

Safford Church of Christ

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Topics

A.M. Bible Class:

Cody Frizzell

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Wednesday:

Personal Greetings in Romans 16

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	11:00 A.M.

*Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them. Psalm 111:2
Please silence your cell phones and other electronic devices.*

1 Timothy 2:1-10

HCSB

First of all, then, I urge that petitions, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all those who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God
and one mediator between God and humanity,
Christ Jesus, Himself human,
who gave Himself—a ransom for all,
a testimony at the proper time.

For this I was appointed a herald, an apostle (I am telling the truth;[a] I am not lying), and a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Therefore, I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands without anger or argument. Also, the women are to dress themselves in modest clothing, with decency and good sense, not with elaborate hairstyles, gold, pearls, or expensive apparel, but with good works, as is proper for women who affirm that they worship God.

Authentic Prayer

From Robert Black and Ronald McClung. Commentary on 1 & 2 Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. Wesleyan Publishing House.

Modern worship services employ a variety of prayers, but often they are offered to God carelessly and with little advance thought. Paul would applaud any effort to increase the quantity and improve the quality of our public prayers.

From the Christian philosopher and apologist Justin Martyr, we have this intriguing description of a worship service dating from approximately fifty years after the close of the New Testament era.

“On the day called Sunday there is a gathering together in the same place of all who live in a given city or rural district. The memoirs of the apostles or the writings of the prophets are read, as long as time permits. Then when the reader ceases, the president in a discourse admonishes and urges the imitation of these good things. Next we all rise together and send up prayers. When we cease from our prayer, bread is presented and wine and water. The president in the same manner sends up prayers and thanksgivings, according to his ability, and the people sing out their assent, saying the Amen. A

distribution and participation of the elements for which thanks have been given is made to each person, and to those who are not present they are sent by the deacons.” —First Apology

Have a plan

Bart Warren. Glasgow, Ky

Sometimes it is fun to just “pick up and go.” It can be exciting to “play things by ear” and to “fly by the seat of our pants” when it comes to things like downtime and recreation. But overall you and I recognize the value and necessity of having a plan when it comes to the most important things in life.

Good students are not made by accident. Great jobs are not found and kept by accident. Powerful and lasting companies are not built by accident. Successful athletes are not made and discovered by accident. Things like this happen because someone had a plan and stuck to it.

Jesus taught this basic concept in Luke 14:25-33. You do not begin building a tower without a plan. You do not go into battle without a plan.

Jack Ray shared some information with me that bears repeating as it relates to this discussion. North Dakota is known for its devastatingly low temperatures. In fact, some of the locals have been known to say, “-41 degrees keeps the riff-raff out!” I would think so—that is too cold for me! Under conditions such as this, Air Force mechanics working on airplanes outdoors are limited as to the amount of time that they can be exposed to the elements. Typically, they have anywhere from 5 to 8 minutes at a time to work on the aircraft before they must come back in. That isn’t much time! They have to have a plan in mind before they leave the warm building and head out to the machinery, otherwise they would never get anything accomplished.

When time is short, we must have a plan of attack. We cannot approach the task at hand haphazardly. Life is short, it appear for just a little while and then it vanishes (James 4:14). We don’t have time to wander around aimlessly!

Do you have a plan for your personal spiritual growth? Do you have a plan for the spiritual growth and development of your family? At the very least, your plan should include 1) regular prayer. Express your heart and feelings, make requests, and thank God for his greatness. 2) Study. Allow God to inform you and shape you through his holy Word. 3) Spend time with other Christians. We need to encourage and help each other. 4) Worship. Our expression of our submission along with

the acknowledgment of his majesty will deepen our spiritual well and also allow us to reach greater heights. What items will you add to your plan for spiritual growth?

But if the wicked turn from all his sins that he has committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. None of his transgressions that he has committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he has done he shall live. Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? says the Lord Yahweh; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? But when the righteous turns away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked man does, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he has done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he has trespassed, and in his sin that he has sinned, in them shall he die. Ezekiel 18:21-24, WEB

News:

Ken Knowlton is recovering from dental work. Mike Cavassos’ twin brother Mark is receiving treatment for a heart aneurysm.

P.J. Waller is expected to have spinal disk surgery soon.

Prayer List:

Hattie Hedrick—poor health

Tatyana Knowlton—macular degeneration

Ken Cocke—back and shoulder pains

Janet Radar—nursing home

H.L. Boling—general health and complications from leukemia

Mike Cavasos—constant pain, foot surgeries

Sandy Cavasos—degenerative disk disease

Nic and Ani Self—health and personal needs

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