

Northside Church of Christ

“God is a Spirit; and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.”
John 4:24



And If We Suffer... By Bill Jackson

Paul promises that all who live godly in Christ will suffer persecution (2 Timothy 3:12), and it needs to be remembered that not all persecution is of a physical sort that touches our fleshly bodies. More, all will be tempted (1 Corinthians 10:13), and all will have those occasions when they sin (1 John 1:8, 10). None can claim exemption here!

Some of God’s children will know and experience painful afflictions, due to their living in a tabernacle of clay, and due to disease touching them in a way that does not come to everybody. God’s child, of course, takes what comes his way in this life, and possesses the faith that he and God can handle it all! But we note just here 2 Corinthians 4:17, where Paul mentions affliction, and ties to it the fact that God proportionately prepares blessings. “For our light affliction, which is put for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory.” We’re glad it’s thus stated, that those enduring pain can know that blessings and joy are prepared on the other side to more than offset the troubles known in this life!

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

9:00 AM

Study of Revelation

SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 AM

5:00 PM

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Family Bible Study

7:00 PM

Study Text : Matthew 2:1-14; Luke 2:21-40



Please visit our website
nscocmeridian.com

Information about our congregation
Sermon Audio Archives
Previous Bulletins
Member Pages



Like our Facebook Page



“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.”

2 Timothy 2:15

Northside Church of Christ
4217 Highway 39 N
Meridian, MS 39301

Place
Stamp
Here

If We Don't Feed It, It Won't Grow

By Mike Riley

From the Scriptures, we know that spiritual growth is a necessity for the Christian. The principle is that proper spiritual feeding will produce proper spiritual growth (1 Peter 2:2; cf. Hebrews 5:13-14; 2 Timothy 2:1-2). However when we consider evil and evil influences in our lives, the reverse of this growth principle should be employed, not allowing evil to take root and grow. For a few moments of time, let us illustrate this reverse principle using the following five scenarios:

1) A man selects a site on his property for a garden but he does not till the soil. No fertilizer is placed with the seed; no watering is done. He just scatters the seed and walks away. However, the man still expects a large crop of vegetables. Let's ask ourselves, is this man being realistic in his expectation? The answer of course is "No" – the principle being: "If we don't feed it, it won't grow."

2) A young man hears about a party his friends are having. He accepts an invitation and shows up, only to find that it is a poker party. Since celebrities are playing poker and it is on so many TV channels, it must a cool way to have fun and make "easy" money. The young man, however, knows that it is gambling, and is well aware of the tragic consequences of gambling addiction. He walks away from the party, resolving not to gamble, even if it means his friends will be disappointed. He believes the risk of addiction is too great – "If we don't feed it, it won't grow."

3) A man has been married for several years. He loves his wife and believes their marriage is good, but he is a little bored. At work, he spends a lot of time around a single young woman. She is physically attractive and personable. Most of their contact is work-related and so far he has kept it that way.

However, he knows that she would associate with him outside of work, if he would but ask. After thinking it over, he resolves to work on his relationship with his wife, to be more attentive, and to liven up their marriage with better communication and more romance. He resists the urge to build a deeper relationship with the woman at work (cf. Genesis 39:7-12; James 4:7-8) – "If we don't feed it, it won't grow."

4) A young man and woman in their early twenties have dated for several months and believe they are "serious" about each other. There's a real possibility that they will get married.

They say they "love" each other, expressing those terms in verbal and non-verbal ways. However, they are Christians and have resolved to avoid fornication and save themselves sexually for marriage.

Thus, they have set definite limits on their physical displays of affection. They could give in to lust, like so many have chosen to do (2 Samuel 11:1-4; cf. James 1:14-15), but they don't – "If we don't feed it, it won't grow."

5) A man is offended by a lifelong friend. He thinks about the situation, but decides to act in good faith and talk to his friend about the problem (Matthew 18:15; Matthew 18:21 cf. Luke 17:3; Leviticus 19:17). The friend completely understands, and he too wants to do what is right. Resentment, though contemplated, does not begin – "If we don't feed it, it won't grow."

Brethren and friends, is there something we are presently feeding that shouldn't be fed?

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments
- Howard Hall
- Serrie Smith
- Millie Williams
- Donna Hill
- Gary Cradic

Communion Preparation

- Sign up sheet for 2020 is in foyer
- March - Montgomery
- April - Rowell

Announcements

- 5th Sunday Worship Format Today; Lunch following Morning Service

March Birthdays & Anniversary's

- 6th - Mark Potts
- 13th - Larry Montgomery
- 20th - Robbie Cooper
- 26th - Ken Williams
- 30th - Don Thrash
- Greg & Maxine Powell

Every Sunday Morning
@ 6:00 AM
on WTOK-TV



Men to Serve

Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Shay Cooper
- Scripture Reading - 1 Samuel 12:20-24
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Scott Williams
- Scripture Reading - John 19:1-6
- Assist on Lord's Table - Don Thrash
- Mark Potts
- Donald Montgomery

Closing Prayer - James Johnson

Sunday Afternoon

- Announcements - Chuck Rowell
- Lead Singing - Mark Potts
- Opening Prayer - Rick Carlberg
- Closing Prayer - Don Potts



- Comcast Cable 8
- Comcast Cable 438
- Comcast Cable 1012
- DirecTV 12
- Dish Network 9306
- Dishnet Local 49
- Over-the-air 11.3