

PRAYERS

Butch and Chris (Anita’s son and daughter in law) – Chris was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer and is now receiving treatment prior to surgery.

Connie LaRocque – Diagnosed with cancer on her lungs. She will be in Rochester on Monday meeting with a thoracic surgeon.

Mark (Linda’s family) –Dealing with a severe head injury. They are hoping to go to rehab soon.

Nancy Meyer (Don’s Sister) – recovery from recent surgery

Church in Pierre – Several members with medical issues

Congregation News

Potluck is today. Please stay and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Also, plan to stay for the afternoon singing that follows.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: A well rounded character is square in all his dealing.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

1/21/18

1/28/18

Bible Class	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Announcements	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Song Leader	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Opening Prayer	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Lord's Supper	Tom Bright	Colby Crawford
Scripture Reading	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Sermon	Paul Darling	Tom Bright

Bible Classes	Sunday Morning	Wednesday Evening
Adult	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries	Building Cleanup Bright
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Bulletin Submissions
If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: tlbj@sbcglobal.net

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Remember!

If we could put God and man in one, stark contrast, it might be this; God remembers, and humans forget.

Even as the flames crackled and burned at the bush, one of the Lord’s great characteristics was expressed: “So God heard their groaning; and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob” (Exodus 2:24).

God remembered his covenant. Humans constantly forget their responsibilities. As my grand dad used to say, “I have a good forgetter.” In Scripture, human beings are always being urged to remember something. So why is it that we forget so often?

God calls on Israel to “remember the Sabbath, to keep it holy” (Exodus 20:8). It seems some remembered that it was Saturday, but had failed to honor that day as holy. When it came to their treatment of other people, they were to recall their own hard times: “You shall remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt ...” (Deuteronomy 5:15). Forgetting their own trials, you see, would lead to their shabby treatment of others. He who humiliates another has forgotten the times when he was humiliated.

The Wise man urges us to “remember our creator” in the “days of our youth” (Ecclesiastes 12:1), as if he was aware that in the rush of youthful activities we might forget God. In the same way, when the Lord’s Supper was instituted, the Lord declares how we are to partake of the emblems: “Do this in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:25).

When we forget the Lord’s sacrifice on the cross, it’s not so much a failure of memory, but a failure of gratitude. We suffer from spiritual Alzheimer’s. When a teenager “forgets” what his curfew time was when he’s having fun, is the problem really his memory, or something else? When a husband forgets his anniversary, is the problem really his memory, or is it something else? When a Christian forgets that it’s Wednesday night and he should be in Bible study, did he really forget, or is the problem something else? When a Christian walks away from God and church, is it really a failure of memory, or a failure to be serious about his commitments?

“And when he had given thanks, He broke it and said, ‘This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me” (1 Corinthians 11:24).

This Sunday, gather round the table, and remember.

As The World Turns

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? (22) It is He who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers, Who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, And spreads them out like a tent to dwell in. (Isa. 40:21-22)

It takes the earth 24 hours to rotate on its axis, giving us the 24-hour clock, and the “evening and morning” that comprise one day (Gen. 1:5).

It takes the earth 365 days to travel around the sun one time, giving us the completion of a calendar year, comprising of four changes in the seasons.

After the flood, God assured mankind that these facts of science will not be interrupted again, and set the rainbow in the sky as a reminder in heaven and on earth of this promise, saying, "While the earth remains, Seedtime and harvest, Cold and heat, Winter and summer, And day and night Shall not cease" (Gen. 8:22). And again, "I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth (Gen. 9:13).

The orderly progression of universal law and its consistent reliability prove the certainty of God's existence. Science glorifies God (Ps 19:1-6)! We have just completed a calendar year because another revolution around the sun has come and gone; the earth has turned on its axis 365 more times. Today, as the world turns, what other certainties can we always depend upon?

1) **The Faithfulness of God:** Heb 10:23 – “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.” We can depend on the promises of God – first to last. Our future and our hope depend upon it (Jer 29:11). The Scriptures affirm that God will do as He says (Pro 19:21).

2) **The Nearness of God:** “The Lord is near to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit” (Ps 34:18). On Mars Hill, Paul affirmed that God is not far from any of us (Ac 17:27). And in our trials He “ever lives to make intercession” (Heb 7:25). He will never leave us or forsake us, who will we fear (Heb 13:5)?

3) **The Goodness of God:** “Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?” (Rom 2:4). Simply stated, “If it's good, it's God” (Jas 1:17). Psalm 33:5 says, “The earth is full of the goodness of God.” His goodness is like a great warehouse waiting for distribution to those in need (Psalm 31:19).

4) **The Providence of God:** “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?” (Rom 8:31-32). If God did not spare His only Son, then what could we ever need that He might balk at because it costs too much. Some other mitigating circumstances might cause Him to deny our request (2 Cor 12:7-10), but never the cost. We are assured He will “supply all [our] needs in Christ Jesus” (Phil. 4:19).

5) **The Righteousness of God:** “Far be it from You to do such a thing as this, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous should be as the wicked; far be it from You! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?” (Gen 18:25). Daniel agrees, saying, “the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which He does” (Dan 9:14). God cannot be tempted (Jas 1:13). According to the Scriptures His righteousness is always on display (Rom 1:17).

6) **The Judgment of God:** “...He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead” (Ac 17:31). No evil dwells with God (Ps 5:4). By the integrity of His character He must punish those who will not repent (Rom 2:8-9). And by the blood of Jesus Christ He must redeem those who have obeyed the gospel, who are “His at His coming” (1 Cor. 15:22-25).

Welcome to our Assembly. . .

Whether you are a first time visitor or a long time member of this congregation, we are happy to have you with us this morning. For those visiting, please make yourself comfortable. A good deal of information about this church and its activities can be found on this sheet. We encourage and invite anyone interested to participate in the activities offered throughout the week. If you have any questions about the facilities, our worship service, or want more information about the church, feel free to ask anyone present. Someone will be glad to help you!