

Northside Church of Christ

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



Building A Bridge To God By Unknown

Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God. - James 4:4

If someone insisted that we were enemies of God, we would probably object. We don't wish to be identified as enemies of God, but in fact many leave His camp to join the enemy. When we become a friend of the world, we create a division between us and God. The lusts of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the boastful pride of life, can drag us away from Him. How can we get back to being a friend of God? Jesus did the work for us when He died on the cross for our sins. The cross literally built a bridge over the chasm that separates us. Romans five should be a great comfort to us trying to get out of the enemy camp. It tells us that Christ died for us while we were yet enemies, so we could be reconciled to God. When reconciled, we can glorify God since we are saved by the life and death of Christ. We all sin and become enemies eventually. Let's be thankful Jesus already paved the road back in advance. Let's take that road with boldness and joy.

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 8:1-4;14-17,
Mark 1:29-34; 40-45,
Luke 4:38-44; 5:12-16



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“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

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Blessed Are the Peacemakers

By Alan Smith

In Old Testament (and, even today, in some parts of the world), a well was an extremely valuable commodity. It was a necessity for human survival and for the well-being of livestock. It's not surprising, then, that a well was often a source of contention as people argued about who owned the well.

For example, "Isaac dug again the wells of water that had been dug in the days of Abraham his father...and he gave them the names that his father had given them. But when Isaac's servants dug in the valley and found there a well of spring water, the herdsmen of Gerar quarreled with Isaac's herdsmen saying, 'The water is ours.'"Then they dug another well and they quarreled over that also." (Genesis26:18-21).

An Arab bought a well from a Jew. The next day, while on his way to market, he met the Jew who told him, "Brother Patel, I sold the well to you, but I did not sell the water, so if you use the water, you will have to pay extra for it."

The Arab replied, "I was just planning to come over to your place and ask you to empty the water, and if you don't, then you will have to pay me rent for your water staying in my well."

Sounds like someone could have used the peacemaking spirit of Isaac! When the herdsmen of Gerar wanted to argue about the two wells he had just dug, Isaac simply "moved from there and dug another well." (Genesis 26:22).

There's a part of us that wants to say that wasn't right. Isaac should have insisted on keeping his first two wells. He dug them. They belonged to him. They were his by right. But Isaac understood something that we are sometimes slow to understand that God often expects us to give up our "rights" in the name of peace.

As a result, we have trouble understanding how to apply Jesus's command, "And if any man will sue thee at the law, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloke also" - Matthew 5:40. That goes against our human nature. We want to fight for what is rightfully ours. And the more precious the item is to us, the harder we will fight. We don't want to be seen as a "doormat" and we feel the need to stand up for ourselves if we are not being treated fairly.

Meanwhile, Isaac simply "moved from there and dug another well." (Genesis 26:22). No fighting, no arguing. He said, "It's mine, but you can have it." And, in the process, Isaac lived out one of the Beatitudes of Jesus, setting a great example for us:

" Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God." (Matthew 5:9)

Prayer Requests This Week

- Pray for all those with ongoing health ailments (Howard Hall, Serrie Smith, Millie Williams, Donna Hill)

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Communion Preparation

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

Announcements

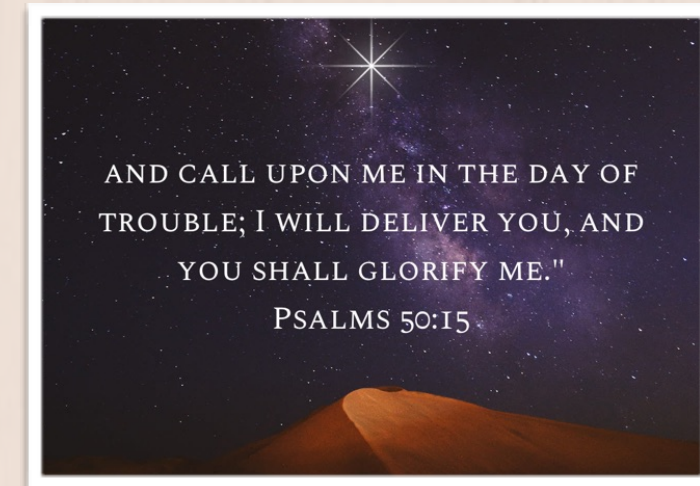
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March Birthdays & Anniversary's

- 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

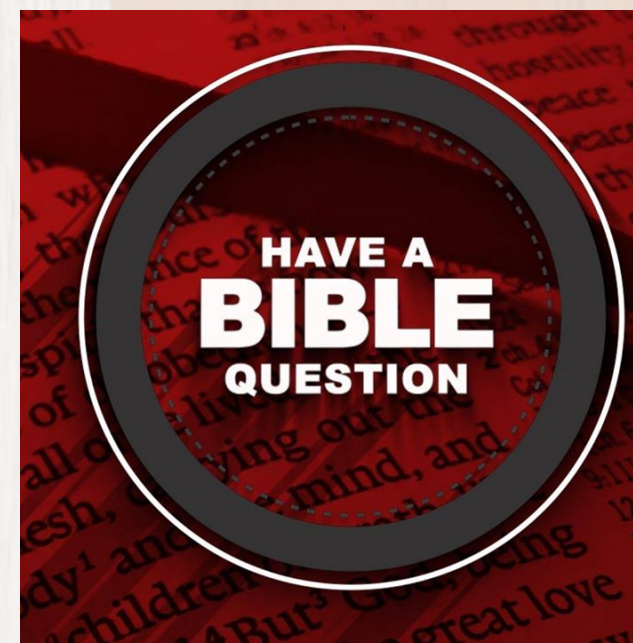
Sunday Morning

- Announcements/Opening Prayer - Greg Powell
- Scripture Reading - Psalm 50:8-15
- Lead Singing - Chuck Rowell
- Head of Lord's Table - Don Potts
- Scripture Reading - Matthew 26:25-29
- Assist on Lord's Table - Mark Potts
- David Cradic
- James Johnson

Closing Prayer - Shay Cooper

Sunday Afternoon

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



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