



CHURCH OF CHRIST

January 26, 2020

Faith Leading to Knowledge

(Colossians 1:1-14)

There seems to be no end to the things that we need to know. And if that weren't enough, there is always the next "secret to . . . losing weight, getting rich, living longer, or being a successful whatever." And if that weren't enough there are plenty of religious people out there selling Jordan River water, holy sand from Sinai, prayer cloths, or secret insights into the end of the world. There is a whole part of our economy that feeds our desire for something new and exciting – and religion is no exception.

Those who are new to faith are especially susceptible to being pulled into all sorts of speculation and experience. It is not only those new to faith that can be tempted to chase the new and exciting. Our culture exalts the new and exciting. Or things may be the other way – it is only when we are miserable that we are certain of being on the right path. Maybe our righteousness is based on a moral or social stance that is either popular or unpopular. Paul's remedy to these temptations is to exalt Christ and remember the good news.

The opening poem in Proverbs ends with, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge." Paul draws on that tradition when he begins his encouragement to the Colossians. In his prayer he says, "We have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding." (1:9). The solution to the problem that we have of chasing fads and culture and new philosophies (if there are such things) is to fill ourselves with the knowledge of his will.

This is easier said than done because we often take the first part of this prayer while ignoring the "spiritual wisdom and understanding" that is also necessary. For many of us it is easy to conflate what we want or think we want with God's will. We speak of God's will as though it is something that we need to be searching for. Let's make this easy. God's will is to save us. God's will is for us to accept the sacrifice that Christ made for us and allow the Spirit to dwell in us.

It is true that many may take a while to find their niche. It may take a while to learn what gift we have with which to best serve in the church. We may or may not land in a vocation that we are happy with in the long run. Listen to what Paul says. His desire is that we learn what God's will is in spiritual wisdom. This means that it is beyond us to discern on our own. It is not for me to figure out what God's will is for my life. It is for us to do together. Most people understand this in other parts of their life. We tend to end up doing what we are good at and what people say we are good at. And we spend time learning about it and getting better.

God's will is for us not to be distracted by the next shiny thing. It is for us not to be frightened by the parade of crises that cross our view. Keep our focus on Christ and the cross and learn God's will in a changing and challenging world.

Next week: Works of the flesh

Read: Colossians

WELCOME

We are glad you've joined us for worship today!

Please fill out the information sheet found in the maroon binder at the end of your pew.

*An attended **nursery** is provided during worship assembly.

***Communion**—We celebrate the resurrection of our Lord every Sunday (“first day of the week”) through a time of communion known as the Lord’s Supper. The “unleavened bread” represents His body and the “fruit of the vine” (cup of grape juice) represents His blood shed on the cross. As our guest, you are welcome to participate, though you are not required to do so.

***Giving**— We are challenged to be good stewards of God’s blessings by supporting the various ministries of the church through a weekly collection that is taken during our worship time. You are welcome to give, but please do not feel as though you must.



—Small group tonight (Jan 26) is in the youth room from 6 PM to 7:30 PM. Karson Teel is leading our devotional and we will eat supper with the adult group at the building.

—Next Sunday night (Feb 2) is our Superbowl party. We will meet in the youth room at 5 PM for a devotional and then we will eat pizza and watch the game.

—Winterfest is February 14-16. The cost is 75 dollars and the deadline to sign up and to pay is Sunday February 2. There is a sign-up sheet on the outside of my office door.

Classes: Sunday: Life of Jesus Wednesday: Choices that Determine Destiny



Ryan Hill-RI (Shoulders)
Cameron Hurst--USAF(Curry)
Sam Richey-USMC (Stoltz)

Christopher Goodale-USMC
Hans Niestrath-USNA
Jason Rushing-Air Natl Guard
(Hampton)

Worship Order

Order of Worship Sunday, January 26, 2020

Congregational Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6

10000 Reasons

Thou O Lord Art A Shield

Prayer—Jacob Scott

Amazing Grace/My Chains Are Gone

Lord’s Supper

R. Stubblefield Dan Rust

Z. Pressley D. Swaidner

Buster Almon Titus Scott

Presiding: Dan Rust

Hallowed

Contribution

Dismiss for Children’s Church

Because We Believe

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:3-8 **Brock**

Prayer —D. Stubblefield

Lesson: Sean Niestrath

Before The Throne Of God Above

Benediction: Colossians 1:11-14

ALTERNATES:

Please meet in case you are needed to serve as a sub for the Lord’s Supper

January:

Terry Hampton

Byron Pruitt

Prepare communion:

