December 30, 2018

Sundays 9:00 am WKYT Channel 27-2

It is requested that all children under the age of five stay in our nursery

so there will be no distractions during the preaching of the Gospel

HYMN OF THE DAY

The Saviour lives no more to die

He lives, the Lord enthroned on high

He lives triumphant o’er the grave

He lives eternally to save!

He lives to calm His people’s fears

He lives to wipe away their tears

He lives to soothe their troubled heart

He lives, all blessings to impart!

He lives, all glory to His Name

He lives eternally the same

He lives, their mansions to prepare

He lives to bring them safely there!

I would forever speak His Name

I would forever praise the Lamb

I would to all His grace make known

And worship at His Holy Throne!

(Tune: “Doxology”)

There will be no evening services tonight. We will have a New Year’s Eve service on Monday, Dec. 31stat 7:00pm and observe the Lord’s Table. After the New Year’s Eve service, Paul and Kelly Harries have invited everyone to their home. You may bring a dish to share (please no nuts of any kind in foods).

Birthdays

30th– Will Hands 31st– Donna Wooten 1st– Wyatt Davis

3rd– Rachel Sullivan 4th– Laura Brown 5th– Michael Mohr

“He that walketh in his uprightness feareth the Lord: but he that is perverse in his ways despiseth Him.” - Proverbs 14:2

The end of the old year and the beginning of the new is certainly a time for reflection. The Lord has brought us through many things, some difficult, some joyous, for all of which we give thanks! It is my prayer that the coming year will be a year we, “Grow in grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.” That we increase in love to Him, love to one another, zeal for His glory, and humility. I pray we become more merciful, less judgmental, more generous, less selfish, more dependent upon Him, more distrustful of ourselves, more forgiving and less self-promoting, more of a friend, less of a discouragement. I pray that we all will look for opportunities to preach the Gospel to men, and that men will find us to be like our Master, the friend of sinners. By the grace of God, these things will be. Happy New Year!

OPTIONS

Have you ever made a phone call and a voice comes on and says push 1 or 2 or 4, then when you push that number it starts all over again. How frustrating. In every part of life there are too many things to choose from, in going to a restaurant, in choosing a car, what kind of computer should I get, on and on it goes.

But there is one thing in which there are no options. SALVATION from sin and condemnation. God in His Holy Word has made it plain and straightforward; “This is my beloved Son, hear Him.”

God says there is ONE WAY to come unto Him, One who has the power to give eternal life, One who has the power to make God the Father known, One in whom a sinner can be accepted. The Holy Scriptures tells us there is One Righteousness; One Savior of sinners, One Mediator between God and men, “The man Christ Jesus.” One who has the power to give life and quicken whom He will. God says there is One whom He appointed heir, One by whom He will be addressed by, One by whom He will address sinners by, One JUST ONE.

God will give no man any wiggle room here, freewill won’t do, works won’t do, merit has no place, and law keeping won’t be accepted. The Lord God said it this way, “He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life: but the wrath of God abideth on him.” (John 3:36).

I am so thankful that God the Father brought me to the place where there was no way out from under the guilt and condemnation of my sin and revealed the ONE WAY in which He would accept and make me righteous. That Way is through and by the Lord Jesus Christ.

- Donnie Bell

All saving acts must be performed by man himself. Faith is the gift of God, but the Holy Ghost never believed for anybody; it is not His office to believe. The sinner must believe. Repentance is the work of the Holy Spirit, but the Holy Spirit never repented. What has He to repent of? We ourselves must repent. There must be in every man a personal repentance, and a personal faith, and though these are wrought in him by the Holy Sprit, yet they are his own acts. They cannot be acts of anybody else or the man has not believed and has not repented, and there is no life in him. For instance, the Holy Sprit helps us to pray. He helps our infirmities – but we pray. True desires after God must be your own desire. The desire is wrought in you by the Holy Spirit, but still it is yours! - C. H. Spurgeon

WONDERFUL METAPHORS

O the wonder, the glory and beauty of God’s Word. It is beyond our ability to fully understand and appreciate. But we marvel at what we do understand. God uses many things to describe His Word; everyday, ordinary, yet wonderful and necessary things. He likens His Word to things such as: Light, Bread, Milk, Honey, Meat, Fire, Water, Hammer, Sword, Plough, Seed, Rain, Dew, Treasure, Gold, Net, Mirror, a Kiss! All this and more is God’s Word for His people. – Paul Mahan

THE VANITY OF THIS LIFE

The hope of ever finding anything on this earth which can actually give me fulfillment, contentment, or satisfaction has long ago passed away. I have not, like Solomon, tried it all to the extent to which he did; but what I have seen, heard, and experienced of this world, I have found to be vanity. I shall rest and hope in Christ and know that I shall be satisfied when I awake in His likeness. - Henry Mahan