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[Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM](#)

Studying from the book of Job

[Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM](#)

Men please meet @ 10:20AM before services!

[Sunday Spanish Services @ 1:30PM.](#)

[Sunday Evening Youtube Service @ 6:00PM](#)

[Monday Dinner & Bible Study @ the Seim's](#)

****No Monday night class for the next 3 weeks****

[Wednesday Night Zoom Bible study @ 7:00PM](#)

This weeks study Lesson 21 "1 Thessalonians 5:12-28".

[GBN Link: Beginning Bible Studies Online](#)

FROM THE BACK PEW!

*How Are You Going To Win... If You Are Not Right Within!
Without Spiritual Growth ... Numerical Growth Won't Happen!*

COMMUNICATION IN THE CHURCH

In any relationship, business, or associations, communication is paramount. **COMMUNICATION** is defined as: imparting or exchanging of news. **COMMUNICATION** has four parts: Message, Sender, Understanding, and Feedback. The message is **GOD's** word (Bible), the sender is **GOD**, the understanding is what is being said, and the feedback is Christians doing what **GOD** says, searching the scriptures, attending Bible studies/Worship services, and asking questions to get understanding. The Bereans searched the scriptures daily to see if what was preached was true (Acts 17:11-12). **GOOD/EFFECTIVE** communication can insure everyone is on the same page. It can also foster growth, unity, and everyone working towards a common goal. When church leaders communicate **GOD's** plan and their plan for the congregation, they can solicit feedback and ideas from its members according to the **BIBLE**. Members in the congregation need to give **FEEDBACK** on their understanding of what is being said from the pulpit or the teachers facilitating the class. We are to be a lively Church/congregation, but if we don't **COMMUNICATE**, then all barriers are shut down. What if **GOD** did not communicate with you? Where would we be today? Do you communicate with **GOD** through prayer and supplication? (Philippians 4:6-7). **GOD** wants to hear from you all the time. *Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks, for this is the will of **GOD** in Christ Jesus for you. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)*

*DID YOU KNOW TIME SPRANG FORWARD TODAY?
WERE YOU LATE FOR WORSHIP SERVICE TODAY?*

HOW TO MEASURE SPIRITUAL SUCCESS

Devo by: Mike Mazzalongo

When Paul, our oldest, was a little boy he was concerned that his younger sister Julia was taller than he was. There was no use explaining to him that the normal growth pattern for kids their age was that girls grow taller more quickly but eventually boys catch up and pass them. He was not buying any of this and so we kept a record of his growth and measured his progress. This was a great way of reassuring him that growth was actually taking place and a way of observing it as it happened.

Of course, measuring progress is an important factor in the success of any enterprise, whether it is physical growth, the development of a talent, the success of a business or organization, you need to be able to see and measure your progress!

One area, however, that we tend *not* to do this is in our spiritual lives. I do not believe this is because we do not want to, I think it is because we do not know how to do this and there are only a few such admonitions in the Bible.

One such encouragement is in **1 Corinthians 11:28** where Paul tells the Corinthians to examine themselves and their spiritual condition before taking communion. Another instance is in **2 Corinthians 13:5** where once again Paul tells these same Corinthians to "*test*" themselves to see if they are in the faith. These passages clearly state that there is a need to examine or measure ourselves. However, they do not provide the manner in which we can do this.

I would like to make a few suggestions on how we can measure our spiritual growth:

1. Compare Yourself To Christ

A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.

- **Luke 6:40**

The big mistake we make when trying to measure ourselves is to measure ourselves against someone else. If we compare ourselves to a spiritual giant we feel depressed. If we compare to a backslider we feel superior and proud. In order to get a true "fix" on where we are in our spiritual life we should compare ourselves to Christ and His word who never change their position.

By doing this, two things happen:

We do not feel discouraged or proud because Jesus is the perfect ideal and we can truly know exactly where we stand when compared to Him and His teachings without feeling inferior.

We can get a true measure of our progress from year to year because unlike human models, He does not

change and neither will His word. By comparing ourselves to a fixed position, we can measure how much progress we really do make in different areas.

Another way to measure our spiritual growth is to:

2. Compare Your Purity Level

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

- **James 4:8**

Our ministry or service is not worth anything if we are not walking in purity. Jesus said "*Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God,*" but the opposite is true also, those with impure hearts will not.

We need to continue to tighten and refine the screening of our eyes and ears and mouths and hearts to filter out the dirt and sin of this world. Very simply put, are we talking, seeing, listening, practicing cleaner things than in the past? It is a difficult process but an honest self-examination will let us know if we need to change our filters to guarantee more purity or not.

