

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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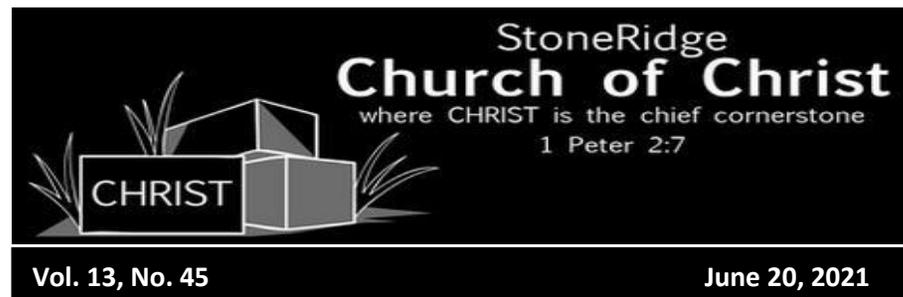
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The Richest Man In The World!

Who is the richest man in the world? From time to time we will see a list of the riches people in the world. These riches consist of money and possessions. How rich does God see these people?

I watched an old movie a few days ago. Sunday Dinner for a Soldier was the title. A poor family sacrifices so much to have a soldier for Sunday dinner. In the end the soldier told the family they were the riches people he knew.

Just how do you look at riches? Do you envy those on the list of the riches people? Do you look at riches the way God does? When God looks down on this earth, who does He see as having great riches?

Our Lord looks at those whom the world would see being worthless and says of them, "Of whom the world was not worthy" (Heb. 11:38). We must never forget that the "wealthiest" are the "poorest" and the "poorest" are truly the "wealthiest."

When a man's faith brought about the salvation of his soul, he obtained a value worth more than all the riches of the world put together. Jesus said, "For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul" (Matt. 16:26).

The lesson to learn and remember is, "The poorest Christian is wealthier than the richest man on any list man might come up with."

How rich do you consider yourself? If you are a faithful Christian you worth is more than all the silver and gold. Don't throw that wealth away for anything.

Against All Odds

Do you have a favorite team? If so, you have seen them win and seen them lose. Have you ever been to a game or watch your team in a hopeless situation? But they won!

Some may remember on November 20, 1982, the University of Stanford was playing the UC Berkley in football. There were four seconds remaining after Stanford kicked a field goal, giving them a 20-19 lead over Cal. The game was all but over, one would think. It was hopeless for Cal to win. YET, against all odds, Cal was able to pull off what has become known as "The Play," and scored against the Stanford football team and their band, winning the game with no time left on the clock.

As humans we were in a hopeless place. To Jesus very own disciples all things looked hopeless. That had trusted and believe Jesus was the one to give them victory. One of Jesus' own betrayed him. Another friend denied him, and the rest of His friends deserted him. Jesus was then taken away and was nailed to a cross and hung before the world to die a shameful and painful death. To all who may have witnessed this sight, he looked defeated, hopeless, and God-forsaken. Man had no hope. Yet God raised Him from the dead to give man a chance at victory.

What will you do with that chance? Will you throw in the towel? Will you wave the white flag and surrender? Will you say it can't be done and forfeit your soul? Or will you take the hope Jesus has given you and run to victory!

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT. "If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me" (Luke 9:23).

Herein lies one of the keys to authority issues. Am I wanting to do God's will or my own?

If I deny self, then it will never be about what I want, what feels good to me, what sounds good to me, or what satisfies me in the area of good works.

It will be about what God wants as expressed by Him in His revelation. If that's not what it's about, then I haven't denied myself. I have merely used God's name as a rubber stamp upon my will.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. **Rhea Vines** is recuperating at home from a fall and which resulted in a concussion and bruised ribs...**Linda Ladyman** is also recuperating from a foot injury which befell her...**Herb Starr** fell and broke his hip and is recuperating at Encompass, Room 205...**Taylor Harbin** fell from a ladder and fractured his jaw and had stitches. He is now able to assemble once again. **Nelly Vanhooser** has had trouble keeping food down but is doing better. She had surgery last week but is recuperating at home...**Phjl Cullison** has been in NEA Hospital with breathing difficulties, but now back at home...**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 Park Assisted Living....**Charles Bradsher** is at St.Elizabeth's Place.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

JULY 11-15 - STONERIDGE - VBS!

OCT 3-8 – STONERIDGE – Wayne Fancher

JULY BIRTHDAYS: 4th – Eizabeth Kennedy; 6th – Luke Bodeker, Sharon Parrish; 7th – Kathy Blackford; 10th – Evyn Cassidy, Teddy Horton, Addison Lands; 13th – Jeff Ladyman; 16th – Paul Pierce; 18th – Sara Stevens; 22nd – Kristi Lands; 27th – Karleen Sheets; 28th – Konor Erickson; 29th – Taty Rossman



One reason why a dog is such a lovable creature is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

If it is possible to live the Christian life at any point whatever, it is possible to live it in all the relationships of one's life.

- J.C. Penney



