

Sunrise Christian Church

September 2018 Family Newsletter

As a church, we are dedicated to L3-
to Love God with all that we are and all that
we have,
to Learn to be like Jesus in speech and
action,
and to Lead others to the saving cross of
Christ

School time!



All knowledge is from God

To the man Job, God said, “Where were
you when I laid the earth’s foundation?”

Tell me, if you understand.

Who marked off its dimensions? Surely you
know!

Who stretched a measuring line across it?
On what were its footings set,
or who laid its cornerstone—
while the morning stars sang together
and all the angels shouted for joy?”

Job 38:4-7

Need direction?



Its nice to have street signs to help guide us.
They tell us where we are at, and help us plan
our direction of travel. But for many people,
unfortunately even some Christians, think that
God’s favor, His grace, depend upon what they
do; that sometimes they are “in” His favor and
forgiveness, and sometimes they are “out.”

But the stories of the Bible prove otherwise.
Paul, himself, who claimed to be the “worst of
sinners” for he had persecuted the church, yet
even he found grace from the Lord!

Listen again to God’s grace words:

“For of His fullness we have all received,
and grace upon grace. For the Law was
given through Moses; grace and truth were
realized through Jesus Christ” - Gospel of John.
1:16-17

“For all have sinned and fall short of the
glory of God, being justified as a gift by His
grace through the redemption which is in
Christ Jesus” - Rom. 3:23-24.

“Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ” - 2 Cor.
1:2

“He predestined us to adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ to Himself,

according to the kind intention of His
will, to the praise of the glory of His grace,
which He freely bestowed on us in the
Beloved” - Eph. 1:5-6.

How then can we doubt God’s kind intentions
towards us?

Yes, we have made a mess our of our lives! But
that’s why God sent the Messiah (Jesus) into our
messy lives- to save us from ourselves!

And, the essential element of faith is trust- that
when God says He will do something, that we
“trust” Him to do it.

So, when we accept God’s grace, His favor, into
our lives, we are acting in faith, that’s when we
are acting in trust.

Listen now to how God treats us:

“*Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every
spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in
Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the
foundation of the world, that we would
be holy and blameless before Him. In love
He predestined us to adoption as sons
through Jesus Christ to Himself, according
to the kind intention of His will*” - Ephesians
1:3-4.

“The kind intentions of His will” - what a
wonderfully good definition of grace.

So, do not walk around under that shadow of
guilt any longer! Cast it off, for it comes from
Satan, the murder of truth.

And, as the song says, “Rise and shine, give
God the glory, glory. So, may you rise and
shine; may you give God the glory!”

“Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably
more than all we ask or imagine, according to
His power that is at work within us” - Eph. 3:20.

Meditation time



I meditate on Your precepts
and consider Your ways.
I delight in Your decrees;
I will not neglect Your word.

Ps. 119:15-16

A meditation is the time to remind others of what God has already told us. So, we need not be “original,” nor do we need to steal someone else’s work. Instead, just speak the word of God plainly and clearly, making it applicable to the occasion.

For example: Jesus praised the widow. Why, because she trusted God with her needs (Mk. 12:41-44). Thus, she becomes a role model for us today.

In the same way, when Jesus broke the bread-beard they ate every day, he said that it now represented his body which would be broken for them. Being Jews steeped in the Old Testament, they likely would have remembered the promises God made through the prophet Isaiah: “*He was pierced through for our transgressions,*

*He was crushed for our iniquities;
The chastening for our well-being fell upon Him,
And by His scourging we are healed”*

Isa. 53:5.

✓ Upcoming events

*Faithful Men *men’s breakfast*- Saturday, Sept. 1, at 7:30am, Rusty’s

*SCC’s *Wellsprings* worship at 3pm during Sept.

*Wednesday *afternoon Bible study* on the book of James- Sept. 5, at 1:30pm, at the church.

*Wednesday night *Bible Fellowship*- book of Ezekiel, starting Sept. 5, at 7pm, at the church.

**Rick Deighton*/ Overseas outreach here Sunday, Sept 9.

*Cove Christian Camp’s *Women’s Retreat*- Friday evening and Saturday- Sept. 21&22.

* Hope Pregnancy Center’s *Walk for Life*- Saturday, Sept. 29, at the Lions Park.

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Make the most of your days, for the year is quickly racing by.



“My days are swifter than a runner;
they flee away”- Job 9:25.

Just for laughs



Things preachers are likely to hear in the fall:

“Truly an inspired man of God”

“This man speaks to my heart!”

“Thank you, Jesus”

“Glory!”

And, “Jeepers, Pastor, it’s only 10 minutes to game time.”

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A preacher told the story of his 65th birthday, of receiving a birthday card from his children with the words “A message from God” written at the top of the card.

Thinking they were going to congratulate him for his many years of ministry, he excitedly opened it up only to read *See you soon* written inside.

A cheerful heart is good medicine-
Proverbs 17:22.