

THE WORD

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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 March 3, 2019

Sun School-----18

Worship----- 23

Wed, night-----9

Contribution-----\$614

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please start inviting and talking about the gospel meeting in April.

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.

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:

Eli Wheeler (12)

E.Y. Fry (15)

Wednesday Night Bible Study
Minor Prophets (Zechariah Chpt 6)

How God Has Dealt with Racism (pt2)

By Jason Flowers

Even the greatest among the nation of Israel was not immune to succumbing to racism. As they traveled to the promised land Aaron and Miriam became jealous of Moses' wife. They said that Moses was less than others because he had married a Cushite woman (**Num 12**). It is said Moses' was the meekest in all the earth and did not say a thing in the face of his brother and sister slandering his wife. But the Lord called them out of the tent. There He reaffirmed Moses as His chosen one to bring Israel out of bondage. God said he speaks to prophets in visions, but to Moses "mouth to mouth... (**vs 8**)." The Lord's anger was kindled against Aaron and Miriam. Miriam was struck with leprosy and put out of the camp 7 days. Aaron pleaded with God to forgive them of practicing this foolish sin.

When Jesus came on the scene, He taught not hatred, but love. One of the most famous of Christ's parables was the parable of the Good Samaritan (**Luke 10:25–37**). At the time of His telling this story, the Jews and Samaritans hated one another. This animosity went back as far as the time of Nehemiah when the northerners tried to halt the reconstruction of the walls of the city of Jerusalem. Between the Testaments, a 400-year span of time between the events of Malachi and Matthew, other things took place. Josephus, the first-century Jewish historian, noted that the Samaritans would claim kinship with the Jews when it garnered them a political favor, but when the Jews were in disfavor with the powers that were, the Samaritans claimed no kinship. The hatred had grown, but when Jesus told this parable, it was not the Jewish priest or Levite who showed compassion, but a Samaritan—something that the audience who heard Him likely found shocking.

One might hope that after following Jesus for so long and hearing Him teach that racial bigotry would have been eliminated in the hearts of His followers. However, even Peter found it hard to associate with non-Jews (Gentiles). He was given a vision of God where he was no longer to regard non-Jews as unclean, and he went to a Gentile but even stated to Cornelius, the Roman centurion, "God has shown me that I should not call any man common or unclean" (**Acts 10:28**). It's my personal hope and prayer that we can say that God has also shown us not to hate.

Jesus came to break down the very walls some would seek to build because of one's skin color or creed. Most of our churches are full of people from different backgrounds, and this is to be celebrated. In the church of Christ, there is no distinction between classes, races, languages, or educational acumen among those who would fear God and follow Jesus. The truth is as Paul wrote it, "There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus" (**Galatians 3:28**). May we who wear the name "Christian" be such people who speak against those whose message is hatred, bigotry, and racism. May we denounce their acts from the pulpits entrusted to us by God's grace and may be reconciled to God, first, and

to each other, second. There is no justification for hatred if one follows Jesus. Until we begin speaking up and against such, we may very well be painted with the same brush as them.

SCRIPTURE READING – Romans 2:12-16

THOSE WHO ARE HONORED TO SERVE TODAY

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

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

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