

Seeking The Lost

“Someone is absent, “the Shepherd said,
As over my classbook he bent his head;
For several Sundays absent too;
So tell me Teacher, what did you do?”

“I didn’t visit as perhaps I should;
I wrote some cards, but they did no good;
I’ve never heard and she never came,
So I decided to drop her name.”

He answered gravely, “A flock was mine,
A hundred...no, there was ninety and nine.
For One was lost in the dark and cold....
So I sought that sheep which had left the fold.

The path was stoney and edged with thorns,
My feet were wounded, and bruised and torn;
But I kept on seeking, nor counted the cost,
and oh, the joy when I found the lost.”



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Again we would like to welcome our visitors today and tell you we are glad you came to worship with us today and would like to welcome you back. If you are visiting, we would ask if you would stay a brief moment after services so we might get the chance to greet you and get to know you a little better. Welcome!

We were studying last week of God's love found in 1 John. Today I would like to contrast that with the love God had shown to the Israelites and now us in the book of Hosea in chapter 11. So many times we equate Gods love with our own which many times we could admit are conditional. For example just let someone violate our love and see how fast we shut them down in a hurry. We leave, never see them again, disown and frankly see them as dead to us. We think of Gods love like we see ourselves love and may question in two ways when evil things happen God must not love me or we say God doesn't love me because I have done so many evil things "He can't love me." So today we will answer the question in the midst of our sin does God love me? And the simple answer will be "always have, always will". Lets look at this passage together in Hosea chapter 11 to see how Gods love sees us today.

Worship And Study Opportunities

Sunday:

Bible School.....9:30 A.M
Worship.....10:30 A.M
Evening Worship....6:00 P.M

Wednesday:

Ladies Bible Class.....10:30 A.M.
Mid-Week Bible Class....7:00 P.M.

ELDER OF THE MONTH:.....Leroy Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Weldon Flanagan

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:76
Morning Worship:89
Evening Worship:50
Mid-Week:60
Ladies Class:10
Contribution:\$5,471.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,772.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Leroy Horn
Closing Prayer:Shane McLaury
Scripture:Charles Kelsey

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:David Byrd
Closing Prayer:Don Marcum

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Klaus Mueller
Closing Prayer:Jerry Doughty

WEBSITE: http://www.spreaker.com/page#!/show/university_church_of_christ_sermons

VIDEO PAGE: www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011

PRAYERS: David Kelsey has pneumonia. Kenny Richardson who will have surgery in the next few weeks. Sue Peddy's sister, Mary Hood's, cancer has come back.

SYMPATHY: We extend our deepest sympathy to Brad McKinzie and his family in the death of his Aunt last week.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR TEEN DEVOTIONALS is posted on the bulletin board in the back hall. Please sign up if you can host a devotional. Please provide the meal only. Eric will lead the devotional.

NOTE: Justin Davis has posted all of Freddie Anderson's gospel meeting lessons onto the church's YouTube Page, www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011, for those who were unable to attend this year's gospel meeting at the Northwest Church of Christ.

A NOTE: Hi Brethren, Just completed the October news letter. Pray as always this finds you well. I know you get a lot of news over the email and ours can be just another, but hope you can read it to keep you posted on our work. Thanks so much for all that you do for us. God bless Chris and Melinda Miller

The news letter is posted on the bulletin board in the hall. Pat

UPCOMING EVENTS

October:

- 13 - Ladies Day at Rush Springs
- 28 - The Sunday luncheon for October

THE WESTVIEW BOYS' HOME grocery truck will be back in **December.**

Shopping List

- Ravioli
- Capri Sun
- Beef Jerky
- Fruit Snacks
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Candy Bars/Gum
- Tub/Stick Margarine
- Apple/Cherry Pie Filling
- Tomato/Vegetable Beef Soup
- Creamy/Crunchy Peanut Butter
- Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers

Non-Food

- Spray & Wash
- Toilet Paper/Paper Towels
- Carpet Fresh/Air Fresheners
- Comet/Toilet Bowl/Bathroom Cleaners

CONTINUED PRAYER LIST: Roy Bennett, Joslyn Burch, June Hanna, Bill & Marvenia Harrington, Leroy & Pat Horn, Dorothy Isom, Peggy Leverett, Corine Marcum, Brad & LaDonna McKinzie, Bobbie Mullins, Letha Owens, Jean Parrish, Sue Peddy, Kenny Richardson, Marie Sexton, Velma Shook, Dwaine Zacharias, Bobbie Prock, Chuck Ray, Brett Ross, Cae Sharum's cousin, Carol.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 5 - Katie Jackson
- 7 - Don Marcum
- 8 - Jeanette Ball
- 10 - Earline Gregory
- 17 - J. L. Bolton
- 20 - Weldon Flanagan
- 23 - Lesley Weir
- 23 - Shirley Sharum
- 23 - Jeannie Montague
- 26 - Jean Parrish
- 28 - Cindy Byrd
- 30 - Karee Curtis

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

I have two passages of scripture today the first is found in 1 Samuel 22:1-2 So David departed from there and escaped to the cave of Adullam; and when his brothers and all his father's household heard of it, they went down there to him. 2 Everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was discontented gathered to him; and he became captain over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him. The second is found in the New Testament in 1 Corinthians 1:26-29

26 For consider your calling, brethren, that there were not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble; 27 but God has chosen the foolish things of the world to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to shame the things which are strong, 28 and the base things of the world and the despised God has chosen, the things that are not, so that He may nullify the things that are, 29 so that no man may boast before God

I want us to compare the Old with the New in these two passages because early in his life David was forced to flee from his king and father-in-law, Saul — to flee for his life.

During this long season of exile and hiding David began to find himself surrounded by loyal friends who joined themselves to him. But these were friends of an unusual kind: they were men who had all been unhappy, distressed, helpless, or in debt — by and large, the outcasts of the world. But an amazing thing happened to these formerly hapless human beings when they joined with David; they were empowered and became his "mighty men." When David finally became King of Israel, these men were ennobled and raised to be princes and officers in his Kingdom. As it was with David, so it is with Jesus. He came to save sinners, the wretched outcasts of this world, discontented, indebted, distressed and helpless ... whom He clothes with His righteousness and fills with His Spirit, ennobles and transforms into "mighty men", who will rule and reign with Him in His kingdom! We have gathered ourselves to Him and He has chosen us as His friends and fellow laborers in His Kingdom, never again to be outcasts, but rather embraced in His love, part of His enormous family, and delegated and empowered to serve with Him in His Kingdom. Let's be encouraged remembering where we came from where we are headed and to whom we belong! We are something **IN HIM!**