

Safford Church of Christ

3888 S Hwy 191, Safford, AZ 85546

25 May 2014

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Psalm 122:2

Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

To Walk in Newness of Life (Romans 6:1-14)

A.M. Lesson:

Made Alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:1-10)

P.M. Lesson:

Focused (1 Peter 1:3-12)

Wednesday:

King Joash (of Israel) will completely destroy
Aram—or rather, he won't (2 Kings 13)

Pulpit Evangelist

Ken Knowlton: 428-3494

Elders

Greg Briggs: 428-8756

John Cunningham: 428-0895

Sunday Bible Class	10:00 A.M.
Sunday Morning Worship	11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship	6:30 P.M.
Wednesday Evening Class	6:30 P.M.
Thursday Ladies Bible Class	10:00 A.M.

New Battlefields of Faith

Pat Peters

Custer Avenue church of Christ, Clinton, OK

If our old battles of faith had to do with attending worship and setting up Bible studies, things that are indeed important, but mild in their invasion of the world, our new battles are much more public, much more challenging, and much more analyzed by an opposing world.

We have a new challenge to out-love the world. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are to display an unyielding, unqualified love for people. We are to see their needs and minister to those needs. We are to win them to

Christ for our concern for them as souls.

We are challenged to present our case in the arena of the mind. The world will not be convinced of the Lordship of Jesus and the power of the Word unless we can demonstrate the good reasoning that leads us to Him. The world wants to believe in something that makes sense. Christianity, above all religious systems, makes sense to a lost and hungry soul.

We are challenged to show our respect for the authority of God's instruction. The world sees the inconsistency in those who claim to follow Christ, but ignore His teachings. They want to know that the teachings are trustworthy and are able to be followed by those who respect that authority.

And finally, the world is challenging us to actually live the faith about which we speak. They are tired of hypocrisy. They are turned away by insincerity. They don't want to hear about Christ as much as they want to see Him. They don't want others telling them about God unless that God is obviously alive in the one who claims to be a disciple.

Real challenges. Real opportunities. Real faith at work in a world that needs to know there is something real.

Why Am I Depressed?

Darrell Powell

Walnut Street church of Christ, Greenville, AL

I think it is safe to say that all people will struggle with some form of depression during life. Now, let me say at the beginning that some types of depression occur due to a chemical imbalance and require medical treatment. This depression can have serious effects and should be treated as such. But generally speaking, depression is just an ongoing state of sadness. I do not profess to have the cure for this condition, nor do I believe that the world will ever be rid of it, but I do know where to find happiness.

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If you find it difficult to acquire happiness, maybe you are looking in the wrong places. I'm sure that one reason why so many people are depressed is that they are convinced that happiness is a result of what one possesses. But this is what Jesus said about possessions: "...the cares of this world, the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things entering in choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful" (Mark 4:19). There is nothing wrong with having nice things, but the quest for riches will not lead you to happiness. If you let them, riches will keep you from learning and obeying God's word, and it is only through God that one can be truly happy.

James said, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights" (James 1 :17).

If you are depressed, perhaps it is because you are not "in Christ Jesus." Truly, when one enters into Christ, so many wonderful things become available to him. Here are just a few of the things that are available only to them that are in Christ: (1) Redemption - Romans 3:24; (2) Sanctification - 1 Cor. 1:2; (3) Liberty - Gal. 2:4; (4) The blood of Christ - Eph. 2:13; (5) Grace - 2 Tim. 2:l; (6) The promise of life - 2 Tim. 1:1; (7) Salvation - 2 Tim. 2:10. If you desire to obtain these and other wonderful blessings, then the Bible tells us that the only way in which we can enter into Christ is through baptism (Gal. 3:27). If you want to climb out of the depths of depression and into the riches of Christ, then turn to Him today through obedience to His will.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Eric and Stacy Kramer anniversary Kristen Cocke birthday	3 John and Sharon anniversary	4 Singing Night	5	6	7
8 Orthodox Pentecost	9 Orthodox Pentecost observed	10	11	12 Megan Short birthday	13	14 Flag Day
15 Father's Day Fellowship Meal	16	17	18	19	20	21 June Solstice Gloria Short birthday
22	23	24	25	26 Ken Cocke birthday Dakota Short birthday	27	28 Ramadan begins Constitution Day (Ukraine)
29	30 Constitution Day observed Ken & Tatyana anniversary					

Prayer List:

Hattie Hedrick, Della Phillips, H.L. Boling, Jerry Robinson's mother Norma, Mike and Sandy Cavasos, Faye Atchley, Nicolas and Annie Self, Jonda Gardner, Dave Morse, Richard Tuey.

Isaiah 62:6

*Jerusalem, on your walls I have posted watchmen,
who day and night without ceasing will cry:
'You that invoke the LORD's name,
take no rest...' (REB).*

News

Billy Martin is recovering from a foot and knee injury. The Shorts are traveling.

