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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: Steve Rigney

PM: cancelled

A Warm Welcome awaits you at all our services. Come see!

**“For what is a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world,
and lose his own soul?” - Matthew 16:26**

JESUS SAID THIS—THERE ARE NO “OTHER WORDS”.

**"It is good to be zealous always in a good thing" -Galatians 4:18
(but make sure it's the RIGHT thing!)**

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CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!**

SERVICES

Sunday 10 AM Bible Study
Sunday 11 AM , 6 PM Assembly
Wednesday 7 PM Bible Study
Office Phone (803) 794-5320
Nursery provided

INFORMAL BIBLE STUDY

Any Time On Request
Everyone Welcome!

Bring your friends & Bible questions

EVANGELIST

Other than the members
none at present time
Full time man wanted

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“every disciple that is perfect shall be as his master.” Luke 6:40b

DAVID AND HIS NEW CART

Jehovah called David from the sheepcotes of Bethlehem to the throne of Israel. One of his first cares, on becoming king, was to obtain possession of the stronghold of Zion, and this very thing he did. “And David dwelt in the stronghold, and called it the city of David. And David built round about from Millo and inward. And David waxed greater and greater...” (2 Sam. 5:9-10 ASV).

It is worthy of note here that David “perceived that Jehovah had established him king over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for his people Israel's sake” (2 Sam. 5:12 ASV). In receiving the blessings of God, unlike many, he did not fail to recognize the God of the blessings. Next, after Zion had been occupied, David desired to bring the ark of the covenant up to Jerusalem from Kirjath-jearim, where it had been left after being restored by the Philistines in the early days of Samuel (1 Sam. 7:1). Elaborate preparations were made to bring up this treasure.

Gathering Of Thousands: “David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand” (2 Sam. 6:1 ASV). Someone has well said, “In bringing up the ark to Jerusalem, the king showed a commendable desire to interest the whole nation, as far as possible, in the solemn service. The people, numerous as they were, grudged neither the time, the trouble, nor the expenses. A handful might have suffered for all the actual labor that was required, but thousands of the chief people were summoned to be present, and that of the principle both of rendering due honor to God and of conferring a benefit to the people.” It is not a few preachers, elders, and deacons only that should be called to take a part in the service of religion. Christians generally should manifest an abiding interest in the worship and service of the Lord. It does not require a large audience to “break bread,” conduct a Sunday night worship, or a Wednesday prayer meeting, but it is infinitely better for all who can attend these meetings. [Editor: Still true today.]

Doing The Right Thing In the Wrong Way: No one can doubt that it was right to remove the ark under proper conditions, for God told His people how it should be moved (Num. 4:1-16) — that is, it should be carried by the Levites. Also it was right to bring it to Jerusalem. But the great trouble in this case came through the use of “a more modern method” of transportation by David.

The Philistines, in bringing up the ark from Ekron to Beth-shemesh, had used a new cart (1 Sam. 6:7), and used it successfully. So, instead of following the instructions given through Moses, David copied the example of the philistines. —

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Merrie Chrismus, Margaret Herring, Pat Joyner, Jan Kelleher, Gwen Pittman, Barbara and Melvin Reeder, Stephanie Rigney.*

MEETING PLANS: Lord willing, members will meet at the church for **10 am Bible study** (Psalm 32), and the worship assembly at 11. There's plenty of room in the auditorium for people to space themselves out as they wish. We'll be using alternate rows of pews to help with that. Masks, hand sanitizer and alcohol wipes will be available. The Lord's supper will be provided in individually packaged servings. Pick a package up when you arrive. After, we can discuss restarting Wednesday and Sunday PM meetings. If you're going grocery shopping, you should be able to attend.

“And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them “ - Acts 20:7

We want to share news on members in this bulletin — How they're doing and any needs they might have. Members are calling each other, which is a good thing we all should be doing. Some members don't have family they can count on for help.

