

Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ

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Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM (Auditorium only)

We are studying from the Book "Muscle and a Shovel"

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM

Men please meet @ 10:20AM before services!

Sunday Evening Youtube Service @ 6:00PM

Monday's Dinner & Bible Study @ the Seim's
Lessons from the book of Nehemiah, See Mark or Jane if interested.

Tuesday Night Women's Class @ 6:30PM

Postponed until after the holidays. Get in touch with Noreen to see when it will resume.

Wednesday Night Zoom Bible study @ 7:00PM

No meeting @ the Building Wednesdays. This weeks study from 1 Corinthians 14:1-12.

(Request Zoom invite from Steve Robertson @ quinsdad@yahoo.com or the churches email address)

Visit Russell Weems YouTube Devotional series "Proverbially Speaking"

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FROM THE PEW!

How Are You Going To Win If You Are Not Right Within!

Without Spiritual Growth Numerical Growth Won't Happen!

We Should Worship God For Who He Is And Praise Him For What He Does For Us!

This is the first day of the new year and I am sure we have all made promises to ourselves, others, and GOD! Now the question is are we going to stick to them, or was it something said that gave us some type of motivation to be a better person for ourselves, others and GOD!?

Now that we have fooled ourselves and others but not GOD what are we really saying? Were our lives that bad this past year, or were we not living up to what we know is right and how GOD said we MUST be? *Hmmm!* Why did we have to start on *January 1st*? How long does it take before we say we can't keep the stuff we said we would do. The ironic thing is that GOD always knew we weren't going to hold fast to the promises we made.

We know not the hour **Matthew 25:13**...*Watch therefore, for you know not the hour in which the Son of Man is coming...* **Matthew 24:36** *But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but my Heavenly Father only...* **Luke 12:19-21** *And I will say to my soul, Soul, though has many goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry. But God said unto him, thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; then whose shall those things be which thou have provided?*

Don't put off tomorrow what you can do today. If your health is not good, do something about it, and that includes *Spiritual & Physical* health. Why wait, cry, pray, and beg God to help us when did not do our part. We all have a part in this Christian walk. **James 2:14-26**. *Faith without works is dead.*

SEEK THE KINGDOM

MIKE MAZZALONGO

"Do not worry then, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear for clothing?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things; for your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." - **Matthew 6:31-33**

This passage is the summary to a long section in which Jesus compares the experience of being in the kingdom of God under the grace of God and living in the shackle of the Law and constantly under the judgment of God.

Seeking the kingdom was explained in terms that seemed even more demanding than the Law when one looks at it on the surface. For example:

- *The Law* said do not murder but in *the kingdom* one does not even hate his brother or call him a fool.
- *The Law* said do not commit adultery but *the kingdom* demands that we do not even *think* about adultery.
- *The Law* said be fair and just, but *the kingdom* requires us to love enemies, ignore insults, give to the undeserving.
- *The Law* permits and governs wealth but *the kingdom* only recognizes heavenly treasure.

It would seem that to "*seek*" after the kingdom is a heavier burden than to keep the Law, after all who can avoid hatred; always have a pure mind; become completely vulnerable; have the faith to live for the next world and deny the one that exists?

It would seem that way except for one important difference; that is the difference between the words "*keep*" and "*seek*."

To keep means; *to obey, to maintain, not to make mistakes or omissions*. To be saved, accepted by God on the basis of Law, one had to *keep* the entire Law (**James 2:10**). To please God by keeping means that unless the entire Law is kept, there is no pleasing Him. It is all or nothing!

To seek means; *to search for, to desire, to endeavor, to plan and try for*. In the passages on the kingdom, Jesus describes exactly what it is that we are trying for: *A love* that includes those who are the most far away, our enemies. *A heart* that will not entertain an action that is ungodly, or impure. *An attitude* that depends totally on God for defense, for provision, for encouragement. *A hope* that is fixed on heaven through Christ and not dependent on any earthly thing for heavenly joy.