Jan: Wilma

Feb: Rust

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Monitor: Tim Teel

Nursery: Krista Teel

Children’s Church: Duggin

Sound Booth: Darin Swaidner

Sunday, February 2, 2020

Prayer: R. Stubblefield

Prayer: Dan Rust

Scripture : Kivil Brown

Monitor: Larry Stone

Nursery: Betty Rust

Children’s Church: none

Serving the Lord’s Table:

Terry Hampton Byron Pruitt

Tim Ashby Tim Scott

M. Wilkerson Titus Scott

Presiding: Terry Hampton

Sound Booth—D. Stubblefield

For the Record:

Last Sunday

Bible Class: 77

Worship: 122

Contribution:

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Wednesday: 86

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday PM Topic: Proverbs (Friendship) Quincy—and meal.



There will be a **potluck in honor of Randy and Donna** on Sunday, February 9th, after morning services.

There is a basket in the foyer for cards to welcome the Parson's baby girl due in February.

Congratulations to Bruce and Jane Kittinger on the birth of their newest granddaughter. Hattie Jane Hammer was born last Friday, January 17th, weighing 8lbs, 10oz and was 19 inches long. Welcome, Baby Girl!

Expecting Parents:

Laura & John Parsons (Girl)—February
Megan & Joshua Scott (Girl)—March
Jennifer & Josh Pruitt (Girl)—March

Sunday Morning Adult Classes

Sean-Auditorium—"Poured Out"—Holy Spirit
Webbs-Young Adult- "Boundaries"

Jan 26—Diana Adams
Jan 27—Macey Scott
Jan 28—Debbie Malik
Jan 28—Dan & Betty Rust
Jan 31—Emily Duggin
Jan 31—Bruce Kittinger

*Celebrating
-WITH-
you*

CALENDAR:

Feb 2—Youth Superbowl Party @ building
Feb 3—Ministry Mtg, 7pm
Feb 9—Potluck for Travis's
Feb 14-16—Winterfest
March 8—Spring Forward

When we meet:

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 A.M.
Worship 10:30 A.M.

Sunday P.M.

At the building 6 P.M.

Small Groups Sept—May: various times;
contact Sean Niestrath

Wednesday

Bible Study 6:30 P.M.

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Love. Grow. Serve.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Honduran brothers and sisters

**Watata CoC in Homa Bay, Kenya—minister will be leaving soon.
Church in Rome**

Serious Illness/Injury:

Rita Frazier, lung cancer, Barbara's SIL
Bryce Alexander, leukemia
Marvin Gallagher
Mike Bright, health issues
Ruffin Chandler
Jon Riley, lungs
Betty & Kim Stanley
Makenzie Carson, L. Russell
Brady Cobb, intestinal problems
Roberta Lynch, Shelia's mom
Barbara Lynch, Shelia
Jonathan Allen, MS
Tracy Thorp, cancer
Buddy Jenkins, Karen S. father
Jeff Travis, health
Ronnie Lear, COPD
Tracey Moore, illness
Sherry Mitchell, cancer
Pam Wiggins, cancer
Barbie Kern, Carol's sister, cancer
Mark Martin, mesothelioma
Dan Evans
Sandra Hawkins, cancer
Amy Caulder, brain cancer
Diana Adams
Linda Turner, cancer
Chesley Castleberry, cancer, EJ
Aliyah Copeland, Palmer's gd
Jackie & Olivia Austringer

Kim Feltner, Tim's sister
Michael Skultety, cancer, Jane
Lance Pace, cancer
Phil Keith
George Teel, cancer
Keith Roberts, cancer, EJ
Bruce Coleson, MS
Ed Wallace, liver transplant
Lowry Johnson, 4m old, cancer
Cliff Duncan, cancer
Charles Smallwood, Micki's father
Rodney Householder
Aaron Reding, ALS
Mack Shearn
George Utley, cancer
Audrey Davis, 4yr.old, leukemia
Hannah Gates, heart surgery
Wayne Warszona, Parkinson's
Jakayla Acker, lymphoma
Connie Armstrong, cancer
Andrea Kane, cancer
Kathy Lawrence
Bob Reis, MS
Richard Grogan, Barbara S.
Karen Kittinger, cancer
Dustin Ray, cancer
Tracey Durham
Monica Seke, liver, Kenya

Shut-Ins & Elderly:

Anna Etta Brown, Ruth Shoulders,
Ann Alderson, Don & Judy Niestrath, Sandy Pilon

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Deacons:

Jeremy Duggin, James Rust, Joshua Scott
Brock Shoulders, Steve Stoltz, Darin Swaidner
Tim Teel, Randy Travis