

BULLETIN

A Life Worthy of Our Calling

Paul wrote: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Eph. 4:1). The etymological meaning of the Greek word "worthy" is: "to have the same weight or the same value." In this context, the idea conveyed is that we should live our lives in such a way that it reflects and has the same weight or value as our "calling." Our calling makes us worthy and therefore we need to live a life worthy of the calling.

As for our calling, Paul is referring to the time when a person hears, believes, accepts the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and is baptized. In 2 Thessalonians 2:14, Paul wrote: "He called you to this through our gospel, that you might share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ." This is the Gospel call; that through Jesus Christ's incarnation, His death, and His resurrection we can be made right with our Creator. This call is much more than just receiving forgiveness from God and being saved. It must also include submitting and following Jesus as the Lord and Master of our life. In order to live a worthy life before God, we need to live an obedient life and actually be doing things for the Lord and be active in His church.

Paul was "a prisoner for the Lord" and wrote the Ephesian letter from a Roman prison. He served the Lord anywhere the Spirit led him, even in prison. In the same way, wherever we are and whatever we do, we should do everything for the Lord, because of the calling we have received. Here is a list of four other Bible passages that express how we can live a life worthy of the Gospel call:

1. We should "...speak boldly for the Lord" (Acts 14:3).
2. We should "...live a life worthy of the Lord" (Col. 1:10).
3. We should accept that our body is "...for the Lord,..." (1 Cor. 6:13).
4. We should "...live lives worthy of God,..." (1 Thess. 2:12).

In order to live a life worthy of our calling, we need to actually be doing things for our Lord. Paul also wrote: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men" (Col. 3:23). Let us live a worthy life that will bring honor and glory to the Lord who has called us to be in His church.

~adapted Floyd M. Williamson

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Worship Time:

Sun. Worship - 9:30AM

Bible Class - 11:00AM

Sun. Evening - 6:00PM

Tue. Morning Ladies Bible Class - 10:00AM

Dear Lord,
Show me how to bring balance
to my life one step at a time!
Amen

Family Events

"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith." Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you are a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please do not hesitate to ask Park Linscomb, our minister, the really tall guy, or any other church member.



Congratulations Potluck

•Oct. 21 there will be a celebratory potluck lunch after Bible class to honor the Ogunsuyi's.

Fall Clean-Up Day

•Nov. 3 will be a fall clean-up day. beginning at 8:30AM. Bring tools and a willingness to help. There are several things that need to be taken care of prior to winter.

Congregational Meeting

•Nov. 4 is a Congregational Meeting that begins at 6:00PM and concludes by 7:30PM. We will review the year to date financials and start discussion on the 2019 budget. There are a few other important projects to discuss for next year. Please make time to attend, we appreciate your input and thoughts..

Fall Meeting

•Our Fall Meeting, with Dan Cooper, will be Nov. 11-13.
•There will be a Potluck Lunch after Bible Class that day and no evening service.

Turkey Baskets

•If you know someone who needs help, please contact the Dave Skerry or the church office.
•Sign-up sheets for food for the baskets will be at the back of the auditorium on Nov. 4.

◆**Building and Grounds** - Please talk with *Will Hamel*. There are several things that need to be done and winter is coming.

◆**Education** - Please talk with *Doug Paul*, if you would like to help or teach a class. Several of our teachers have been in the classroom for many months. Take a quarter to teach and let the teachers be renewed in Bible study.

◆**Benevolence / Pantry** - Talk with *Dave Skerry* about helping. This ministry is an outreach to our community.

◆**Lord's Supper to Shut-ins** - Volunteers needed, **now**. Please talk with *Doug Paul*. This is a ministry that needs additional people to help.

Giving Tree

•The Giving Tree will be in the foyer Nov. 25. The Giving Cans will also be out so you can take one, fill it, and bring it back. The money will be used to augment what is given.
•If you need some help, or know someone who does, please let Melissa Therrien know ASAP, so they can be included.

Weekly Contribution

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Important Dates

Several things coming of special significance to the family here.

Oct. 21 - CONGRATULATIONS POTLUCK FOR THE OGUNSUYI'S AFTER BIBLE CLASS.

Nov. 3 - FALL CLEAN-UP DAY.

Nov. 4 - CONGREGATIONAL MEETING @ 6:00PM

Nov. 11-13 - FALL MEETING w/ Dan Cooper.

Nov. 11 - POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP LUNCH.

Nov. 20 - TURKEY BASKETS.

Nov. 25 - GIVING TREE.

DEC. 8 - ADULT CHRISTMAS PARTY @ the Skerry's from 5:00- 9:00PM.

DEC. 16 - TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ the Paul's from noon until 3PM.

Family Bible Reading, Birthday and Congregational Calendar for Oct. 14 - Oct. 20

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14 - 1 Chron. 29	15 - 2 Chron. 1-2	16 - John 8	17 - John 9 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER	18- 2 Chron. 3-4 Robyn Mackey - BD	19- 2 Chron. 5-6 Freddie & Margery Hillhouse - Anniv.	20 - John 10 JOLENE - PANERA PICK-UP Kaleb Owen - BD Wendy Lecat - BD Luke & Jessica Bergeron - Anniv. Chris & Leah Yancey - Anniv.

Youth & Family News

Youth activities

UPCOMING EVENTS

Be on the lookout for upcoming events. If you want to lead or help with an event, please talk with one of our elders and check with the church office to see that the date is free, then PLEASE volunteer!

