

The Oologah Informer

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Service Times

Sunday

Bible Class: 9:30 A.M.
Worship: 10:30 A.M. & 5 P.M.

Wednesday

Bible Study: 7 P.M.

Preacher:

Russ Earl

AM Sermon:

The Parable of the Sower
(Matthew 13:1-9)

PM Sermon:

Why I am a member of the church
of Christ - Lesson 10 –because its
teaching on worship (Acts 20:27)

Sunday AM Bible Class:

The Book of Job – D. Jackson

Wednesday Bible Class:

The Christian Do's - Swearingen

In SEARCH of the Lord's Way

Tulsa KWHB TV 47
Sunday mornings at 7:30am

For the Record: 12/29

AM Bible Class: 24
AM Worship: 30
PM Worship: 22
Contribution: \$3243
Weekly Budget: \$2800
Wednesday Night Bible Class: 15

Courage in Numbers

In John 18 we find that Judas had just betrayed Jesus, and is leading "a band of men and officers from the chief priests and Pharisees," and carrying lanterns, torches and weapons, take Him away. As this mob was about to take Jesus, "Simon Peter having a sword drew it, and smote the high priest's servant, and cut off his ear. The servant's name was Malchus." Peter showed great courage in trying to protect Jesus from these evil men.

You will notice in Matthew 26, shortly after Peter had shown such great courage when Jesus was taken captive, his courage vanished. Instead of standing up for Jesus and declaring he was His disciple - he denied the Lord three times (Mt. 26:69-75). What do you suppose gave Peter courage in one situation and not in another? At that point in Peter's life, he gained courage in numbers. When he showed courage he was surrounded with those of like precious faith, and courage failed him when he was alone.

Here we see the importance of surrounding ourselves with fellow Christians. Everyone will agree it is easier to be faithful when you are around those of like precious faith. Is it any wonder Paul declared, "Evil company corrupts good habits" (1 Cor. 15:33 - NKJ)? Solomon said, "He that is a companion of wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools will be destroyed" (Pro. 13:20). From this it is easy to see that we need to spend as much time as possible with our spiritual brethren. Remember, courage is found in numbers!

Taken from Preacher's PC, by Tom Moore

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord

By Russ Earl

The attribute of humility is one that every Christian should possess. We read over and over again how the "haughty" and "stiff necked" are contrary to God (2 Chro 30:8, Ps 18:27).

Being humble leads us to selflessness. The humble person doesn't exalt themselves but, because of their good works, others, including God exalt them (Jam 4:10). A person who is puffed up only desires to be exalted so that they can boast. A person who is humble desires only to do the works of God and IF they are exalted by others then so be it. We want to be humble and not haughty and we should not do things just so that others can see our works (Mt 6:2-4).

Being humble leads a person to righteousness. A person who is truly humble will desire to do what God has commanded. One of the biggest obstacles for people is their pride. Sadly, many allow their pride to get in the way and, as a result, they refuse to obey God (Pro 16:18). A person who is humble will submit to the teachings of God and not reject them (Isa 30:10). Are we humble enough to obey God when we realize we are not following His Word? Being humble leads us to everlasting life. A person who is humble is willing and ready to repent when

they realize they have committed sin. No doubt there are those who do not want to acknowledge that they have sinned. However, the proud cannot repent unless they humble themselves before God and repent. Felix is a shining example of what happens when we are too proud to make ourselves right with God (Acts 24:25).

By these three points we see that being humble causes a person to be a better worker for God, a better student of His Word, and causes us to be closer to God through our humble repentance. Do you have humility? Are we striving to have more humility? The Bible tells us Christ was humble for our sakes (Phil 2:8). Are we humble for the sake of the Kingdom of God?

Announcements

Area Wide Singing

The church of Christ in Owasso will be having an area wide singing on Saturday, January 11th from 3-5pm.

Men's Meeting

The monthly men's meeting will be tonight after evening services.

Recent Prayer Requests

Joyce Cash – has a high white blood cell count and has not been feeling well.

Jerry Creek – (Ed's son in law's brother) is taking radiation for cancer.

Bentley Lay – (Granddaughter of Steve Lay) is still needing to gain weight and has been having a slow heart rate at times.

Clare Beaman – (Dicie's mom) has been responding well to treatments.

Dave Preston – (once a member here) is not in good health.

Ruth – (Darla's Sister) – is in St. John's in Tulsa.

Please keep all of these in your prayers.

Please keep the following in the prayers.

Ed & Barbara Coats

Allen & Joyce Cash

Mary Ann Haugh

Emma (Darla's sister)

John Babb

Kennedy Cox

Larry Brown

Roxy (Ed's brother's wife)

January Birthdays

Judy Winkle 5th

Ross Swearingen 16th

Doris Potts 17th