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BIBLE LESSON TEXTS

Sunday November 29, 2020

Ten Lepers Luke 17:11-19

God wants us to be thankful for what He does.

Wednesday December 2, 2020

Publican & Pharisee Luke 18:9-14

Don't be self-righteous.

GOD'S SALVATION PLAN

Divine Love: John 3:16
God's Grace: Ephesians 2:8
Christ's Blood: Romans 5:9
Holy Spirit's Word: Romans 1:16
Sinner's Faith: Acts 16:31
Sinner's Repentance: Luke 13:3
Sinner's Confession: Romans 10:10
Sinner's Baptism: Acts 22:16
Christian's Love: Matthew 22:37
Christian's Work: James 2:24
Christian's Hope: Romans 8:24
Christian's Endurance: Revelation 2:10

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Happenings in God's Family



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Contending Lawfully

“And if also a man contend in the games, he is not crowned, except he have contended lawfully” (2 Timothy 2:5).

Human beings have probably been playing games since time began. Games are a healthy outlet for the competitive spirit when they are played fairly. For games to be played fairly, there must be an agreed upon set of rules. Without such rules, the game is not fun for either the winner or the loser, but when we follow the rules, there is something healthy to winning fairly and squarely. There is also something healthy to losing fairly and squarely. Both winning and losing teach us about ourselves.

The apostle Paul was no stranger to games. He knew of the Isthmian games because he wrote about them in 1 Corinthians 9:24-27. He also knew of the Olympic games which were held in alternating years. Those games even included poetry competitions, another area of culture with which the apostle Paul was familiar. Whether the sport was boxing, writing poetry, or playing the lyre, there were certain rules that participants were obliged to follow if they desired to compete. Only when they followed these rules and won could they be said to have triumphed.

Contending lawfully in the games is a metaphor for contending lawfully in life by living virtuously. If we expect to be crowned with the crown of righteousness (2 Timothy 4:8), we cannot compete in the game of life unlawfully. We must follow the standard of behavior that God has given us through His Son Jesus Christ. That is what Paul means when he says that such a crown will be given to those who have “loved his appearing.” To live otherwise is to cheat, and cheaters will not win in eternity.

God bless you, and I love you.

Kevin Cauley

November 29, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Jim Patterson	
AM Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Overstreet	Jimmy Smith
Thomas McGee	Scott Hobson
Lord's Table	
Blake Tyndell	Ben Dooley
Jamey Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Ben Dooley	
December 6, 2020 Servants	
Announcements: Johnny Thomas	
Am Prayers	PM Prayers
Scott Hobson	Jimmy Smith
Monty Crawford	Blake Tyndell
Lord's Table	
Mike Raney	Thomas McGee
Jody Thomas	XXXXXXXX
PM Communion: Jody Thomas	
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Birthdays

James Duffer Nov 29
 James Williams Nov 30



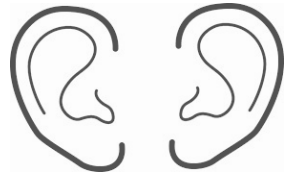
Fruit cocktail

Please Pray for ... Billy Johnson
 Lindy Raney Don Grider
 Faith Salfen
 Meg Shelton Robin Upson
 Winnie Tucker Blake Drinkard
 Marie McPherson Keith & Helen
 James Love Clark
 Clara Inman Helen Francis Davis
 J.L. & Jaunice Foster
 Juanita Higginbotham
 Rhonda and Al Harrell
 Amanda Georgakis
 Lindsey Book
 Family of Meg Shelton's brother-in-law
 Stephen Pedigo, who passed away last week
 Grieving families

OUR FAITH IN ACTION	
Wednesday, November 18, 2020	
Devotional/classes -----	41
SUNDAY, November 22, 2020	
AM Worship-----	59
PM Worship-----	38
Contribution-----	\$2,478.41
Average to Date -----	\$2,990.36
Budget -----	\$3,100.00

A PORTRAIT OF SOUL WINNERS

Their EARS are open to the cries for help from a lost



and dying world. (Acts 16:9; 17:16)

Their EYES are ever searching for a receptive heart, in which to plant the Word of God. (Luke 8:11; Acts 16:28-30; 1 Cor 3:7)



Their LIPS are always ready and willing to proclaim the glory of God. (Rom 1:15)

Their HANDS are always turning the pages of God's Holy Word, seeking His will for them. (Acts 17:11)



Their FEET are on the move to carry out the words of Christ to preach the gospel to every creature. (Rom 10:15-17)

Their HEARTS are beating and breaking with the urgency to reach the lost before it's too late. (Rom 9:2,3)



Their HEADS are bowed in a prayer to the Father in heaven, to give them wisdom to carry out the mission. (Acts 4:29)

Their FACES glow with the hope that is in them. (1 Cor 16:18)

Their LIVES are like the light of a city set upon a hill that cannot be hid. (Mat 5:13-14).

-- Author Unknown (via The Old Path II, January 14, 1996) scriptures added, jp
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Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)