

“WHO LEFT THE LIGHTS ON?”

Passing the church building one Sunday evening where they attended the morning services, the little girl of “Christian” parents exclaimed, “Look, Daddy, somebody left the lights on. We should stop and turn them off.” In silence, the parents drove on. Later, at home, they decided that they had better start attending the evening services. Not only to satisfy the curiosity of their little daughter, but their own consciences as well.

If you passed the building on Sunday or Wednesday evenings, would your children wonder who left the lights on?

Congregations have coaxed, persuaded, tantalized and rewarded trying to get church members to attend services. They have tried banners, seals, diplomas, pot-luck dinners and attendance drives trying to induce people to do what they would do anyway if they really loved God.

But people go where they want to go. Because, where their hearts are, their heels will follow. When we get our hearts right with God, then all these other things will not be necessary to try and get people to attend worship as they should.

When our hearts are right, there will be more feet at the house of the Lord.

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Welcome to services today we are so glad each and every one of you are here to worship God. Get encouragement, give encouragement as we come and encourage one another. If you are visiting with us today we are certainly glad you have come and ask if you would remain after services for a brief moment so we might get the chance of meeting you in person and welcome you more and get to know you a little. Again Welcome!

Today we will be looking at "expectations". What kind of expectations do we have when it comes to serving God? Its an important topic to talk about when so often we see people start serving only later to be disappointed, hurt or discouraged. Today we will use Paul's example of his missionary examples to see the missionary plan which we will see is first communication, opposition, perseverance and then fruit. God wants us to proclaim the word and it never fails just after we start speaking out is when we see the opposition come. What is supposed to happen next is the most difficult. Perseverance is what gets us to the fruit when so often we want to quit after opposition, throw in the towel. Its much harder to persevere isn't it. The keep on keeping on. We must expect opposition and that's what makes perseverance so important. Maybe you are feeling a little discouraged right now with your walk. As we will see in the book of Acts we will be in very good company and will be encouraged to PERSEVERE!

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:.....Brad McKinzie

ANNOUNCEMENTS:.....Glen Wampler

RECORDS OF THE WEEK

Bible School:59
Morning Worship:93
Evening Worship:48
Mid-Week:34
Ladies Class:15
Contribution:\$4,499.00
Weekly Budget:\$3,772.00

THOSE WHO SERVE:

Sunday Morning:

Opening Prayer:.....Eric Sharum
Closing Prayer:Don Marcum

Scripture:James Brennan

Sunday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Bryan Cain
Closing Prayer:Perry Warren

Wednesday Evening:

Opening Prayer:Weldon Flanagan
Closing Prayer:Ed Valdez

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

VIDEO PAGE: www.youtube.com/universitycoc2011

PRAYERS: David Kelsey’s surgery went well on Monday. He is at home. Kenny Richardson’s surgery will be on Tuesday, December 4th. Leroy is doing better but still has some problems.

LUNCHEON this Sunday, December 2nd after the morning service. Everyone make plans to attend at the SLC.

BUDGET MEETING: There will be a elders, deacons and men of the congregation breakfast meeting on Saturday, December 8th at 8:00 a.m. at the Student Learning Center to discuss the 2013 budget.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE CLASS has been dismissed until Wednesday January 9th.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Everyone is invited to the Family Christmas Party on Friday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m. at the SLC. Bring your favorite holiday dish and an inexpensive gift to exchange. If you are bringing a small child call Kathy Cain.

A CARD: Dear brethren in Lawton, Once more a year is drawing to a close and we have seen God’s rich blessings in his church in Chemnitz. Above all, we would like to thank you for your support and your prayers. Also, we’d like to express our thankfulness again for your hospitality and your love we felt during our visit with you back in September. For Christmas and the New Year we wish you God’s abundant blessings. Steffen, Doreen & Velony and Alex, Barbara & Ruben, Achim

TEENS will have a devotional Sunday night after services at the home of Charles & Genie Kelsey.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 - Shelly Brennan 20 - Dolores Flanagan
6 - Travis McKinzie 26 - Dana Parrish
9 - Jo Blair 27 - Kathy Cain
13 - Eric Sharum 27 - Glen Wampler
16 - Tony Salas 31 - Jerry Doughy

THE GIFTS FOR THE WESTVIEW BOYS HOME need to be wrapped and at the SLC **this Sunday, December 2nd.** Thanks, Genie

THE WESTVIEW BOYS’ HOME grocery truck **will be here the week of December 3rd** to pick up the groceries and presents.

Shopping List

Tub/Stick Margarine Ravioli
Spaghetti Sauce Capri Sun
Apple/Cherry Pie Filling Beef Jerky
Tomato/Vegetable Beef Soup Fruit Snacks
Creamy/Crunchy Peanut Butter Candy Bars/Gum
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, Mary Hood the sister of Sue Peddy & Debbie Bowden’s cousins son, Steven Price, who has a brain tumor, Jim Cavel the cousin of Jerry Golson who has cancer and Terri Gill the sister-in-law of Suzie Salas.

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT

James 1:21-23

21 Therefore, putting aside all filthiness and all that remains of wickedness, in humility receive the word implanted, which is able to save your souls. 22 But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror.

An elderly teacher, with a pupil by his side, took a walk through a forest. Suddenly he stopped and pointed to four plants close at hand. The first was just beginning to peep above the ground, the second had rooted itself pretty well into the earth, the third was a small shrub, while the fourth was a full-sized tree. The tutor said to his young companion, 'Pull up the first plant.' The boy did so eagerly, using only his fingers. 'Now pull up the second.' The youth obeyed but found the task more difficult. 'Do the same with the third,' he urged. The boy had to use all his strength to uproot it. 'Now,' said the instructor, 'try your hand with the fourth.' The pupil put his arms around the trunk of the tall tree and couldn't even shake its leaves. 'This, my son, is just what happens with our bad habits. When they are young, we can remove them readily; but when they are old, it's hard to uproot them, though we try and struggle ever so sincerely.'" We all have weeds and even enormous Redwoods that need uprooting in our lives. It takes a LOT of effort to get strong enough to move those big ones on our own. Instead, let's take that same effort and start practicing faith in the Lord! Perhaps you're weary of pulling. God doesn't expect us to pull these bad habits ourselves. Let's ask the Lord with help on some of the uprooting today and watch Him gain the victory!