These are the goals of those who are in the kingdom and for those who *seek* these goals Jesus makes certain promises:

1. If you "*seek*" the kingdom you do not have to "*keep*" the Law.

That means freedom for those who are under the curse of having no margin for mistakes. When you "*seek*" you are allowed a margin for failure. He did not say keep the kingdom, He said seek the kingdom. The very fact that He said that you had to look for it, try for it, attempt it, means that He is prepared to forgive you when you do not find it instantly. So those who are honestly seeking the kingdom can say that they are seekers even if they have not forgiven all their enemies and sometimes they get discouraged because that is what seeking is all about. It is about looking for something that they have not completely found yet.

2. If you "*seek*" the kingdom you will eventually find it.

Those who try to please God and themselves by "*keeping*" the Law can be sure of one thing: they will never succeed. (**Romans 3:23**) But the promise to those who are seeking is that one day they will find the lost coin; the lost sheep; the pearl of great price; the kingdom of God.

You will find it in part now and then when Jesus comes you will find it completely. When Jesus returns He will not be looking for the ones who kept the Law, cause there will not be any of those to be found. When He comes He will allow Himself to be found by those who have been searching for Him all their lives. Searching for Him through loving action, through refined hearts, through trusting obedience, through a wealth of good deeds.

Summary

What will you be searching for this year?

Wealth?

A better more comfortable position in this world

Safety for you and your family?

Or will you make your first priority the seeking for God's kingdom in your life?

If you have not begun the search, the first step is a confession of faith and repentance along with a baptism in Christ to set about the road into the kingdom. And for those who have lost their way, a request for forgiveness is the way back to being a seeker. For the believers, just a reminder not to be discouraged: whatever you seek in Christ not found yet, you will clearly see and have when He comes.

<https://bibletalk.tv/seek-the-kingdom>

SERVING TODAY

Bible Class: Bro. Bill Wills

Streaming/Audio: Bro. Mike Walsh

Song Leader: Bro. Lee Christensen

Announcements: Bro. Mike Walsh

Opening Prayer: Bro. Russell Weems

Communion: Bro. Steve Robertson

Reading: Bro. Ron Clevenger

Sermon: Bro. Mark Seim

Closing Prayer: Bro. Andy Figueroa

Worship Order

Call to Worship (Himno)

Announcements

Opening Prayer (Oracion)

Hymn (Himno)

Lord's Supper (Santa Cena)

Hymn (Himno)

Reading- *Joshua 3:5; James 4:14; Psalms 90:2*

Sermon- *At The Opening Gates Of The New Year*

Invitational Hymn (Himno)

Closing Hymn (Himno)

Closing Prayer (Oracion)

CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

- **CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE-** Russell & Ron are working on updating the church directory. Please verify or update your info @ **DIRECTORY EMAIL LINK**, or see Ron or Russell.
- Congregational Meeting last Sunday in February.

FOOD BANK/CLOTHING

Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.

Items needed; *Peanut Butter & Jelly, Packets of Tuna Fish (not cans).*

There is also a portable clothing rack in which you can bring in clothing (*good shape*) to share.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH MINISTRY

If you feel like helping out with this ministry see *Bill Wills* or *Javier Perez*.

Bill Wills: (609)481-8739 (C), (609)652-8311(H)

Javier Perez: (609)553-3990.

Bring Items (*good shape*) for the Blue Barrel in the foyer.

