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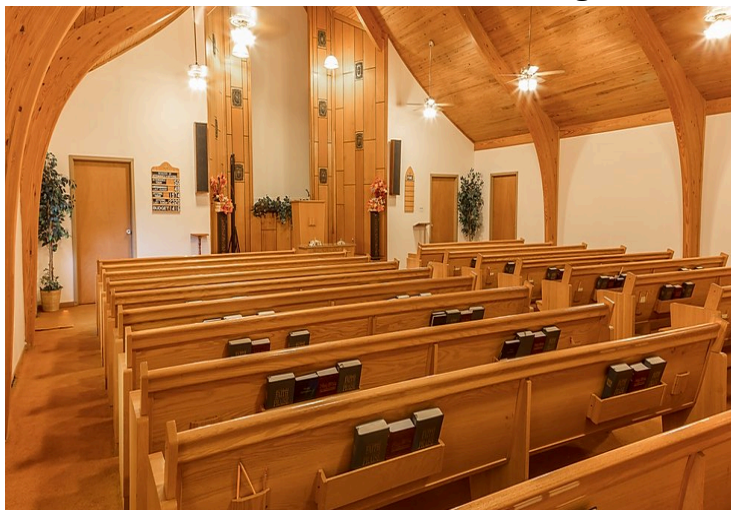
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Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM

(Auditorium only)

A study of the parables of Jesus.

"The Parable of the Rich man & Lazarus." Luke 16:19-31.

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

A study in Phillipians

Wednesday Night Zoom Bible study @ 7:00PM

This weeks workbook study; Lesson 8 "Galatians 3:23-29".

(Get an invite from northfieldchurchofchrist@gmail.com)

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"Keep Psalms And Carry On"

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FROM THE BACK PEW!

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

DID YOU TRULY WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND IN TRUTH TODAY?

But the hour is coming, and now us, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth; for the Father is seeking such a worship to him...John 4:23 NKJV

Would you say you are an open book? Then why won't **WE** open **OUR** Bible to see if **OUR** book equals what **GOD** says! **GOD** speaks to **US** through the Bible and **HE** gives **US** FIVE things to do during worship and the rest is for **OUR** everyday life. They are to SING, COMMUNION, CONTRIBUTION, PRAY, PREACH (hear the word). Now if these things are what **WE** are to do, then why do **WE** see **CHRISTIANS** walking into service at leisure, hurriedly, or attempting to come in quietly? **SOME** miss half of the services and still say **THEY** have or are worshipping **GOD**.

Do we search the scriptures when Paul and Silas preached in the synagogues like the Bereans did? (**Acts 17:10-12 NKJV**). **WE** can't and don't know what **GOD** says and wants us to know if **WE** don't read for ourselves. How many of **US** bring **OUR** own **BIBLES** with **US** to church services or open the one in the back of the pew in front of **US**?

Did **YOU** bring **YOUR** school books with **YOU** and open it/them when the teacher asked **YOU**?

The Dinner Table As A Spiritual Weapon

One of the strongest weapons you can use against the ever-increasing culture war can be found in practically every Christian home—the dinner table.

This nuclear arsenal is extremely effective and yet, sadly, under-utilized. In fact, in too many homes, Satan has convinced parents that drive thru and grab-n-go meals are just as effective and satisfying. But these weak substitutes are not nearly as effective as having your family gather around the dinner table together.

The science is undeniable.

Families sitting around the dinner table are healthier in a multitude of ways. A 2015, journal article titled “*Systematic review of the effects of family meal frequency on psychosocial outcomes in youth*” revealed that “*results show that frequent family meals are inversely associated with disordered eating, alcohol and substance use, violent behavior, and feelings of depression or thoughts of suicide in adolescents. There is a positive relationship between frequent family meals and increased self-esteem and school success.*” (in the Journal of Canadian Family Physician, <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4325878/>).

Have children that are struggling with depression? Turn off the devices and gather around the table—even if they don't want to. (That's part of parenting!)

A 2022, survey by the American Health Association found that 91% of parents reported that their families were significantly less stressed when their families eat meals together regularly. Researchers at Stanford Medicine and Stanford University demonstrated eating together also improves a child's self-esteem.

By encouraging your children to talk about their day (and genuinely listening to their responses), you're communicating that you value and respect who they are. You learn about their priorities and what is truly important to them—which may give you indications of areas you need to tweak or help them to refocus on.

