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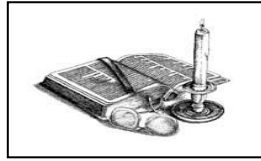
Sunday

Bible study: 10am

Worship: 11am

Wednesday

Bible Study: 6pm



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*“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” -----
---Matthew 5:16---*

Visitors: You are our honored guests. Please fill out a visitor’s card. You can place in the collection plate or hand to one of us. Please stay a few minutes after service so we can get to know you.

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ATTENDANCE week of February 17, 2018

Sun School-----16
Worship----- 23
Wed, night-----9
Contribution-----\$400

ANNOUNCEMENTS

First Sunday fellowship meal next week after worship.

It is time for a directory. Please take one of the forms and fill it out to update your information. Return forms to Bro Flowers.

Men's business meeting today after worship.

The Scouts will be having the pinewood derby races here Saturday March 2 @ 1pm. Everyone is invited to stop by and enjoy the good time.

There are free cards in the office if you wish to send one to a fellow christian in need. A kind word goes a long way.

If you are going to be traveling and know you will miss service, please let us know so we can pray for your safe return.

Wednesday Night Bible Study
Minor Prophets (Zechariah)

PRAYER LIST:

Leota Weston
Sonny Gay
E.Y. Fry
Dick Godfrey
Michael Dixon
Josh McElrath
Janice Johnson
Annemarie Ruhlman
Margaret Schoen
Coleen Holt
Jan Townsend
Carolyn Ledford
Muriel Boyd
Martin Davis
Jim Johnson

Birthdays:

Christ On David's Throne (Part 2 of 3)

by Jason Flowers

What Was Established?

When God spoke to David, He said, "your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." (**2 Sam. 7:16**). God promised to establish three things: David's house, David's kingdom, and David's throne. When you find out when one of these items was established you will find out when all of them were established.

David's house (royal family) was established in the first century. Matthew begins his gospel by proclaiming Christ to be "the Son of David, the Son of Abraham" (**Matt. 1:1**). Many centuries before God had promised, through the prophet Amos, to "raise up the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, and repair its damages" (**Amos 9:11**). The NKJV adds a textual note to this verse, which says, "Lit. booth, A figure of a deposed dynasty." Amos had gone from his home at Tekoa to Bethel to prophesy against the kingdom of Israel, which had become very corrupt, and to warn the people of their coming doom (**Amos 1:1; 7:7-17**). The rule of David's house had ended for Israel when they left the theocracy; it ended for Judah with the carrying away of Coniah into Babylon (**Jer. 22:24-30**). They were sifted and scattered among the nations, and these verses refer to their return from captivity.

The "tabernacle" of David was the "royal family" of David. Please observe C.F. Keil's comments on the word "tabernacle" in this context: "*Sukkah*, a hut, indicates, by way of contrast to *bayith*, the house or palace which David built for himself upon Zion (**2 Sam. v.11**), a degenerate condition of the royal house of David. This is placed beyond all doubt by the predicate *nopheleth*, fallen down. As the stately palace supplies a figurative representation of the greatness and might of the kingdom, so does the fallen hut, which is full of rents and near destruction, symbolize the utter ruin of the kingdom. If the family of David no longer dwells in palace, but in a miserable fallen hut, its regal sway must have come to an end."

When the apostles and elders met in Jerusalem to discuss the state of the Gentiles, James quoted the prophecy of Amos and pointed out that it had to be fulfilled before the Gentiles could seek after God (**Acts 15:13-19**). What had to happen before the Gentiles could seek after God? The tabernacle of David had to be rebuilt. If Christ is not on David's throne, if the tabernacle has not been rebuilt, then the Gentiles cannot seek after God!

David's kingdom was "established" by Christ in the first century. Paul told the Colossians how God "has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love" (**Col. 1:13**). He told Hebrew Christians that "since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear" (**Heb. 12:28**).

David's throne was "established" when God raised "up the Christ to sit on his throne" and exalted Him "to the right hand of God" (**Acts 2:29-36**). Christ told the church at Laodicea, "To him who overcomes I will grant to sit with Me on My throne, as I also overcame and sat down with My Father on His throne" (**Rev. 3:21**).

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 9:30-33

THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY

Announcements.....Ernest McElrath
Bible Class Prayer.....Ed Townsend
Song LeaderDon Roe
Direct Lord’s Supper.... Doug McElrath
Assist Lord’s Supper.....Ron Weston
Assist Lord’s Supper.....Micah Pate
Opening Prayer.....Jim Johnson
Scripture Reading.....Martin Davis
Sermon.....Jason Flowers
Closing Prayer.....Ed Townsend

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED

HEAR GOD’S WORD—ROMANS 10:17
BELIEVE IN CHRIST—JOHN 3:16, MARK 16:16
REPENT OF SINS—LUKE 13:3 ACTS 2:38
CONFESS CHRIST—ACTS 8:37, ROMANS 10:10
BE BAPTIZED—GALATIANS 3:27, ACTS 2:38
LIVE FAITHFULLY—JOHN 8:31, 1ST COR 15:58

Announcements, prayer requests, or suggestions

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