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WORSHIP TIMES

9:45 am
Sunday School

10:45 am
Worship Service

MINISTERS

The Congregation

STAFF

Pastor

Rev. Mike Lee
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From Pastor Mike....

One of the distinctive and essential characteristics of Methodist theology and thought is the belief in "Personal Holiness." In a recent Bible Study on the letters of Paul to the church at Thessalonica, we found what I believe is a wonderful description of "Personal Holiness" that makes this concept easier to understand. In 1 Thessalonians 2:12, Paul urges believers to **"walk in a manner worthy of the God who calls you into His own kingdom and glory."**

This verse intrigues me on several levels. One is that Paul teaches us that this "walking worthy" does not come from our own personal power or decision but rather comes about as a result of God's grace in our lives. This grace transforms us and empowers us to become all that God designed us to be from the beginning. But how do we make this transformation happen if not from our own doing? Paul proclaims that when one encounters God's word – through listening to preaching, in Bible study, meditation on God's word, song, prayer, and other expressions – the power of God goes to work in us, and transformation happens. In other words, we do not do these "religious" things to prove our holiness but rather when we allow God's word to take up residence in our hearts and spirits, holiness happens in us by the very presence of God's Holy Spirit in our lives. Our task becomes one of simply spending time with God.

The second concept that strikes me in this passage is that "God calls believers". So many times, we think that the gift of salvation is given to save us from Hell and secure a place in Heaven, which it does. But this scripture tells us that in addition to this gift God, through His grace, calls us to become involved in ministry and service to others – both fellow believers and those outside the kingdom of God. Believers have a divine responsibility of sharing God's grace with others and finding ways to become the "hands and feet of Christ" in their lives.

This is how "Personal Holiness" becomes real and authentic in our lives. It is not the individual doing something for others but rather God transforming us into the likeness of Jesus Christ and then living out of that new creation. It is not a behavior, or a way of doing better, but is an expression of God's presence, grace, and love growing in our lives and manifested toward others. "Personal Holiness" becomes the natural, normal expression of who we are and who God desires for us to be and become. To live in this manner is to truly walk in a manner worthy before God. May this be our prayer as God's individual disciples and as His church.

Mark Your Calendar for the Lunch & Learn in May!

Our next Lunch & Learn will be on Wednesday, May 15th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. The speaker will be Aesha Ealey, a Family Recruiter with the Children's Home Society. Please call or email the church office by Friday, May 10th if you plan to attend so we will know how many to plan for lunch.

A Note of Thanks.....

Dear Church Family,

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to each one of you for your unwavering support, prayers, and calls during this time of loss. Your presence and comforting words have meant the world to us.

Additionally, a special thank you for the generous assistance with the meal served at the memorial service for Billy Askew. Your kindness and love have truly touched our hearts and lifted our spirits.

With Sincere Appreciation,

Rae, Norman, Donna and Family

OUR SYMPATHY

Lorri Finch lost her sister, Vicki Draughn Norman, on Thursday, April 4, 2024. Vicki was the sister-in-law of Charles Finch. A celebration of Vicki's life will take place at First Baptist Church of Greensboro on May 11 at 1pm with a visitation following the service.

Please remember this family as this is the second loss of Lorri's siblings this year.

FROM THE GEORGE ELDER SS CLASS

The following SS class and Archdale Methodist Church members have a new address.

- Mr. Roy Catlett

c/o Piedmont Crossing

100 Hedrick Drive - Room 225

Thomasville NC 27360

- Mrs. Kathy Brown

Westchester Key Apartments

720 Westchester Drive, Apt. G

High Point NC 27262

- Submitted by Shirley Cecil

Happy Birthday!