A 2006 study published in the Journal of Adolescent Health demonstrated that there is a clear relationship between how many meals families eat together versus how much high-risk behavior children get involved in. They concluded: “*The findings of the present study suggest that the frequency of family dinner is an external developmental asset or protective factor that may curtail high-risk behaviors among youth.*” In other words, if you want your children to not use drugs, alcohol, steal, etc. then sit around the dinner table with them and share your values and God's wisdom!

Neurologically, I know sharing meals together contributes to the production of oxytocin. Oxytocin is a hormone released by the pituitary gland and is commonly referred to as “*the love hormone*” or the “*cuddle hormone.*” This hormone, when secreted, increases feelings of love and closeness between humans.

This means when families gather around the table together it causes a physiological response that draws people to one another. Want your family to be closer together? Try sitting around the table at night.

My wife and I would whole heartedly agree with all these studies. Looking back at what truly helped bring our family closer together—and closer to God—it was gathering together as a family around the dinner table.

This was one of the areas that my wife was adamant about as the children were growing up. She wanted us eating together around a table as often as possible. (Admittedly, there were nights we just physically couldn't make it happen—but we always knew what the goal was and worked hard to be sitting around it later in the week.) It was around that table that we talked about our day, we shared our hopes, dreams, and goals, we discussed

some of the deeper issues of life, we laughed, and even occasionally shed tears together.

So, science has proven that families that gather around the table together are healthier. But take a moment to reflect and consider how many times the Bible talks about people gathering around the table:

**Where'd Jesus want to go with Zacchaeus? (Luke 19:1-10)*

**Have you ever studied where Jesus did much of His work? It was around people's tables (see for instance Luke 7:36; Luke 11:37; Mark 14:3; John 12:2).*

**Where did Jesus want to spend the last cherished moments with His disciples? (Matthew 26)* This is huge! He could have taken them to a beach or the mountains. But instead, He timed His last days with Passover and had them gathered around a table with Him.

**When Jesus healed Peter's mother-in-law the text indicates she arose and served them (Matthew 8:15).* Once again, you get this intimate image of Him with people gathered around a table.

**The first century church literally got started around dining room tables: “So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,” (Acts 2:46).*

**And consider how many times Jesus' parables and teachings were focused around a table or wedding feast.*

The psalmist paints a beautiful picture of a family, and mentions specifically having your children gathered around the table in **Psalm 128:1-4**

Blessed is every one who fears the Lord,

Who walks in His ways.

When you eat the labor of your hands,

You shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine

In the very heart of your house,

Your children like olive plants

All around your table.

Behold, thus shall the man be blessed

Who fears the Lord.

Looking back, if I could give a piece of wisdom to every young family in the church it would be this: Cut out some of the activities in your life and gather your family around the table. Make it a habit. Eat meals together. Talk to your children and share your thoughts around that table. Use that dinner table as a teaching ground to fight some of the mess going on in our culture today. Let it become a place of wisdom, learning and healing for your family. Invite your Christian friends to sit around the table with you. Play games at the table. Just make sure you get around that table as a family! We cannot stress this enough... truly!

Our dinner table was given to us from my sweet in-laws many years ago. It was made by an Amish family in Lancaster, PA and is extremely sturdy. But after 15+ years and four children it is now showing some age. The finish is starting to come off in places, and it has a “*distressed*” look that we did not pay extra for. I've considered having it refinished, and likely will do that one day...but those little dings and scratches hold a special place in my heart these days.

As my children continue to grow up and “*leave the nest*” those little scuffs are a reminder every morning of all the love and laughter we have shared at that table. To all those Christian families with young children, I pray you find yourself drinking your coffee in twenty years, sitting at a table with lots of marks and scratches. For it's those dings and dents that are just one tale-tell sign that your children have been prepared for battle!

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SERVING TODAY

Bible Class: *Bro. Bill Wills*

Streaming/Audio: *Bro. Mike Walsh*

Song Leader: *Bro. Lee Christensen*

Worship Order

Call to Worship (Himno)

Announcements... *Bro. Mike Walsh*

Opening Prayer (Oracion)... *Bro. Andy Figueroa*

Hymn (Himno)

Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)... *Bro. Ron Clevenger*

Hymn (Himno)

Reading- *2 Timothy 3:16-17... (Bro. Steve Robertson)*

Sermon- *The Holy Scriptures (Bro. Mark Seim)*

Invitational Hymn (Himno)

Closing Hymn (Himno)

Closing Prayer (Oracion)... *Bro. William White*

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

- *Cradle roll & Cry room...* we have setup a monitor in the cradle roll room for parents wishing to utilize the room if your children are crying & the original cry room were the streaming equipment is located can be used. We are trying this out and your feedback is requested. Again thanks for your patience... *In Christ.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

Proverbs 22:9

Next Saturday, April 20th will be our outreach activity.

