

The Lord's Day ~ January 18th, 2015

(Prayer at 8:30am)

9:00am: II Corinthians 7

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Please join us downstairs for our Fellowship Coffee Hour!

This Week @ B.C.C.

Wednesday: Person & Work of the Holy Spirit.....7:00pm

Children's Programs downstairs for Nursery - Grade 5. *Parents, please be sure to retrieve your children as soon as Pastor concludes the teaching.* Thank you.

Announcements.

- ◆ **Thought for the Day:** "We love the Lord, of course, but we often wonder what He finds in us." —Ed Howe
- ◆ "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits...What shall I render to the LORD for all His benefits toward me...Blessed be the Lord, who daily loads us with benefits, the God of our salvation" (Psalms 103:2; Psalms 116:12; Psalms 68:19)
- ◆ **January 18th: Communion/Agape Supper.** Please join us today after second service as we join together for food and fellowship celebrating the sacrifice of our Savior and His victory over sin and death.
- ◆ **Men's and Woman's Breakfast** this Saturday. Men will meet at Pastor's house at 9 am and the women likewise in the Fellowship Hall.

Your words were found, and I ate them. And your word was to me the joy and rejoicing of my heart (Jeremiah 15:16)

And Abraham was called the friend of God (James 2:23)

What a badge of honor: to be called a friend of God. Jesus called His apostles friends (John 15:14). What set Abraham apart that gave them that special distinction of being a friend of God? Well it says earlier that Abraham believed God and it was accounted to him for righteousness. God accounted Abraham as righteous simply because of his simple faith and trust in God's promises to him and acted on them. Moses was also called a friend of God (Exodus 33:11). We are told in Hebrews 11 that without faith it is impossible to please God. Faith, namely faith in God's promises is pleasing to God. If I made a promise or an affirmation to someone, it would please me greatly if that person believed me. "I love you, honey." "I don't believe you." Yet when Christ came, He didn't come to die for His friends. Jesus said earlier "Greater love has no man than this that a man would lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). Romans tells us, "for scarcely for a righteous man will one die, yet perhaps for a good man one may even dare to die, but God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us!" Christ died not for His friends but for His enemies so that we might become His friends through simple faith and trust in His promises.

"Now therefore, we are all present before God, to hear all the things commanded you by God." - Acts 10:33 To avoid distracting others please turn off cell phones and beepers before the service begins. Also refrain from leaving the auditorium *once the teaching has begun.* For those who must leave we have a speaker and chairs in the lobby for your use for the remainder of the service. Thank you.

PARKING SERVICE

If for any reason you would rather not try to maneuver the hill just pull up to front door and ask an usher to park your car for you. Let him know if you'd also like him to retrieve it for you when you're ready to leave.

TITHES & OFFERINGS

If you arrived after the Offering was received you may put your tithe and offering in a dated envelope [*with your name if you wish to receive tax credit*] and place them in the AGAPE BOX in the back of the sanctuary. Likewise with Special Offerings: Please designate where the offering is to be used, if you so wish.

CHURCH INFORMATION

Pastor Frank and Vi are available to encourage you in the Word of God regarding your walk with the Lord. Just call them at 656-7107 or 656-7021. Larry and Gwen as well as Ken and Dawn are available for prayer as well. Call them at 492-2130 and 432-9976 respectively. Both Sunday morning and afternoon, as well as Wednesday Evening messages are available on cassette tapes and on CD for \$3.00. Copies of teaching and worship are available at the front office.