3. Ask Others To Rate You

For I have no one else of kindred spirit who will genuinely be concerned for your welfare.

- **Philippians 2:20**

Paul said there was no one else like Timothy to care for and be concerned for the church. High praise coming from high places. Very few people will take it upon themselves to rate you spiritually because it is a personal thing and a sensitive issue. However, if there is someone you feel is truly a spiritual person, someone you believe is succeeding in their spiritual growth, ask them to give you an opinion as to how you are doing. We are not to judge or criticize each other but we are allowed to give an informed opinion in love. Many times we will not do this because we know too well what the answer may be, however, along with the answer may come some advice or encouragement that will greatly motivate your spiritual development.

Summary

We need to measure how we are doing spiritually for one very good reason: one day God will measure how we have done and reward or punish us for the results.

The first thing to determine is if we are pointing in the direction of God. We are if we have confessed our faith in Christ, repented of our sins and been baptized for forgiveness. The next thing to determine is if we are moving towards Him by growing in faith and love or sliding back because of unfaithfulness and impurity. If your direction has been wrong and your progress is nil, you can change that.

Serving Today

Bible Class: *Bro. Ron Clevenger*
Song Leader: *Bro. Lee Christensen*
Streaming/Audio: *Russell Weems*

Worship Order

Call to Worship (Himno)
Announcements... *Bro. Lee Christensen*
Opening Prayer (Oracion)... *Bro. Andy Figueroa*
Hymn (Himno)
Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)... *Bro. Russell Weems*
Hymn (Himno)
Reading... Haggai 1:2,4,9... (*Bro. Javier Perez*)
Sermon... *Six Houses...* (*Mark Seim*)
Invitational Hymn (Himno)
Closing Hymn (Himno)
Closing Prayer (Oracion)... *Bro. Steve Robertson*

Congregational Notes

- Bill Wills Preaching @ CMCH today.
- Bible Classes... Sunday Morning Is In A New Study From The Book Of Job... Monday Night @ The Seim's Is Studying A Book, "The Heart Of David"... Wednesday Night Class Via Zoom Is Studying The Book Of 1 Thessalonians.
- Suggestion Box... There Is A Small Box For Suggestions Located On The Front Table. Leave A Note On A Card With Suggestions Or Request.
- Sign-Up To Be A Greeter.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Proverbs 22:9

Bill Wills: (609)547-9408 or Javier Perez: (609)553-3990.
*****Next Outreach Saturday, March 29th, 1030AM*****

Items needed for the outreach bags.

Women items: Underwear (all sizes), Feminine Hygiene products, Gloves...*Men items:* Underwear (all sizes), Gloves...*Toiletries:* Tooth brushes, Toothpaste Mouth wash Hand warmers...*Food items:* **Tuna packets, Granola bars, Breakfast bars, Cracker packets.**

FOOD NEEDED FOR THE PANTRY!

1 Timothy 5:8; 2 Corinthians 9:7

*****Spaghetti and sauce*****

Money donations are gladly accepted to help purchase food to stock the pantry!

Oatmeal (Regular or Instant), Box Cereals, Grits (Regular or Instant), Tuna Fish (In the packets), Beans/Peas (Dry good bags), Mash Potatoes (Box/packets), Corn Meal, Flour, Cooking oil, Pasta, Sauce, Sardines, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Canned fruits.



PRAYER REQUEST

- *Ginny Hesser* is currently in Royal Suites on Jimmie Leeds Rd. in Galloway. Twp. A visit would be nice.
- *Deb R. Richardson*, continue praying for her health.
- *Jose Morillo* recovery from surgery.
- *Melida* is & steadily improving from her stroke.
- *Debbie Shurig*, continue praying for her health.
- *Teri Clevenger*, dealing with chronic back pain.
- *Natalie Weems*, continuing health issues.
- *Virginia Hesser*, health.
- *Tim Height*, health.
- *Elsie Thompson*, suffering from dementia.
- **FRIENDS & RELATIVES**
- *Ruth Stevens*, issues with her foot.
- *George Mathis*, is doing better with health issues, friend of the Will's & Christensen's.
- *Tamara Shurig* request prayers for friends Chuck & Nutan, for good health and love through prayers.
- *Tito Montalvo* (Deb Shurig's brother) needs prayers for health and good judgment in his life.
- Prayers for Dalene White's mom Joanie who is on hospice.
- *Damaris' nephew* in the Dominican Republic has been missing months now. Pray for their family.
- *Rhina* who visits the Spanish service, is suffering from various diseases and is in a lot of pain.
- Ron's co-worker (*Jerry Mauger*) son-in-law has colon cancer and is receiving treatments.
- *Gary Smalls*, (Ruth Stevens Son-in-law) is home. *Michelle* (Ruth's daughter) is undergoing dialysis 3x a week.
- From the Weems; *Charlotte Dorsey*- health issues and cancer treatment,...*Paul Huber (step-dad)*- health issues... *Gina Palmer*- lung cancer... *Toni Lynn Charlesworth*- for spiritual strength as she & her family deal with her cancer & care...*Susan Blackwell*- personal issues.
- *Mrs. Holland*, music teacher at Pilgrim Academy, pancreatic cancer is doing better, continue to pray for complete healing.
- *Rob Mar* (Linda's Meredith's cousin), Barbara Keenan (Linda's sister) *Ryan Keenan* (Linda's nephew) for spiritual strength & health, *Jack Keenan* (Linda's B.I.L.) suffering from cancer.

