primary idea in the words of the Lord involves a spiritual life that is abundant in spiritual blessings. Limiting this passage to only the spiritual is to totally ignore the positive consequences of living the faithful Christian life.

Faithful Christians are: law-abiding citizens (*Romans 13*); live a life in control of their desires (rather than being controlled by these desires) (*1 Peter 4:1ff*); are concerned about having a good family life (*Ephesians 5:21-6:4*); are sought in the business world because they are diligent workers (*Ephesians 6:5ff*; *Colossians 3:17-23*). In short, all the phrases that could be compiled to describe the Christian life leads toward the conclusion that living the Christian life has definite rewards in this life as well as in the next

Most enemies of Christianity like to focus on the negative aspects, all the things that "you don't do because you are a Christian". If each of these attacks could be examined objectively, they would have no power or strength. There is no prohibition in the New Testament that is harmful or detrimental.

If we were to obey all the "thou shalt nots" of the Bible, we would not be harmed. Instead, the Christian's life is longer because of the cleaner life, with reduced stress. The Christian life is richer because of the money saved by not engaging in sinful practices. The Christian life is richer because of the increased appreciation for the things God has given to us to enjoy. The Christian life is simply much richer, no matter how you measure it!

The good life is not derived from free sex or fast cars or any other image portrayed in the popular media. The truly good life, the abundant life, is a life lived in service to God.

Tony W. Boyd

Worship Times

Sunday

Worship: 10:00 am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7:00 pm

For the Record

Sunday AM: 118
Wednesday PM: 65
Contribution: \$4124
Budget: \$4402

Think on This...

In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Celebrating This Week...

Birthdays

Murray Dunn: 09.07
Ephraim Raines: 09.12

Anniversary

Randy & Emma
Seabaugh: 09.07

Serving This Week

Announcements: Steve Simmons

SUNDAY

Greeters: N/A

Ushers: Mike Green/Ron Fehr

PowerPoint: Luke Selvig

Lead Singing: Greg Dowdy

Head Lord's Table: David Selvig

Scripture: Dylan Seabaugh

Prayers:

AM: Steve Simmons/Mat Kee

PM: N/A

WEDNESDAY

Lead Singing: Todd Newman

Devo: Brian Mitchell

Prayers: Doug Lester/Dylan Seabaugh

Elder Chair: Randy Seabaugh

Communion to Shut-Ins: N/A

Building Lock-Up:

Remember in Your Prayers

- **Gary Ridenour** had an angiogram on Monday and had a stent put in. He is home and doing well.
- **Mikayla Foltz** is doing well since her recent surgery to repair her broken arm. Her pain is much better, but she will not be able to use her arm for 6 weeks.
- **Kelly Garland** has been dealing with several ongoing health issues and has not been able to get answers. He is currently waiting on some test results and in need of prayers and encouragement.

News & Notes

- We plan to resume our **Bible classes** in a couple of weeks! The goal is for Sunday morning classes to begin meeting on **Sunday, September 13** and Wednesday classes to start back on **Wednesday, September 16**. Classes will be offered for the following age groups: Pre-K, K-3rd grades, 4th-8th grades, 9th-12th grades. All others will be in the auditorium. Class lists and locations are posted. For planning purposes, please let Eva know if you plan for your children to attend classes and also if you are willing to teach one of the Bible classes for a quarter or two.
- **Budget Input** sheets will be distributed next **Sunday, September 13** after services. Please take a few minutes to review the current budget and give your feedback for review by the deacons and elders in planning next year's budget. Forms are due back by **Sunday, September 27**.
- Please sign up to help with Building Lock-Up. We will begin using a monthly rotation for those willing to secure the building after services each Sunday and Wednesday.

Daily Bible Reading

September 6: Ezekiel 32-34

September 7: Ezekiel 35-37

September 8: Ezekiel 38-39

September 9: Ezekiel 40-41

September 10: Ezekiel 42-43

September 11: Ezekiel 44-45

September 12: Ezekiel 46-48

Upcoming Area Events

- The ladies of the Cape congregation are hosting a **Ladies Day** on **Saturday, September 26** from 9-noon. The theme is "Do Not Be Afraid" and there are in-person and online options for attending. Check the flyers for more information and please sign up if you plan to attend in person so they are able to plan for food.

Continuing Prayer Needs

****Please help keep our list current: contact the office with updates, to add/remove individuals****

June Black

Thelma Brown

Donna Cox

Bill Dillman

Ray & Marilyn Duffey

Kelly & Trudy Garland

Kenny & Sharon Giesler

Dale Gilliland

Wayne Graham

Betty Jones

Isabelle Long

Dorothy Loyd

Barbara Rushing

Lena Schweain

Sarah Singleton

Gelena Stoffregen

Molly Thomas

Mike Turnbow

Youth Corner

- It's time to begin planning for CYC—February 26-28, 2021— in Pigeon Forge. The theme is "In Need of a Savior". Cost is \$30 per person and is due to Gary Miller by September 30 (checks payable to the church with "CYC 2021" in the memo line). You should have received a link to a google doc with details and to register anyone planning to attend from your family. Please check with Amanda Schafer if you have not received the link.

Let your
Light So Shine
before men, that
they may see your **GOOD WORKS,**
AND *Glorify* your **FATHER**
which is in Heaven.