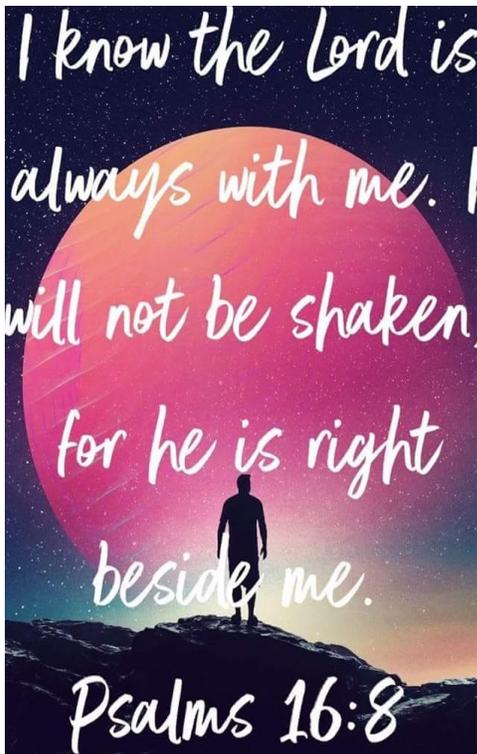
Nov. 3 - FALL CLEAN-UP DAY.

Nov. 9-11 - FALL MEETING.

DEC. 16- TEEN CHRISTMAS PARTY @ THE PAUL'S from noon until 3PM.

Question of the week:

Whatever situation you find yourself in, make prayer your first response, not your last resort.



Congregational Events

Oct. 17 is Wednesday Night Supper, and the Plybons are making Sloppy Joes, coleslaw, potato salad, and dessert.

- Supper begins at 6PM.
- Cost is \$5.00/person and is used to defray expenses for the cooks.
- There is a sign-up sheet at the back of the auditorium so that enough food is prepared.



Congratulations Potluck



Oct. 21 is a potluck lunch, after Bible class, to celebrate the Ogunsuyi's citizenship approval. Please bring something and plan to stay to celebrate with our brother and sister.

Fall Clean-Up Day - Nov. 3

There are many things to be done prior to winter arriving. The day will begin at 8:30AM. Coffee and donuts will be provided. Bring your tools and willing attitude and get things cleaned up before the meeting.



Congregational Meeting - Nov. 4

There is a congregational meeting scheduled on Nov. 4 @ 6:00PM to review financials to date and begin discussions for the 2019 budget. There are other issues the elders want to discuss.

Fall Meeting - Nov. 11-13

Dan Cooper, from the Pitman Rd. church of Christ in NJ., will conduct our Fall Meeting.

- * Dan has worked with two congregations in the Pitman, NJ area and authored a series called 'The Friendship Evangelism Series'.
- * He conducts seminars regularly with local congregations intent on increasing their emphasis on growing the kingdom in their community.



A Parting Encouragement

Courage to Share — Paying It Forward

In a few weeks Dan Cooper will join us for three days of classes to teach us how to more effectively share the Gospel. I sincerely hope and encourage all of us to put it on our calendars and make every effort to come. This is important for all of us, because it is a charge that belongs to every Christian, not just the preacher.

The problem for many of us is that, more often than not, there is a cost for sharing the Gospel. That cost can come in the form of people avoiding us, ugly names, social exclusion, angry defensiveness, hostility, and misconstrued motivations (“don’t judge me!”). It can be painful. So, we zip our lips, and hope someone else will come along, who will share the Gospel with our neighbor, our friend, our spouse, or colleague.

But “...*God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline*” (2 Timothy 1:7). There are good, urgent, and important reasons for you (yes, you) to share the Gospel. This will, Lord willing, be the first of a series of bulletin articles to encourage us to share the greatest message the world will ever hear, the “*power unto salvation*” (Romans 1:16), the “good news”, the Gospel.

Let’s start with the fact that since someone once told you, you need to pay it forward.

Have you ever wondered where you might be, what terrible thing you might have become, how different your life might have been were it not for the Gospel? And it doesn’t really take much imagination, does it? You know the trajectory your life was on, and you know those who’ve walked those paths and where they lead. Aren’t you glad the Lord came into your life, rescuing you not only from the spiritual consequences of sin, but from the life of sin? How great is it to have a clean conscience, to

know real love, to have a confident hope, an eternal home, to have guidance and meaning in your life, and to serve a God who listens and cares? Aren’t you eternally grateful to the Father who actively sought to save you and Jesus who paid such a supremely high cost to make it possible? Aren’t you profoundly grateful that someone took a chance, took courage, and shared Jesus, the Bible, and the plan of salvation with you? You really “owe them one”, don’t you?

Well, here’s how you say thanks, how you repay it — pay it forward. It’s your turn to take a chance, take courage, and share. Not everyone will listen, of course. Not everyone listened to the friend who shared Jesus with you either, but they kept sharing...until they came to you.

“Yeah, but they were so much more knowledgeable than I am.”

“Yeah, but they were so much braver than I am.”

No, not as much as you might think. About the knowledge part: Do you know your own story of conversion? The whys? The hows? Then, you know enough to share that. And about the brave part: They were probably just about as nervous about sharing as you are; they just overcame it by love for the Lord (2 Cor. 5:14) and a love for your soul.

There’s an old hymn that puts it well...

When in the better land
Before the bar we stand,
How deeply grieved our souls will be;
If any lost one there should cry in
deep despair,
“You never mentioned Him to me.”

Be compassionate, be brave, and pay the Gospel forward.

Park Linscomb