

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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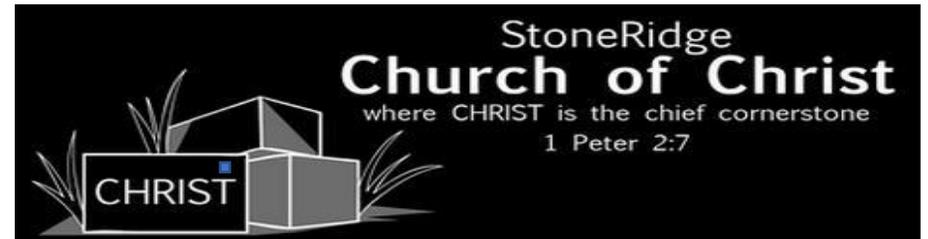
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Good thoughts For Today...

I am thinking this morning of all those who go unnoticed in their faithful service to God - at least unnoticed by other people. So, here's a nod of appreciation...
...to all of the husbands and wives who work hard at their marriage and honor their vows, even when it's difficult
...to all of the parents who sacrifice their time, energy, and sanity to not merely feed, clothe, and house their kids, but who are teaching them to love and serve the Lord
...to those same parents who make hard decisions regarding priorities, standards, and morals in spite of the conflict that occasionally results (especially with pre-teens and teens)
...to the young people who are being faithful to the Lord though in the minority and often ridiculed for such
...to the single folks who persist in faith even though lonely and frustrated, who would love nothing more than to make a life with a godly spouse
...to the men and women who maintain honesty, integrity, loyalty, kindness, service, and dedication in a work environment that encourages/promotes dishonesty, selfishness, and greed
...to those who grieve the loss of someone yet don't lose their trust in a good and loving God
...to the folks who send cards, who take food, who find encouraging words to say, who serve silently and behind the scenes
...to the folks who never miss services
...to the preachers whose names are not known outside of their local work
...to the elders who stay up late praying and are constantly working to help the folks they are leading



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...to the moms (and dads) who wrestle with toddlers throughout worship or bible class, but keep on going

...to everyone who prays fervently and reads their bible diligently

...to everyone who gets up every day and follows the Lord, no matter the circumstance or consequence

Hebrews 11:35f notes "others" who served faithfully in great difficulty, yet whose names are unknown to us. But God knew them. And God knows you.

You encourage me. Thanks. Keep it up. -*Russ Bowman*

Sunday Sustenance - Altered by God's Grace

God plagued Egypt, and Egypt kept plaguing Israel. Israel continuously murmured about returning when trouble came. Israel failed by worshipping through a golden calf, like Egyptians worshipped. God freed them, but Israel would not allow themselves to be freed on the inside, in their hearts. They accepted God's grace, but never were altered by God's grace.

Notice Paul's inspired instructions:

"For you were called to be free, brothers and sisters; only don't use this freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but serve one another through love. For the whole law is fulfilled in one statement: Love your neighbor as yourself. But if you bite and devour one another, watch out, or you will be consumed by one another." (CSB'17 Galatians 5:13-15)

Every day we get to choose. Are we going to act as we are, free in Christ; or act like the world, our Egypt? Being free must be more than a spiritual status.

Freedom from our past is freedom from behaving like those who mistreat us in the present. If you are free, ACT LIKE IT! - *Perry Hall*

Unchurched?

Why is there a trend in our culture to want to be "unchurched"? Why do our children too often refuse to obey Jesus and instead leave all traces of religion behind when they leave home? Could it be that we criticize the church and

especially its leaders? When parents harshly scrutinize faithful leaders within the church and then refuse to put Jesus and His people first in their hearts and lives, what perspective is formed in the minds of our children and others about the church? Likewise, what do unbelievers think when Christians put down or speak with disdain against fellow believers? How we talk about the church will affect how we treat one another and whether we remain faithful to Jesus. Join us tonight at 8 PM eastern as we seek to keep our heads on straight. -*Terry Benton*

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. At this writing two of our members remain in the hospital: **Judy Johnson** and **Jerry Bishop**. Judy is improving but Jerry is in very serious condition. Continued prayers are needed and requested... **Debbie Spencer** is recovering at home from knee surgery... **Virginia Bishop** is recuperating at home from pneumonia after a stay in the hospital. **Terri Jo Cureton** is recovering from foot surgery and has a few more days to wear a boot**Joyce Riley** has been moved to St. Elizabeth's Place. There may be others that haven't been reported to the editor. Remember these in prayer and also check on them. **Madonna Vines** continues to recuperate at home from heart procedures... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shutins: **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice care)...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.

BEREAVED. We give our sincere condolences to Elsie Starr and the Starr family on the death of our brother in Christ, **Herb Starr**. Herb passed away on Wednesday and his funeral was here at StoneRidge on Friday. Herb was a fine man and did much good preaching the word at several congregations in the area. His passing is our loss too.

We can fool all the people sometime and some of the people all the time, but we can never afford to fool ourselves anytime – and we can never fool God.