Bill Wills: (609)547-9408, **Javier Perez:** (609)553-3990.

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

This week please bring: Tuna cans & packets
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 Potato's (Box/packets), Corn Meal, Flour, Cooking oil, Pasta, Sauce, Sardines, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Soups, Canned fruits.



PRAYER REQUEST

- *Debbie Shurig*, health issues.
- *Andy Figueroa*, continued recovery from surgery.
- *Deb R. Richardson*. continue praying for her health.
- *Melissa White*, dealing with back pain.
- *Natalie Weems*, pain issues.
- *Teri Clevenger*, dealing with back pain.
- *Virginia Hesser*, health.
- *Tim Height*, health.
- *Elsie Thompson*, suffering from dementia.

Friends & Relatives

- *Dee McCrea* (Debbi Iwasaka' sister) she is in Shore Memorial hospital.
- Prayers for a brother in Christ (Melissa knows) who lives in Florida (*Corey Campbell*) who after many years decided to rededicate his life back to Christ.
- *Patricia Harmons daughter (Gar-Gar)* in Liberia who is very ill.
- *Katherine Cooper*- in rehab after being hospitalized.
- *Larry & Elaine McCullough*, (*sister & bro.in-law of Seim's*) Elaine has a fractured pelvis & Larry is recovering from spine surgery.
- *Doug*, Melissa's friend in Florida is battling cancer.
- *Mrs. Holland*, music teacher at Pilgrim Academy suffering from pancreatic cancer.
- *Bob & Cee Starn*, Noreen's aunt & uncle with home health care.
- *Liz Fuls*, being treated for breast cancer.
- *Gary Small*, (*Ruth's Son-in-law*) health issues.
- *Rob Mar*, Linda's Meredith's cousin for health & spiritual strength, *Jack Keenan*, Linda's B.I.L. suffering from cancer. *Ryan Keenan* (Linda's nephew) health issues.

Congregational Prayers

- The conflict in the middle east.
- The war in Ukraine & for the refugees of the wars around the world.
- Zambia (Continued Relief).
- To all that are struggling spiritually.

THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

2 Timothy 3:16-17

Introduction... This morning we will examine 2 Timothy 3:16-17. In these two verses we will notice some important things that they tell us about the Holy Spirit inspired Word of God.

I. May Be Known (2 Timothy 3:15)

- (A) The Scriptures may be known through the Teaching of Others and Personal Study
 - (1) 2 Timothy 2:2; 2:15
- (B) Jesus Taught "Search the Scriptures" (John 5:39)

II. Are Able To Make Men Wise

- (A) Only the Scriptures are able to do this (2 Timothy 3:15)

III. Are Given By Inspiration Of God (2 Timothy 3:16)

- (A) "*Inspiration of God*" means God breathed truth told by the Writers of this Book
 - (1) 2 Peter 1:21; James 1:5-6

IV. Are Profitable

- (A) They are Profitable for; teaching, reproof, correction, training in righteousness
 - (1) 2 Timothy 3:16
- (B) We are to use the Scriptures for what God intended

V. Makes The Man Of God Perfect (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

- (A) "*Perfect*" means the man of God is Complete
- (B) He uses the Scriptures for Profit
- (C) Failure to read, study, and apply Scriptures leaves one Imperfect

V. Thoroughly Furnishes Us To Do Good Works (James 2:17)

- (A) The Scriptures can Equip the man of God (2 Timothy 3:17)
- (B) Like Dorcas, we must be "*full of good Works*" (Acts 9:36)
- (c) We must "let our lights shine "*in good works*" (Matthew 5:16)

Conclusion... It is our designation as Christians to read, believe, and obey the Scriptures. "*For what does the Scriptures? Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.*" (Romans 4:3); "*But what does the Scripture say?*" (Galatians 4:30)

NOTES:

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED ?		
Both Jesus and the apostles (guided by the Holy Spirit) taught that to be saved, it is necessary that one:		
Hear	Romans 10:13-17	John 6:45 Revelation 1:3
Believe	John 2:30-31	Hebrews 11:6 Acts 16:31
Repent	Luke 13:3-5	Acts 2:38 Acts 17:30-31
Confess	Matthew 10:32-33	Romans 10:9-10
Be Baptized	Mark 16:15-16	1 Peter 3:21 Acts 2:38
Live Godly	Titus 2:11-14	Romans 12:1-2 2 Peter 1:5-11