

Dr. Bill Warren, once again, led our second annual Bible Conference. His theme for this year focused on the theology found in Jesus' parables. I took it upon myself to prepare for the various lessons Dr. Warren would be teaching throughout the conference. As I was studying, I came across the word "parable" in the **Complete Word Study Dictionary**. I would like to share with you some of the things I learned from my studies.

First, I would like to start by defining the word "parable", a short story under which something else is figured or in which the fictitious is used to represent and illustrate the real. Here are the Greek and English words to describe "parable": paroimía, a proverb; analogía, analogy.

Consider this explanation on the usefulness of parables. Parables may be considered illustrations of truths already set forth rather than as a means of conveying truths. With this concept in mind, Christ's use of miracles could have been objects of parables in action.

Christ's use of this common oriental method of teaching is seen in the first three Gospels of the New Testament. Many times, Christ' disciples could not understand these hidden meanings because they were mysteries to them.

The use of parables enabled Christ to figuratively communicate a dark saying, or a hidden meaning to a general audience.

Notice the dialog Jesus had with his disciples in John 16:25,29 (NLT) *"I have spoken of these matters in figures of speech, but soon I will stop speaking figuratively and will tell you plainly all about the Father.*

The disciples' respond to Jesus in verse 29, *then his disciples said, "At last you are speaking plainly and not figuratively."*

Embedded within the synoptic Gospels are long and short parables/proverbs; within these types of narratives, are comparisons. In order for the audience to understand the meaning of the story they would have to catch the analogy or the comparisons given in the parable.

To better illustrate this point, Christ compares himself to living water, Christians to the salt of the earth and the lilies of the field. He compares unbelievers to a house built on the sand and as an empty grave. He compares evangelists to fishers of men. He compares a carnal life to a light under a bushel, an unstable man to a reed shaken with the wind, lost people to fields white unto harvest, and suffering for Christ as a woman in travail.

In next month's newsletter, I will continue on this topic as we examine and explore the value and meaning of parables in the New Testament.

I want to thank the church family for your faithfulness to attend the Bible Conference. I pray the messages touched your heart and illuminated your mind to the truth of God's word.

I hope and pray we will apply what we have learned into faithful obedience to our Lord and His Word.

I love you all and I pray for God's blessings on our church.

Sincerely,

Pastor Tim

Father's Day Breakfast

Special thanks are in order to the fellowship committee: Donna Hines, Debbie Machetta, Stacie Kopet and Barbara Trimble. They prepared a wonderful breakfast, which everyone enjoyed. The men cried encore!

Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Here is an opportunity for you to participate in an annual outreach ministry. You will be helping thousands of others make a child's Christmas something special.

For the month of July we are asking for Hygiene items such as toothbrush, toothpaste, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, etc. We also need shoe boxes.

Cash donations are needed to help pay for the shipping of the boxes.

You have a choice!

We are starting a women's Bible study class on Sunday, July 6 at 9:30am. If you are interested in being part of this new Sunday School class, please let Jane know. The class will meet in the dining room by the kitchen.

Church Wide Visitation

Tuesday, July 1st, 15th & 29th
5:30 pm

Come join us, here at the church, on Tuesday, July 1st, 15th, and 29th from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm., as we continue our bi-weekly church wide visitation.

Women on Missions

We met on Saturday, June 14th. We were small in numbers but had a great time. Sorry we missed you.

Our next meeting will be on July 12th. Diane Varady and Deborah Davis will be presenting some information on Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong.

Come and join us. After the meeting we will be having a baby shower for Tessa Fortesque. Hope you all will attend.

In August we will be packing backpacks for the Afghan children. We have a lot planned for the rest of the year.

Church Wide Picnic

Saturday, July 19th
12:00 pm

Come join us. We are in the planning stage right now and will have more information for you in our upcoming bulletins.

Pastor Appreciation Day in August

Mark Your Calendar....Sunday, August 10th at 1:00 pm. You are all invited to come and celebrate Pastor Appreciation Day at the home of Bob and Caryl Shaw.

We will be serving lunch, playing games and having a lot of fun. Come and see what we have in store for Pastor Tim.

Please sign up if you plan to attend. We are asking if you would like to bring something, to add it to the list on the bulletin board. You're welcome to bring a Pastor Appreciation card with you.

"Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class
Assignment - Virginia Beach

Joshua Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Navy **Rank** - Basic Training
Assignment - Great Lakes, Illinois

Megan Hines - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines
Rank - LC- **Assignment** - South Carolina

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air force **Rank** -
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona



Sunday School 9:30 am
Morning Worship 10:45 am
Evening Worship 6:00 pm



Wednesday Evening
Family Dinner - 5:00 pm
Bible Study - 5:45 pm
Choir Practice - 6:30 pm



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July Calendar

- 1st - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
- 2nd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 3rd - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am
- 9th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 10th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am
- 12th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am
- 14th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 15th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
- 16th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 17th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am
- 19th - Church Wide Picnic - 12:00 pm
- 23rd - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 24th - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am
- Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
- 26th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
- 27th - Sunday School Teachers Meeting - 5:00 pm
- Lord's Supper - 6:00 pm
- 28th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 29th - Church Wide Visitation - 5:30 pm
- 30th - Wednesday Dinner & Fellowship - 5:00 pm
- 31st - Prayer Meeting - 10:30 am

Happy Birthday

- 8th - John Kopet
- 8th - Diane Varady
- 12th - Eva Emerson
- 17th - Sue Abbott
- 21st - Margaret Ferguson
- 29th - Don Clark
- 30th - Millie Brogdon

Happy Anniversary

- 4th - Bill & Shauna Duncan
- 5th - Jeff & Debbie Machetta
- 16th - Alex & Lisa Villafuerte

Our Doors are Open

Come join us each week as we open our doors for worship, teaching, fellowship and discipleship training.

Each Sunday our doors are open at 8:30 am for a time of fellowship around the coffee pot. Starting at 9:30 am we have a time of Bible study and then at 10:45 am we begin our weekly Sunday morning service.

Our Sunday morning services burst with energy as our worship leader leads the congregation to praise and worship our God and our Savior Jesus Christ. Our pastor is committed to preaching dynamic sermons, proclaiming the truth of God's word to our hearts.

In the same fashion, our pastor has dedicated our Sunday evening fellowship time to focus on the Old Testament book of Daniel. The book of Daniel is an enchanting study; it is chock full of mystery, suspense, action and faith. Please make plans to attend these evening sessions, as they will enlighten and encourage you in your daily walk with the Lord.

Our doors are open each Wednesday evening. Our fellowship begins with a meal at 5:00 pm, in our fellowship hall. Following the meal, we gather in the auditorium for our midweek Bible study. We have been methodically working our way towards the book of Revelation. Our study, so far, has been scholarly, historical, educational and informative. Everyone is encouraged to participate in this wonderful study.

Please make plans to attend all of the weekly events sponsored by your church. Remember, our doors are open!

HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY



Have a happy and safe holiday.