

PRAYERS

Butch and Chris – They continue to recuperate. Chris had the last round of chemo last week. Butch is scheduled to have his knee replaced on June 13th.

Chanice – She is done with dialysis but is suffering from an infection.

Connie – Had a checkup last week. She will go back in August for a follow up

Carson Lohr (Connie’s grandson)- Waiting for results from an MRI on his knee.

Zack Opheim – Continued digestion problems.

Congregation News

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: If it were not for hope, the heart would break.

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

6/10/18

6/17/18

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

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

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| Birthdays & Anniversaries | Building Cleanup |
| June 10 th - Kristen Bright | Bright |
| June 12 th - Paul and Sylvia Darling | |
| June 14 th – Corban Crawford | |

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| <p>Aberdeen church of Christ 1801 S. Lincoln St. Aberdeen, SD 57401 605-225-3621 www.aberdeenchurchofchrist.net</p> | <p>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</p> |
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Aberdeen church of Christ

June 10, 2018

CURSING AND SWEARING

I read that George Washington once said, “The foolish and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing is a vice so low that every person of sense and character detests and despises it.” Someone else said, “Profanity is the attempt of a big mouth to express a midget-sized mind.” It is often someone’s own effort to establish their authority at the expense of God’s glory. A news service more than a generation ago reported that Americans at that time uttered more than one billion curse words-- daily! If that was accurate, over eleven thousand curse words were spoken each second! I doubt that America has improved much on this record in the present day. Americans (and others, too) are probably cursing more now than they did back then.

A number of years ago, some rock musicians used profane words on a national TV network that violated even liberal broadcast standards. After several incidents on the program, network operators received many calls in complaint. The next day the late Paul Harvey said their speech was “verbal garbage.”

One time a man that was half Egyptian and half Jewish got into a fight with a Jewish man and blasphemed the name of the Lord and cursed. His offense was considered so serious that he was placed in ward so that proper justice might be determined. After they consulted with God, the man was given the death penalty for his sin--he was to be stoned to death **(Lev. 24:10-13, 23)**. God told Moses to warn the Jewish people, “...Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. And he that blasphemeth the name of the Lord shall surely be put to death” **(Lev. 24:15-16)**.

The habit of cursing is unbecoming of any person of character, whether male or female. It is especially distressing to hear young people talk like a peg-legged sailor. And it is unthinkable that a Christian would use gutter language! A Christian who does so, professes one thing, but his speech betrays him. Jesus warns us, “And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” **(Matt. 12:36-37)**.

Here is the truth about profanity: Using profanity (coarse, vile, filthy, foul, street gutter language and cursing) will cause one (man or woman--young or old--black or white--rich or poor) to lose his/her own soul!

Signposts on the Way to Apostasy

We know how important it is for us to be aware of the symptoms of disease. The signs indicating the possibility of cancer or some other malady may save our lives and/or those of our loved ones. To ignore these symptoms can be an extremely dangerous choice. Medical experts continually expend large amounts of funds on research hoping to warn our population of the symptoms that occur in life-threatening diseases.

There are also symptoms of spiritual disease, that of departing from the faith, and giving heed to these signs could well be the instrument by which our souls are saved eternally. Are any of the following signs of drifting away from Christ present in your life? Consider them before it is too late to arrest the disease. No disease of mankind is as serious as eternal damnation.

1. Can you easily put hobbies, your work, TV or other activities ahead of your commitment to Christ?
2. Is it becoming a bore for you to attend the assembly and worship God? Can you miss a Sunday without feeling guilty?
3. Has Bible study been programmed out of your normal routine? Has it been a long time since you attended Bible class?
4. Do you find yourself being critical of the song leaders, the preacher and teachers, the elders and deacons?
5. When you do discuss the work and activities of the church, do you usually speak of them as something for other people?
6. Do you suddenly realize that you give little of yourself, your time, your money and your energy for the work of the church?
7. Does your conscience no longer bother you when you fail to do what God has commanded? Or when you commit overt sin?
8. Do you feel no urgency to share the gospel with your friends, family and associates?
9. Do you spend more money and time on golf, fishing, movies, computers or the race track than you give to God's work?
10. Have you found that most of your closest friends are not Christians, and that you have little interest in being with Christians?

If these symptoms are developing in your life, stop now and determine you will change your ways! Don't delay!

God Does Help with Our Problems

One of the most difficult questions concerning biblical faith is that of pain and suffering. This article may help us a little as we face life as Christians.

When Paul was arrested and bound for Rome on a ship, a great storm arose. Finally, after many days, when hunger set in and all hope of being saved was abandoned, Paul stood up and told the passengers that God had given him a message: "You will all be saved!" After a total of 14 days, they ran aground.

Here are a few things to consider:

- Paul was arrested, but God had a purpose.
- He was caught in a storm but God brought him through it.
- Some sailors tried to escape in boats, but Paul alerted the soldiers who stopped them.
- The soldiers planned to kill all the prisoners (as Romans did in those days), but the centurion saved Paul and the rest.
- They washed up on the island of Malta, having lost everything aboard, but all lives were spared.
- And then, Paul was bitten by a snake!

God did not take this powerful apostle away from his problems; He took him through the problems, showing Christian faith and victory. God will help you through your problems, though He does not always (or often) remove your problems. Your job is to glorify Him as you work faithfully through each trial. Read Acts 27:27-28:7.

Be strong!

Who Am I?

He is a son of Jonathan

He was crippled in his feet

He ate at David's table (2 Sam. 9:13)

Answer last week. **Ebed-Melech**