

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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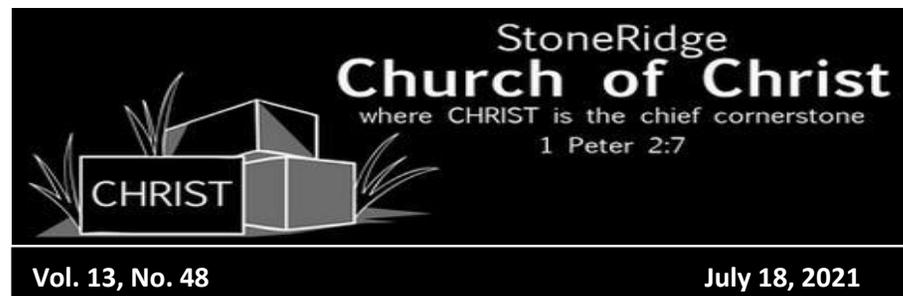
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YOU Preach First

The first sermon preached each Sunday is not by the preacher, but by *you*. You preach a message of good cheer when you say “ Good morning” to those you meet as you are parking or as you enter the classroom.

You preach a message of welcome! You do this as you slide over the seat instead of forcing others to squeeze in front of you. You preach a message of hope and joy when you enthusiastically sing during the song service.

You preach a message about the power of prayer when you fervently enter into our time of prayer together. You preach a message about respect when you listen attentively while the sermon of the assembly is being presented.

You preach a message about the importance of the Scriptures when you open your Bible to the text of the day. You preach a message of love when you smile, and greet our visitors and introduce yourself.

You preach a message about faith when you give of your means in the contribution. You preach a message of devotion when you attend the services of the church. Many messages are preached before the preacher stands up to bring the message. If our message is positive and consistent, then the message given from the pulpit will be much better received. -db

GOD IS GOOD

"We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28).

One of the most foundational verses in all the Bible is Habakkuk 2:4: "The just shall live by his faith." Every step we take with God is a step of faith. Trusting Him; leaning upon Him; resting in Him; believing His promises. That's what the God life--the Christian life-- is all about. Faith is the way into it, and faith is the way through it.

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Heb. 11: 6). Without this confident belief, we cannot live in victory or walk in the strength that God wants to give us. Without it, we don't experience comfort for our heartaches. Without faith, we don't ask and receive. How many things are lost in life because of a lack of belief? And how many things, with it, could be gained? So, why would anyone who wears the name of Christ not live by faith?

We all know and love John 3:16. It is a basic biblical verse for lost folks. But Rom. 8:28 is such for us who have answered the call of Christ and are trying to follow in His steps. If you don't believe God is good, you will not be able to walk by faith. You'll live as though good things must be gotten some other way because God won't give them. You might even be tempted to think, God is not good.

But God assures us often in His word that He is good. A few examples: "The Lord is good" (Nahum 1:7). "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good" (Psalm 136:1). "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone" (Mark 10:18).

Faith is believing the Word of God and acting upon it. Faith is doing this no matter how we feel, because God promises a good result. God is good. That word "good" means: kind, generous, benevolent. His intent toward His children is to hear them, bless them, help them, heal them. Even when we've made mistakes, perhaps disastrous mistakes, His disposition toward us as His sons and daughters is to work it all together for good.

I have seen the goodness of God take some of the truly foolish things I've done; even sinful things; things I deeply regret, and in His benevolence and kindness use them for my good.

The goodness of God is the soil that faith grows in. The fact that God is good is what motivates our belief when we can't see any other reason for going on. Faith is the foundational bedrock conviction that better days are ahead, that things are not going to end the way they are now.

And there's only one reason for having such a lofty, hopeful attitude: God is good. "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good" (Psalm 34:8). That's how a Christian lives by faith.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. Jay Kern had to go to the ER last week from heat exhaustion, but it doing much better now...**Leon Christenberry** continues to recover from surgery.... **Herb Starr** remains at Encompass, Room 205... **Gail Brooks** has had several falls recently and is now at Encompass...Remember **Shirley Coots** is now under hospice care.....**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 18-21 – McCrory (Citizenship) – Wayne Fancher

July 25-30 – Kennett (Westside) – Bob Buchanon

August 6-8 – Mountain Home (Hwy 5) – Kevin Gillins

OCT 3-8 – STONERIDGE – Wayne Fancher



It's not the load that breaks you down, it's the way you carry it.