What Jesus DID for YOU ...and why

He created you
(John 1:3; Col. 1:16)

He came to this earth for you
(Phil. 2:6; John 1:14)

He died on the cross for you
(Rom. 5:8; Gal. 2:20)

He shed His blood for you
(Eph. 1:7; Heb. 9:12)

He was raised from the dead for you
(1 Cor. 15:1-26; Rom. 8:34)

Because...

He loves you
(Eph. 5:2; 1 John 3:16)

He wants to save you
(Matt. 20:28; Tit. 2:14)

He wants to take you to heaven
(John 14:1-3; 1 Thess. 4:17)



What Jesus EXPECTS of YOU ...and why

Learn and know the truth (Rom. 10:17; John 8:32)

Obey the will of God (Matt. 7:21; John 14:15; Heb. 5:8-9)

Believe Jesus is God's Son (John 1:12; 3:16; 20:30-31)

Repent (turn) from your sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30)

Confess your faith in Jesus (Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10)

Be immersed into Christ (Acts 2:38; 22:16; Gal. 3:27)

Live faithfully and serve Him (Rev. 2:10; 1 Cor. 15:58)

So that...

You can prove your love for Him (John 14:15; 1 John 5:2-3)

You can be saved from your sins (Acts 2:38; 1 John 1:7)

You can go to heaven (Matt. 7:21; Heb. 5:8-9)

March 2025

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■ Holidays in United States
■ Church

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 9:30 AM Sunday AM Bible Class 10:30 AM Sunday AM Worship 12:00 PM Annual Meeting & Trustee Vote 1:30 PM Spanish Speaking Services	24 6:30 PM Monday Night Study at the Seims	25	26 7:00 PM ZOOM Bible Class	27	28	10:00 AM Womens Bible Study
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SIX HOUSES

Haggai 1: 2, 4, 9

Introduction... There are over 2,000 appearances of the word "house" in the Bible, and depending on the context, it is used in different ways. This morning we will look at six different "houses" mentioned in the word of God, and apply them to our lives.

i. The Family

(A) Examples; Noah (Genesis 7:1) Cornelius (Acts 10:2)

(B) Things about this house

- (1) Genesis 2:18-24 (God instituted)
- (2) A family place (Ephesians 5:22-33)
- (3) Ephesians 6:4; Genesis 1:28

ii. A Dwelling Place (Genesis 33:17)

(A) What the Bible teaches about this place

- (1) A place for practicing hospitality (Genesis 19:2-4, 10-11)
- (2) A place for teaching (Deuteronomy 6:7-9)
 - (a) Acts 5:42; 20:20
- (3) A place for eating and drinking
 - (a) Acts 2:46; 1 Corinthians 11:22, 34

iii. The Old Testament Temple (2 Samuel 7:2, 7)

(A) A place the Jews assembled to worship (Deuteronomy 16)

iv. The Physical Body

(A) We must take care of it and glorify God in it (1 Corinthians 5:1)

- (1) Ecclesiastes 12:3; James 2:26
- (2) 1 Corinthians 6:18-20

v. The New Testament Church (1 Timothy 3:15; Hebrews 3:6)

(A) It is a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:5)

(B) It is "God planned"

- (1) Ephesians 3:10-11; Matthew 16:18
- (2) Acts 20:28; Ephesians 1:20-23; 1 Corinthians 15:24

vi. This Meeting House (Hebrews 10:25)

(A) Use of this house (worshiping)

- (1) Acts 2:42; Ephesians 5:19

(B) Doing the work of the Lord

- (1) Ephesians 4:12
- (2) 1 Timothy 3:15

Conclusion... As we have seen, the church we are attending this morning is God's house. *"I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord. (Psalm 122:1).* We are to worship and work with one another in this house.

NOTES: