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Sundays: 11 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 6 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Classes: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

August 4, 2013

To our visitors, we want you to know that we are honored by your being with us today. We welcome any questions you may have. All materials that you see are free of charge and if there is any other information you would like, we will be happy to provide it.

WORKS WE SUPPORT

John Shafer, Foreign Evangelism

Peter and Pooi Fun Chin, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore

"Seek The Old Paths"

Chuck Northrop, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)

Billy Daugherty III, Memphis School of Preaching (Student)

Dustin McCrickard, Bible Institute of Missouri (Student)

Phillip Vanwinkle, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Kent Eakins, Hermitage, MO

Scott Klaff, Mt. Pleasant, MI

"Whom Do You Serve?" Television Program

"Bible Questions with Bible Answers" Television Program

UPCOMING SERMONS

SUNDAY AM

Aug. 4	The rule book
Aug. 11	One is as good as another???
Aug. 18	Church discipline (1)
Aug. 25	Church discipline (2)

SUNDAY PM

Aug. 4	How can a loving God (1)? (429)
Aug. 11	How can a loving God (2)? (430)
Aug. 18	The Bible only makes Christians only and the only Christians (431)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nancy Pardon, Pete Darling, Rusty Darling, Phyllis Darling, Raymond Heinz, Teresa Heinz, Carolyn Jensen, Margaret Coats, Doug McArthur, Cheryll Akers, Kathy Briggs, Robert Van Alstine, Jewel Warfield, Ed Warfield, Bill Arnold, Marilyn Smith, Carol Wilson, Lillian's brother, Tom's mother, Todd Grant, Clayton Peck

READING OF SCRIPTURE:

AM: Psa. 119:105,106

PM: Jn. 3:14-16

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Aug. 4 – Song leading training at 4:45 p.m.

Aug. 4 -- Potluck

Aug. 18 – Soldier's Packages, Business meeting

Aug. 25 – Singing at 5 p.m.

Sept. 27 – Seminar at Webberville (Michael Golwitzer – “Reliability of the New Testament”)

Dec. 27 – Seminar at Webberville (Scott Klaft – “What are we coming to? – A study of Heb. 11,12”)

INGHAM COUNTY FAIR: The fair is now history. One more time, we have had the opportunity to pass out Bible study materials and visit with people. I will provide a more complete report once I get the final numbers. Our thanks to all those who helped with the booth.

TAKE IT PATIENTLY

Charles Coats

One of the differences between a Christian and the world is how they deal with difficulties that come their way. The world reacts by wanting to get even with someone (“You did me wrong; I will do you wrong”). To the world, if they do something good, they expect to be praised for it. They will not tolerate someone being evil to them, especially when they believe they have done something that is worthy of praise.

For the Christian, though, our reactions are different. To help us understand this, God uses a master/servant relationship in 1 Pet. 2 to teach us to endure afflictions. Note the following from 1 Pet. 2:18-20.

1. Servants were taught to be in subjection to their masters, even if their masters were mean (18). It is easy to be obedient to good masters, but much harder to be obedient to those who are unkind, yet God commands us to be in subjection to all of those over us.
2. It is that which God desires – if you suffer wrongfully, endure grief (19). God is not desiring that we are treated badly, but if you are treated badly, then endure the wrong.
3. It is God’s will that when we do well and suffer for it, we take it patiently (20). The mindset of a Christian is one who imitates the example of Jesus in all that we do, even when mistreated by others. Read carefully 1 Pet. 2:21-23, especially 23.

How we deal with adversity is what sets us apart from the world? We do not desire to get even with people; we do not wish harm to come upon them; we desire the salvation of their souls. We do not return evil for evil, but overcome evil with good (Rom. 12:17,21). We remember that a soft answer turns away wrath, but to retaliate only stirs up anger (Prov. 15:1). We do good unto all men, not just those who are kind to us (Gal. 6:10; Rom. 12:19,20). We endure afflictions, that is, we keep on keeping on (2 Tim. 4:5).

As Christians, we are lights in a world of darkness who shine even when adversity comes our way (Matt. 5:16).