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SERMONS THIS SUNDAY:

AM: T.J. Bolen— Your sin will create problems for others

PM: T.J. Bolen—Not knowing is not a pass, Ecclesiastes 9:11-11:6

JOIN US IN
PRACTICING
NEW TESTAMENT
CHRISTIANITY
TODAY,
COME SEE!

"Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.
No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life;
that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier." - 2 Timothy 2:3,4

Wake up! Strengthen the things that remain!

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

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

You can lead a horse to truth but you can't make him believe it.

Truth is a word which does not have much of a definition anymore. It has been made to have a very flexible meaning. Just like the old Burger King slogan “*Your way right away,*” that is probably how most Americans now understand truth.

This redefinition of truth has all but destroyed the ability to reason through facts and reality by many. Instead of taking facts and processing them one will simply deny their existence if they do not care for the logical conclusion. I was reminded of this the other night while listening to talk radio. The producer of the show denied the reality of the basis for the movie “Rudy.” The host and producer argued back and forth over both the quality of the movie and the reality of its basis.

The producer hated the movie, which he is allowed to do. I've never known of a football fan who hated “Rudy” (this was sports-talk radio) but this guy did. His distaste for the movie carried him so far as to deny the actual story of Rudy Ruettiger. He claimed not to believe the events and story portrayed in the movie really happened. As with all real events and stories creative licenses are taken when producing a movie about them, so he cited some of those licenses in his case. This however does not disprove the true story of Mr. Ruettiger. There are photos, there is video evidence available of the real Ruettiger, and there are eyewitnesses to the story of Rudy.

As the old saying goes, “You can lead a horse to water but you can't make him drink,” so it is with truth. Even though the very definition of truth is being redefined that doesn't mean truth, truly is non-existent. As a Christian you can never back down from or compromise truth. We have to put the truth of God before people, and they must decide what to do with it. Provide truth as often as possible and as patiently and compassionately as you can. Everyone deserves a chance to hear the message of the gospel. That much the church is responsible for. What to do with it is up to those we deliver it to and that is out of our hands. But in obeying the truth of God, we must find the horses and get them to the water.

- T.J. Bolen, Gospel preacher, West Columbia South Carolina

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“PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER” - James 5:16

REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *Jan Kelleher, Margaret Herring, Stephanie Rigney, Dorothy Gray and family, Pat Joyner, Gwen Pittman, Anna Porter, also Richard Ramkinson.*

- **Jan Kelleher** has finished chemo and will be having surgery in a few weeks. **Ed** will be with **Jan** in Charleston for that and her recovery.
- **Email from the preacher:** *“Most of y'all know Mrs. Pat has had some ongoing trouble in her left leg. She saw the dr. today. They determined there is some blockage and will be scheduling an arteriogram soon and see about getting a stent in there. Please add this to your prayer list. If you do not have a prayer list, sit down right now and make one.”*
- **Steve Rigney's** step mother **Fran** was to have open-heart surgery 9/21.
- **Remember: Janet Boyd** tending her mother, **Eileen Lester; Gwen Pittman; Anna Porter** who is very weak; **Amos Jones'** brother **Timothy**, in VA hospice.
- Pray for those our **evangelist is studying with**, that they will be receptive to the Gospel.
- **Pray for these**, send them a card, show them you love them.
- **Be thankful that God hears our prayers and answers! (1 John 5:15)**

*"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth." - Psalms 121:1,2*

“AND THEY CONTINUED STEADFASTLY” - Acts 2:42

- **First Sunday luncheon, men's meeting afterwards.**
- **Church Survey** forms are in the foyer, please fill one out and put in the box by Oct 4th.
- **Church Devo**, Friday 10/16 at the Gamble's home, 6:30 pm, check signup sheet.
- **Gospel Meeting, Windsor Lake Fri-Sat 7pm, Sunday, 10/9-10/11.**
- **Bible study, Saturdays, 3pm, informal, bring friends and your Bible questions.**

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity."
- Psalms 133:1*

“REJOICE WITH THEM THAT DO REJOICE!” - Romans 12:15

- Infant **Zakai Gray** came through hernia surgery very well, for which we all are grateful. Momma **Dorothy** responded to the announcement that went out by email to members:

“Thanks everyone for all your prayers ,emails and phone calls...My Little Rescue Hero is doing great!!!! God is Good all the time and we are so Blessed and May he continue to Bless each and every one.”

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ARE BIBLE CLASSES A WASTER OF TIME?

In the minds of some people, Bible classes are not important. They may even consider them just "a waste of time." What should our attitude be toward them?

Why do we have Bible classes on Sunday and Wednesday? Do we have classes just because others have them? Do we have classes just so we can say that we are at least doing something? Until we come to learn the significance of them, we will not appreciate them as we should. If we appreciate them, then and only then will attitudes and attendance change for the better.

Bible classes are significant because they help promote the work of the church. The Bible classes are one avenue through which the Word of God can be taught. We certainly want to take advantage of every opportunity to teach and study from the Bible (2 Tim. 2:15; Psa. 1:1-3).

Bible classes are significant because they help provide a way for the elders "to feed" the flock. The apostle Paul, in speaking to the Ephesian elders, said, **"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood"** (Acts 20:28). Peter declared to the elders, **"Feed the flock of God which is among you"** (1 Pet. 5:2). Through our Bible classes, we are helping the elders carry out their work.

Bible classes are significant because they help produce tomorrow's elders, deacons, preachers, and teachers. We want to encourage our young people to grow up being servants of God. In our Bible classes, we are training potential soldiers in the Lord's Army. The Bible classes are helping to train the young in the way they should go (Pro. 22:6)..

Bible classes are significant because they help prevent unfaithfulness in the church. We all need encouragement in living the Christian life. Through our Bible classes, we can encourage and edify one another (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25) to be strong in the Lord.

Bible classes are significant because they help prepare one for eternity. Who is it that has doubts about the importance of studying the Bible? We must come to understand and know God's will (John 8:32; 1 Tim. 2:4). The time we spend in studying the Bible in our classes is helping us to be prepared for eternity to come.

Are Bible classes a waste of time? I think not!

- Jerry Jospheh, elder, Charbo & Karen church of Christ, St. Charles, MO

“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” - 2 Timothy 2:15

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