

Works We Support

- **John Shafer**, Foreign Evangelism. (MO, NE, & India)
- **Peter and Pooi Fun Chin**, Four Seas College of Bible & Missions, Singapore
- **“Seek The Old Paths”**, Monthly Newsletter
- **Chuck Northrop**, Bible Institute of Missouri (Instructor)
- **Kent Eakins**, Hermitage, MO
- **Chris O'Brien**, Mexico
- **“Whom Do You Serve?”**, Television Program
- **“Bible Questions With Bible Answers”**, Television Program

Scripture Readings

AM: Ezekiel 20:6-9

PM: 1 John 3:1-4

Upcoming Sermons

Sunday AM

March 5: Philip Steele – Keeping God's Reputation
Pure

March 12:

March 19: Philip Steele –

Sunday PM

March 5: #615 Philip Steele – What Is Sin?

March 12: #616

March 19: #617 Philip Steele –

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Sundays: 11 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 3 p.m.

Services:

Sunday

Bible Class: 10 a.m.

Worship Assembly: 11 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes: 7 p.m.

Sunday, March 5, 2017

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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.

Exhort

The world is constantly tearing people down. Children are bullying other children in schools and on the internet, which has led some to harm themselves (and a few have even killed themselves). And adults are not any better. This past election and its aftermath have seen many people tearing down others, some with their words and others with their actions. The reason many people tear others down is to make themselves feel better. The world is selfish, thinking the only way to feel better is by making others feel worse.

We expect this behavior from those in the world, but it is sad to see this type of behavior in a congregation of the church of Christ. In some places, you will see people tearing others down. They will complain about the lessons the preacher is giving. They will complain about the elders and deacons and what they are doing. They will complain and tear down others in the congregation.

This is not what God wants from us. God wants us to exhort or build up or encourage each other. The world will do its best to tear us down, because the world is under the rule of Satan, and he will stop at nothing to destroy every Christian he can (1 Peter 5:8). We are not to be like the world, but we are to be different. We are to look for ways where we can encourage others in the congregation to do what they can for God. We are to encourage the preacher, the elders, the deacons, the teachers, and everyone else. That is why exhorting is mentioned so often in the bible (Romans 12:8; 1 Timothy 4:13, 6:2; Titus 1:9 Hebrews 3:13, 10:25). We are not to tear each other down, but to build one another up.

We need more people like Barnabas today. We first read about Barnabas in Acts 4:36, where he is called “*the son of consolation*”. The word can also be translated as encouragement or exhortation. When it says that he is the son of consolation, it means that this is what he was known for, this is what he did, this is the type of person he was. He encouraged, he helped, he consoled, he did what he could to build others up. If only all the members of the church would follow his example today.

In Acts 9:27, we see Barnabas helping Paul out. Right after Paul was baptized, he found it difficult to work with the disciples in Jerusalem. They were still scared of him (seeing that he used to

persecute the church), and thought that he wasn't really a disciple. But Barnabas was the one who brought him before the apostles, and told them that he was a true disciple of Christ, preaching boldly in Damascus in His name.

In Acts 15:36-39, we see Barnabas help out John Mark. After their first missionary, Paul and Barnabas talk about going out again. Barnabas wants to bring Mark, who left in the middle of their first trip, but Paul doesn't. They get into an argument over Mark, and end up splitting up, with Barnabas taking Mark. Paul didn't want Mark then, but in 2 Timothy 4:11, Paul says that Mark is profitable to him for the ministry. Paul didn't want Mark, but Barnabas helped him become an asset to Paul.

Let us exhort each other more, instead of tearing each other down. Let us learn from Barnabas and be so encouraging that we are known for it. Let us encourage others to do what they can do for God.

Philip Steele

Prayer Requests

- Teresa Heinz
- Lillian's Brother
- Al Haskell (Kidney)
- Michael Golwitzer (Kidney)
- Marty Stearns (Health)
- McClaine Family
- John Shafer & wife Linda
- Bob Stinnett (Heart Condition)
- David Reeves (Gloria's brother)
- Jim And Pat Thompson – Cancer

Mark Your Calendars

- March 12 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 19 – Men's Meeting, Pot-luck Luncheon