- *Knit Hats, Crew Socks, Gloves, Sweat Shirts*
- *Tuna packets, Cheese & cracker packs, Granola bars*
- *Sandwich bags, Cloth bags*
- *Underwear- Medium/Large (Mens & women's)*
- *Womans hygiene products.*

Proverbs 22:9

*He who has a generous eye will be blessed,
For he gives of his bread to the poor.*

PRAYER REQUEST

Pray for those who request prayers-James 5:16

Our Members

- *Melissa, as she recovers from back surgery.*
- *Debi R-R, has not been feeling well lately.*
- *Oneida and her family's health issues.*
- *Dave & Helen Peters, recovery efforts in Fl.*
- *Paul Denson, health issues.*
- *Virginia Hesser, health.*
- *Tim Height, he cannot get around very well.*
- *Natalie, pain issues.*
- *Teri Clevenger, dealing with back pain.*
- *Elsie, health.*
- *Analois Walker is ok.*

FRIENDS & RELATIVES

- *James Davis, Rita Shiavo's granddaughter's husband, was burned over 75% of his body on Christmas day and they request our prayers.*
- *Wendy Garwood, friend of the Weems is suffering from a blood clot & unconscious in ICU @ Cooper Univer.*
- *Gary Smalls, (Ruth's Son-in-law) in the hospital in AC, still trying to heal.*
- *Carl Robinson ankle replacement surgery, a relative of the Wills.*
- *Jack Keenan, Linda Meredith's brother-in-law suffering from cancer.*
- *Duane Johnson, suffering chest pains.*
- *Cardo Urso, Friend of Becca's father, motorcycle accident, broken pelvis, broken jaw and surgery to repair his tendons in his wrist. Long recovery ahead.*
- *Otis Williams, Miranda Perez's grandfather, his prostate cancer has spread to the bones.*
- *Debbie R.R. sister recovering from bypass surgery, also pray that she will return to the church.*
- *Harry keithline, health issues, Christensen's brother-in-law.*
- *Andy's son Christopher is getting better.*
- *Prayers for Benji as he has good & bad days.*
- *Rit Crema's health- Noreen's dad.*
- *Natalie' S-I-L Lorraine Adkisson, her friends mother Eileen Eisenhut & her friend Nicole Monhollen.*
- *Linda Meredith' sister is off chemo and doing better.*

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

- *For the recovery in Florida after the hurricane.*
- *For the refugees of the war in the Ukraine.*
- *Zambia (Continued Relief).*
- *Toms River Church of Christ.*
- *Cape May Courthouse Church of Christ.*

AT THE OPENING GATES OF THE NEW YEAR

Joshua 3:5; James 4:14; Psalms 90:2

Introduction... It is again the beginning of a new year. New experiences await us as they did the Children of Israel in **Joshua 3:5**. **James 4:14** says that our future is uncertain, **Psalm 90:3** however lets us know that God **is** in our future and a part of this New Year. Let's look at the newness that lies ahead this morning.

I. We Are Impressed With The Thought Of Time

- (A) Perhaps it is because We have so little of it
 - (1) 2 Peter 3:8; Psalms 90:10
 - (2) Job 14:1-2

II. This Is the Time To Take Stock Of Our Blessings

- (A) All Blessings come from the Lord
 - (1) Psalms 65:11

III. It Is Time To Lay Aside What Would Hinder Us

- (A) It is time to look for new Growth
 - (1) Hebrews 12:1; 1 Peter 2:1; Revelation 3:15-16
 - (2) John 2:15-17; Matthew 13:45-46

IV. Things To Resolve

- (A) Make This a Happy Year
 - (1) Psalms 144:15
- (B) Resolve to Improve Ourselves (1 Peter 2:21)
- (C) Resolve To Read the Bible More (1 Timothy 4:13)
- (D) Resolve to Pray More Often (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- (E) Resolve to Resist Satan (James 4:7-8)
- (F) Resolve to Keep the Peace and Move Forward
 - (1) Philippians 3:13-14; Luke 9:62

Conclusion... We should all resolve to lose weight. (**Matthew 11:28-32**). We should all resolve to exercise more. (**Mark 8:34-35**). We should all resolve to relieve stress. (**Matthew 6:33**). I hope this is a great year for all of us, as we seek to improve each day.

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 Acts 22:16
Live Godly	Titus 2:11-14	Romans 12:1-2 2 Peter 1:5-11