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THE GOOD NEWS

I've always been a little wary of "churchy" words. That is, words that are only used at church. I'm uneasy using those words because I know that for many people they don't carry their true meaning. Words like "repent" and "fellowship" and even "church" itself. It takes some work for us to look beyond these words and see what they really have to say.

One such word is "gospel." The word gospel comes from an Old English word *godspel* which meant "good news." This word is used to translate a common Greek word which also means "good news." It was not a "churchy" word back then. It was the common word that was used when someone had good news to share. (See 2 Thessalonians 3:6)

Early Christians soon discovered, however, that all good news pales beside the good news of Jesus Christ. That is why "gospel" soon came to refer to the good news about Jesus. When Mark began writing his story of what Jesus did, he began it with this sentence: "*The beginning of the gospel about Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*" (Mark 1:1) Mark had a story to tell, the story of Jesus' life and death, and that story was good news. It was the gospel.

In its essence, the gospel is the story of Jesus. Paul wrote: "*Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, descended from David. This is my gospel.*" (2 Timothy 2:8) [Paul refers several times to "my gospel," not in an attempt to say that there are other gospels, but an emphasis on the fact that this is what he had preached.] The heart of the gospel is the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus, as Paul shows in 1 Corinthians 15:1-4. Yet it is a mistake to say that those facts are the gospel in its entirety. There is more to the gospel than just that.

Jesus spoke of the "*gospel of the kingdom*" (Matthew 24:14; Luke 4:43), the good news that the kingdom of God had come down to men. That is what He preached while on earth: "*After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 'The time has come,' he said. 'The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!'*" (Mark 1:14-15) And it's what His followers preached before His death (Luke 9:6). Even after His death, the good news of the kingdom continued to be central to the gospel that was preached: "*But when they believed Philip as he preached the good news of the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women.*" (Acts 8:12)

The gospel is also about judgment. It tells us that God will judge men's secrets one day (Romans 2:16). Yet the gospel is about salvation. The good news is that we can be saved. It's called the gospel of God's grace (Acts 20:24) and the gospel of peace (Ephesians 6:15). Paul speaks of its saving nature in Romans 1: "*I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile. For in the gospel a righteousness from God is revealed, a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: 'The righteous will live by faith.'*" (Romans 1:16-17) The gospel teaches us about salvation by faith. It gives us the hope of being brought

PRAYER REQUESTS

For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For Tim and Jennifer in the adoption process

For the success of the mission trips to Haiti and Honduras Our group headed for Honduras will be leaving July 26 and return on August 2. Pray that much good in the kingdom will be done.

Millie Lemon got to come home on Wednesday this past week.

Harvey Clemens (Diane Mason Clemens father-in-law) had a stroke in Williamsburg VA on Friday and is hospitalized there.

Annette Coriell came home on Tuesday and is doing well.

Charlotte Brisker is now residing at Elbrooke Pavilion.

Fort Hill Camp News

The camping schedule for this year is posted on the bulletin board along with several copies of the camp application. The week that Sunshine helps with is July 15-21, Ages 10-18. We are looking forward to another great year of Christian Youth Camp at Fort Hill and especially the week of July 15-21.

VBS Evaluation Meeting

Today after morning services all VBS workers are invited to meet in the Annex for an evaluation of the strengths and weaknesses of this year's VBS and to get some ideas on the table for 2008. Bring your ideas written down if possible. Thanks.

— Steve.

Thank You

Annette Coriell thanks us all ...*"for praying for her, since apparently it worked for her (again)"* and she *"hopes we feel as fervent about our president and the US of A."*

Sympathy Extended

To the family of **Fred Tackett** (Christy Veach's grandfather) who passed away on Monday at age 90. His funeral was Thursday at the Boyer Funeral Home in Waverly.

Spirit Club Award Sunday

Sunday, July 22, will be our Sunday to recognize those students who have been successful and faithful in their Spirit Club memory work. At the end of the am services, we will be awarding Spirit Club T-shirts and certificates for 2007. Parents, be sure to find the form in the foyer and complete it so that your child receives their T-shirt and recognition. Deadline for the form to be turned in is Wednesday, July 11. We need the lead time in order to get the shirts made before July 22.

Take a look at what God wants you to become and keep growing in that direction.

Verse of the Month

The Lord is in His holy temple.
Let all the earth keep silence
before Him. — Habakkuk 2:20

THE GOOD NEWS

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back into a relationship with God through Christ (Colossians 1:22-23).

The good news calls for a response from men. Peter writes: *"For it is time for judgment to begin with the family of God; and if it begins with us, what will the outcome be for those who do not obey the **gospel** of God?"* (1 Peter 4:7) And Paul says that *"He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the **gospel** of our Lord Jesus."* (2 Thessalonians 1:8). While man can do no work to earn his salvation, the gospel calls for him to lovingly accept what God has offered. God will not force any man to accept salvation. His gospel is for all, but not all will accept it. The news that Jesus is Lord is joyously good for those that accept, but will come as a tremendous shock for those who refuse.

God's good news should fill us with joy. It should fill our hearts with peace and flood our minds with hope. The good news of the kingdom and of Jesus Christ is the best news that the world has ever heard.

