

PRAYERS

Connie – She is going to Rochester for her checkup. Pray for safe travels and good test results.

Congregation News:

The men will have a business meeting following morning worship today.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: The less biblical faith a church has, the more ice cream and cake it takes to keep it going!

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

10/07/18 **10/14/18**

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

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

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| Birthdays & Anniversaries | Building Cleanup |
| October 11 th – Carmen Meyer | Darling |

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Aberdeen church of Christ

October 7, 2018

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Sermon on the Mount (**Matthew 5-6-7**) has been called the “constitution of the Christian faith.” In that famous sermon Jesus revealed that knowing God, obeying God and becoming like God forms the foundation upon which spiritual life is built.

It is only as we learn to trust God that we can be trustworthy in our relationships with our fellow man. It is only as we meet our responsibilities to God that we will consistently meet our responsibilities to others. It is only as we love God that we will have a proper love for those whom God expects us to love.

The sermon on the mount also contains practical teachings for personal conduct and for managing all our relationships. But it is highly important that we remember this fact: We cannot hope to be successful in our spiritual lives by simply learning the principles outlined here--yes, they must be known, but they also must be believed and put into practice. Nor will our spiritual lives be successful by merely conforming behaviorally to other ethical or doctrines teachings found in the New Testament. We must believe (**Heb. 11:6**). Works without faith is dead--so is faith without works (**Jas. 2:24**).

Spiritual life is more than just man-made rules and rituals. It is more than a plan or a formula or a checklist. Christian doctrine and morals do not work simply because they are of better quality than the doctrines and morals devised by men (although they are). Spiritual demands cannot be met by any checklist that men have created.

By all this we simply mean that what God requires of us, only He can furnish us to perform. *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Tim. 3:16-17).*

The secret ingredient is, as Paul said, *“...Christ in you, the hope of glory” (Col. 1:27)*. In trying to enjoy successful, vital spiritual living, nothing will substitute for an ever-deepening, increasingly closer relationship with God and His Son, Jesus Christ. How do we manage to do this? Simply by

reading **1 John 1:7**: *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* John has reference to the light of God’s Word: *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path” (Psa. 119:105)*. Dear reader, are **you** walking with God in the light of His Word!

Encouragement

Encouragement is one of the most valuable assets to the Christian, or anyone for that matter. Whether you are the giver or the receiver, encouragement will never be shunned or looked down upon when appropriately administered. Through the years, other terms that mean “encouragement” have become abstract to today’s world.

The Greek word “protrepomai” literally means “to exhort” – which means to turn forward for oneself. Exhort in the modern dictionary says: to incite by argument or advice: urge strongly.

In **Acts 18:27**, Apollos decided to leave Ephesus and go to Achaia where Paul had planted other churches. The NKJV writes: *“And when he desired to cross to Achaia, the brethren wrote, exhorting the disciples to receive him.”* his is the first place in the New testament where brethren had to “exhort” other brethren to receive the traveler to their fellowship. In today’s world, you don’t find too many congregations holding to this pattern. How do you think Apollos felt when he found out the brethren were sticking out their necks for him? Do you know of someone willing to stick their neck out for you?

Another Greek word “paramutheomai” – literally means *“to comfort.”* The modern dictionary says: 1) to give strength and hope to 2) to ease the trouble.

1 Thessalonians 2:10-12 NKJV *“(10) You are witnesses, and God also, how devoutly and justly and blamelessly we behaved ourselves among you who believe; (11) as you know how we **exhorted**, and **comforted**, and charged every one of you, as a father does his own children, (12) that you would walk worthy of God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory.”*

In this scripture you have both words used in a profound way. Paul was not chastising the brethren in Thessalonica; he was simply rallying the troops, as well as being tender and mindful of their situation. In today’s world, Paul was “comforting the afflicted and afflicting the comforted.”

Can you remember a time in your life that you were so encouraged? That

feeling of someone reaching into the depths of my mind and pulling out this massive amount of courage, churns fresh on my mind. Whether it was an amazing teacher from school or a coach at a ball game or maybe a parent or friend, that feeling will always be reminisced.

We have recently studied the letter from James on Sunday mornings. In chapter 3, we focused on our WORDS. More specifically, the tongue and the havoc it can cause. **James 3:5-6 NKJV** *“Even so the tongue is a little member and boasts great things. See how great a forest a little fire kindles! (6) And the tongue is a fire, a world of iniquity. The tongue is so set among our members that it defiles the whole body, and sets on fire the course of nature; and it is set on fire by hell.”*

It is true that the tongue can cause immeasurable damage to a specific person and radiate through the church and through the community and possibly throughout the world. Our words have the power to do terrible things. If we are to simply look to what Paul is telling the church in Thessalonica, we too can remember the greatness of encouragement. We’ve come too far, as those seeking to walk in the footsteps of Jesus, to be afraid to stick our necks out for each other as we encourage, exhort, and comfort one another. The tongue will be so busy commending, that it won’t have time to condemn. May your day be encouraged and may you encourage those around you. You can do it!

CREEDS

Any creed containing more than the Bible is objectionable because it does contain more than the Bible. Any creed containing less than the Bible is objectionable because it does contain less than the Bible. Any creed differing from the Bible is objectionable because it does differ from the Bible. Any creed precisely like the Bible is useless because we have the Bible.

Ben Franklin

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!