

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.

Worship Service 11:00 A.M.

Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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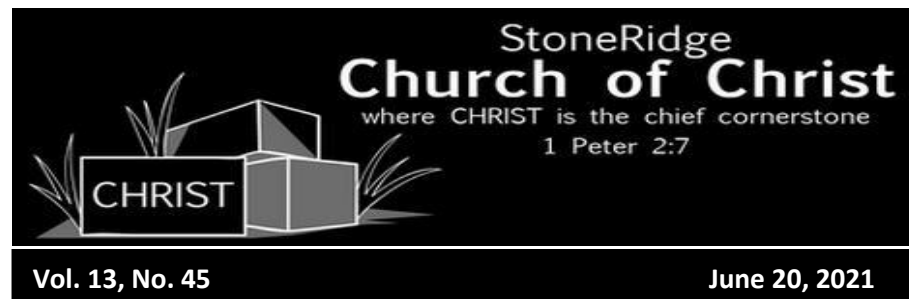
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PHAROAH: A GOOD AND WISE LEADER?

Almost no one thinks of a good or wise leader when they think of Pharaoh. And they are right to think that. The man who ruled Egypt in the time of Moses was among the worst of leaders. He failed to heed the message of the man of God. And he paid a tremendous cost because of his stubborn heart.

But there is another Pharaoh who could indeed be judged as good and wise. The Pharaoh who ruled during the time of Joseph demonstrated remarkable wisdom and judgment.

After having two strange dreams in one night (Genesis 41:1-8), he surmised that something special was afoot. His magicians and wise men could not discern the meaning of the dreams.

This is when Joseph entered Pharaoh's life. The chief butler told Pharaoh that there was a man in prison who could interpret the dreams (Genesis 41:9-13). The king called for Joseph, and he did indeed tell him the meaning of the dreams--dreams that had been sent to him by God! The dreams foretold seven years of prosperity and plenty, followed by seven years of severe famine. (Genesis 41:14-32).

Joseph told Pharaoh that Egypt would survive the famine if reserves were built up during the seven good years. The reserves would sustain Egypt during the famine. He further told the king that a discerning and wise man should be appointed over this project of managing the grain stores during this time. And who did the king appoint? None other than Joseph himself, a discerning and wise man (Genesis 41:33-43).

Why do I suggest that Pharaoh was a good and wise leader? Because he had wisdom enough to follow the counsel of the man of God. (That is a quality that the Pharaoh of Moses' time did not have).

It is often the case that leaders are intimidated when they see those around them who have qualities and skills beyond their own. They may feel threatened and be jealous of the wisdom and abilities of such a person. Had Pharaoh felt that way he might have rejected Joseph's counsel. That would have resulted in the starvation of millions of Egyptians.

Wise leaders know to surround themselves with those who have wisdom, skills, and abilities beyond their own. They seek out those who can do what they cannot do. They want smart and capable counselors who can give them direction that will make them successful.

The Pharaoh of Joseph's time was such a leader. He listened carefully to the man of God and authorized him to take action. In so doing, he secured his own legacy as a good and wise leader. Kingdom leaders would do well to learn from this man.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. **Rhea Vines** fell last week and possibly has some cracked ribs and a concussion. Her family is hoping to get her some rehab therapy. Watch for an update...**Herb Starr** fell and broke his hip and is currently in St. Bernard Hospital...**Linda Ladyman** busted three toes and sprained her ankle and is wearing a boot. Remember all of these. Accidents seem to be on the rise. **Gail Brooks** has been unable to assemble...**Shirley Coots** is confined at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home...**Elizabeth Keller** is at The Springs Nursing Home...**Beverly Allen** is confined at home...**Editha Kern** at Liberty ark Assisted Living....**Charles Bradsher** is at St.Elizabeth's Place.

VBS LITERATURE. The literature for teachers in VBS is still available on the front pew.

IDENTIFIED. We are happy to welcome **Frances Jones** as a member at StoneRidge. She expressed a desire to be identified and was a member here several years ago. It is good to have her back. Here is her contact info: 2417 Abbey Rd., Jonesboro AR 72401. Phone: 870-819-6358; Birthday: 8/18.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

JULY 11-15 - STONERIDGE - VBS!

OCT 3-8 - STONERIDGE - Wayne Fancher



You may not understand all you read in the Bible, but you can obey what you do understand.

To hear the truth and not accept it does not nullify truth.

The narrow way of which the Bible speaks is broad enough for any man who is not given to wobbling.

What Will it Take to Bring You to God?

2 Chronicles 16:12

It Took a Nervous
Breakdown to Bring
Nebuchadnezzar to God
• Daniel 4:23

It Took a Funeral to Bring
Isaiah to God
• Isaiah 6:1

It Took a Storm and a Fish
Ride to Bring **Jonah** to God
• Jonah 1:4-17

**WHAT
WILL
IT
TAKE
TO
BRING
YOU
TO
GOD?**

It Took an Earthquake to
Bring the **Philippian Jailer**
to God
• Acts 16:25-30

It Took Rags, Poverty, &
Bankruptcy to Bring the
Prodigal Son to God
• Luke 15:13-17

It Took the Bitter Cup of
Sorrow to Bring **David** to
God
• 2 Samuel 12:19 - 13:14

ARE YOU READY TO COME TO GOD?