Memorials

In Memory of Debbie Alwran

Given by:

Sandra Hale

Larry & Maxine Sechrest

In Memory of Linda Anderson

Given by Sandra Hale

In Memory of Billy Askeu

Given by:

Sandra Hale

James & Lib Harris

Larry & Maxine Sechrest

Ed & Carolyn Lawrence

Honorariums

In Honor of Roy Catlett

Given by the George Elder Sunday

School Class

05/01 Ellis Bentley
05/03 Gary Brock
05/03 Ronald Fletcher
05/03 Sydnie Stewart
05/03 Amanda Wentz
05/03 Sarah Yow
05/04 Jill Connor
05/04 Wesley Hodgins
05/04 Heather Mann
05/04 Cade McKinney
05/04 Daniel Peele
05/04 Larry Sechrest
05/04 Amanda Sellers
05/06 Ashton Harmon
05/07 Shirley Cecil
05/08 Damian Milligan
05/09 Carol Hanes
05/09 Will Huffman
05/09 LuAnn Spain
05/10 Sarrah Horne
05/10 Terri Boles
05/10 Lauren Huthmaker
05/10 Liam Lanier
05/10 Cathy Lee
05/10 Haley Mazoo
05/10 Emily Rose
05/12 April Kennedy
05/12 Kevin Stewart
05/13 Burt Casper
05/13 Charles Finch
05/13 Robert Knotts
05/13 Harold Shives
05/13 Jaxson White
05/14 Allie-Cate Bentley
05/15 Bobbie Finch
05/15 Joe Martin
05/15 Gavin Prince
05/16 Cindy Clodfelter
05/16 Kim Everhart
05/17 Charles Dobbins
05/17 Gladys Suggs

05/18 Graham Dysinger
05/18 Judah Hollifield
05/18 Kay Nichols
05/19 Joe Colclough
05/19 Gayle Powell
05/19 Brandon Smith
05/20 Stephanie Hedrick
05/21 Wayne Jarrell
05/21 Priscilla Simonenko
05/21 Amy Walker
05/22 Steve Huffman
05/22 Zachary Huffman
05/22 Linda Justice
05/25 Zane Blossom
05/25 Auburn Lance
05/26 Gary Guffey
05/26 Lindsay O'Connor
05/26 Don Ross
05/27 McKenzie Barefoot
05/28 Ellie Beck
05/28 John Snead
05/29 Darrell Gates
05/29 Phillip Hollifield
05/29 Sandy Rains
05/29 Debbie Robertson



NEW RESERVED SIGNS

A gift of 8 new reserved signs has been received by the church for use at different services. The cloth signs are to be placed on the back of the pew when there is a need. They are hanging on hangers in the Narthex coat closet. Please return to the closet when the service they are being used for is over.

The ones previously used are in the cabinet located in the Narthex of the church.



Roy Catlett, Debbie Dean, Charles Dobbins, Mandy Forrester,
Jack Hensley, Wayne McGavic, Jo Parker,
Betty Roach, Mary Jean Smith, Jackie Stroud

Our Homebound Members are very important members of our congregation.

We would like to remind them they are remembered and thought of.
If you would like to send them a birthday card, thinking of you card, or give them a call, this would mean so much to each of our Homebound Members.

Homebound Member Birthday:

May 17 Charles Dobbins

6790 Fairview Church Rd
Trinity, NC 27370
336-880-4313

PLEASE NOTE:

We will be closing our Post Office Box at the end of May.

The Church's mailing address is:

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Where We Were Last Month

Date	Offering Received	Budget Amount Received to Date	Budget Amount Needed to Date	Week #	Sunday School	Worship Attendance
04/07/2024	\$5,931.50	\$67,125.52	\$79,539.45	14	72	90
04/14/2024	\$3,265.00	\$70,390.52	\$85,220.85	15	73	100
04/21/2024	\$3,585.00	\$73,975.52	\$90,902.24	16	64	98
04/28/2024	\$2,997.00	\$76,972.52	\$95,583.63	17	98	105

Capital Improvements Fund

Given in April: \$225.00
Received to date: \$2,065.00