Tim Archer
Stockdale, TX

Spirit Club End of the Year Party

The plans are being finalized for the Spirit Club End of the Year Bash. This year we are having the Bash at Splash Down near Jackson. For those children who have been successful in their memory work from October, 2006, to June, 2007 (9 pieces of memory work), the congregation will be providing an all-day pass (10 am-6 pm) for them at Splash Down which includes drinks and food, our own shelter, unlimited fishing and putt-putt as well as access to the water activities. Of course, we need a parent or responsible adult to come with the children, but adults will be expected to pay their own way (\$18.95). Children ages 2 and under are free. There are two dates being considered. Monday, July 23 and Saturday, July 28. On your form be sure to indicate if you are able to come for July 23, July 28 or both. We will schedule on the date that accommodates the most people. Completed forms should be deposited in the Spirit Club box in the children's library. Deadline for filling out the form and getting it back to us is Wednesday, July 11. We have to give a firm number one week prior to qualify for the group rate. Money for adults needs to be turned in by July 11 also. Write a check to Sunshine church or cash in an envelope attached to the child's form. All forms and cash deposited in the Spirit Club Box in the Library. If money for an adult is a hardship, see Steve Miller or Kristi Cordle to make other arrangements. Forms and more detailed information available in the foyer.

COMING EVENTS

7/22	Spirit Club Award Sunday
7/26	Depart for Honduras
7/29	Rick Fyffe of HFHC for PM Service
8/2	Return from Honduras

Bible Study Curriculum

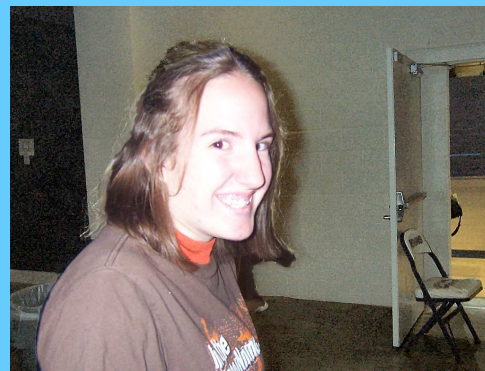
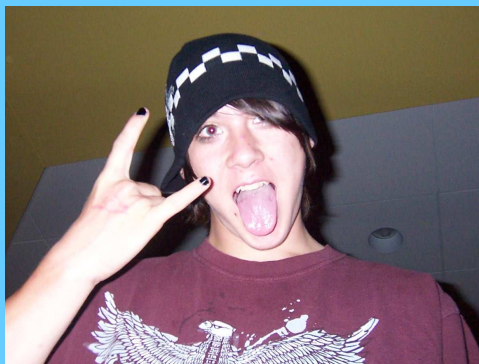
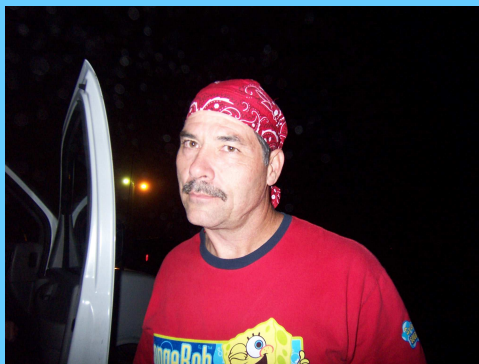
Sunday

7/8	Mt 22:15-23:39
7/15	Mk 12:41-44; John 12:20-50
7/22	Mt 24:1-51
7/29	Fifth Sunday

Wednesday

7/11	Job 38-42
7/18	Psalms 2, 16, 22, 45, 110
7/25	Psalms 32, 38, 51
8/1	Psalms 19 and 119

Impact



Those Who Serve

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Scripture Reading
Prayer
Lord's Supper – Bread
Wine
Server 1
Server 2
Server 3
Server 4
Server 5
Server 6
Message
Closing Prayer

July 8

Jon Coriell
Scott Gampp
Rich Book
Bill Gammon
Aaron McCray
Shawn Gragg
Michael Dixon
Price Gammon
Barry Gampp
Gary Glispie
Eric McLaughlin
Jacob Miller
Steve Miller
Mike Gampp

July 15

Wayne Gampp
Shaun McCray
Matt Cram
David Gampp
Jamie Riley
Dewey Cordle
Barry Hayward
Jack Jennings
Ed McLaughlin
Sean Higbee
Mark Gampp
Ira Coriell
Steve Miller
John Berry

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Matthew Hoskins
Greg Coriell
Josh Coriell
Nick Gampp
Mt 22:15-23:39

July 15

Gabe Coriell
Troy Gahm
Mark Gampp
Bud Coriell
Mk 12:41-44, Jn 12:20-50

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer
Bible Class Text

July 11

Caleb Miller
Tim Gampp
Job 38-42

July 18

Zach Coriell
Jason Coriell
Psalms 2, 16, 22, 45, 110

Children's Bible Time

July 3/5: Mary Lemon
July 6/8: Jane Ruggles
August 3/5: Jill, Steve, & Jenny Williams
August 6/8: Julie Miller, Renee Higbee, Jacob Miller

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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If you are unable to serve as scheduled, please make arrangements for a substitute. Thank you.



SCRIPTURE SEARCH

Try to find all of the words below which are hidden in the grid on your right. They were taken from Matthew 22, part of the scriptures scheduled for tonight's Bible study.

PHARISEES	HERODIANS	DISCIPLES
CAESAR	HYPOCRITES	MONEY
COUNSEL	WICKEDNESS	COMMANDMENT
TEMPT	TRIBUTE	JESUS
RENDER	LOVE	SADDUCEES
RESURRECTION	NEIGHBOR	SEVEN
BROTHER	SCRIPTURES	POWER

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N O B R O T H E R S E E C U D D A S I Z V E N E R

Solution to Scripture Search

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