Here are some who are **NOT** connected electronically and need to be checked on by phone regularly. Call them, see how they're doing and then let **Paula** know so it can get in this bulletin:

- **Trevia Parks** 673-8411, 129 Duchess Trail, Lexington 29073
- **Judy Cornelius** 606-6401, 2402 Breeze Rd, Cayce 29033
- **Pat Joyner** 807-9332, 5 Chicorana Rd, W Cola 29169
- **Margaret Herring** 926-1786, 1146 Pinecroft Dr, W Cola, 29169
- **Barbara Reeder** 834-4265, 216 Burlie Ct, Apt K, W Cola 29169

- **Barbara Reeder's** Covid19 test was negative, but they still have a few more days to be quarantined. She would love to get a phone call,. She is at dialysis from 4pm to 8pm 3 days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri).
- **Gail Allen** fell and broke her shoulder on concrete. She is scheduled for shoulder replacement Tuesday June 16th at Newberry Hospital.
- **Faye Parks** is still recovering from her shoulder surgery but has started physical therapy.
- **Last Sunday**, we had 11 for 10AM Bible study and 13 at our 11AM worship assembly.

If you go out to the store, or work, you should be able to attend Sunday.

If you don't go out to other place, then do as you think best.

IMPORTANT! If you have news on members, even just to say you've contacted them and they're ok, please share it with **Paula Kennedy** by call or text to 260-2000 or by email to **KennedyPaulaM@Gmail.com**. She will summarize it on Thursdays to be included in the next bulletin.

This will greatly help maintain our fellowship during this troubled time!

“Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.” - Titus 2:14

DAVID AND HIS NEW CART- (cont. from page 1)

The "new cart" seemed to work well for a while. The procession had reached "Nachon's threshing floor," when the "oxen stumbled," and Uzzah, putting forth his hand to stay the ark, was smitten dead (2 Sam. 6:6-7). The ark was left in the house of Obed-edom, and the thousands disbanded.

Why all this trouble? Had Uzzah sinned in that he touched the ark? Yes, but someone had sinned in this matter before Uzzah. Speaking to the Levites, David said, **“For because ye bare it not at the first, Jehovah our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordinance” (1 Chron. 15:13 ASV)**. Thus David located the trouble at the right place. The king and his people had tried to do a good work in a bad way.

It is frequently said that the end justifies the means, but it did not in this case. What matter is it, some of this generation say, if the money has been obtained in ways that are not commendable, just so it is used for the poor or the preaching of the word? Does it matter how or by whom the gospel is preached, if the evangelization of the nations is the purpose? Does it make any difference what is done in worship, if it is all intended for the glory of God? All who speak after this fashion should remember that David could have asked, "What difference does it make how we move the ark, just so we bring it to Jerusalem?" with as much show of reason as they. It is never right to set aside God's way of doing things for man's way.

One great hindrance to primitive Christianity today is the use of Philistine carts in the service of the Lord. They may seem to make some show of success for a time, but sooner or later — usually sooner — the "oxen stumble," and they fail. The modern missionary society is very like a Philistine cart as a means of transporting the gospel. In the use of it, there has been some bovine stumbling, some Uzzahs have been smitten, and, at times, the cart wheels have been badly bogged in the Serbonian mire of "open membership," "institutionalism," and "centralized control." The church is God's only means for carrying the gospel to the nations and no modern organizations will He accept.

Doing The Right Thing In The Right Way: David could never have been a man after God's "own heart" (1 Sam. 13:14) if he had been unwilling to confess his sins and make amends for them. The ark remained in the house of Obed-edom for three months. In the meantime David grew in respect for the word of God, for he said, **“None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath Jehovah chosen to carry the ark of God” (1 Chron. 15:2 ASV)**. God's way was employed. It worked. "The Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon" to Jerusalem in triumph and joy. How different the result from that of the first effort! How different the means employed! **“As for God, his way is perfect” (Psa. 18:30)**.

- Benton Cordell (B.C.) Goodpasture, 1895-1977, Gospel Preacher

“... See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount” - Hebrews 8:5

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