

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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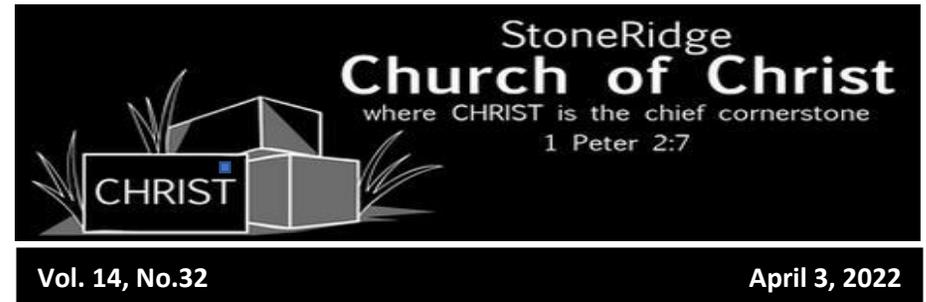
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THE BIBLE AND THE BIBLE ONLY, MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS ONLY. THE CHURCH OF CHRIST IS COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE NOT JOINED A DENOMINATION.



The Poor

“A righteous man knows the rights of the poor; a wicked man does not understand such knowledge” (Prov 29:7).

Let this one sink in. It is righteous to “know” (care for) the rights of the poor, but wicked to fail to understand this. Proverbs alone says quite a bit about the poor and implications that come from how we treat those who are poor:

“...blessed is he who is generous to the poor” (14:21).

“Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker, but he who is generous to the needy honors him” (14:31).

“Whoever mocks the poor insults his Maker...” (17:5).

“Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed” (19:17).

“Open your mouth, judge righteously, defend the rights of the poor and needy” (31:9).

You get the idea. So many passages show the principle of understanding, caring for, and standing up for the rights and conditions of the poor. We must learn to be generous, selfless, and wise in how we treat others, for *“The rich and the poor meet together; the LORD is the Maker of them all” (22:2).*

And if you wonder about the place of the poor in the kingdom of God, make sure you read the Gospel of Luke.

Nuclear Threats?

Since nuclear threats are rising again, I love the perspective offered here by C.S. Lewis in 1948 almost 75 years ago, but as relevant as ever.

“In one way we think a great deal too much of the atomic bomb. ‘How are we to live in an atomic age?’ I am tempted to reply: ‘Why, as you would have lived in the sixteenth century when the plague visited London almost every year, or as you would have lived in a Viking age when raiders from Scandinavia might land and cut your throat any night; or indeed, as you are already living in an age of cancer, an age of syphilis, an age of paralysis, an age of air raids, an age of railway accidents, an age of motor accidents.’

In other words, do not let us begin by exaggerating the novelty of our situation. Believe me, dear sir or madam, you and all whom you love were already sentenced to death before the atomic bomb was invented: and quite a high percentage of us were going to die in unpleasant ways. We had, indeed, one very great advantage over our ancestors—anesthetics; but we have that still. It is perfectly ridiculous to go about whimpering and drawing long faces because the scientists have added one more chance of painful and premature death to a world which already bristled with such chances and in which death itself was not a chance at all, but a certainty.

This is the first point to be made: and the first action to be taken is to pull ourselves together. If we are all going to be destroyed by an atomic bomb, let that bomb when it comes find us doing sensible and human things—praying, working, teaching, reading, listening to music, bathing the children, playing tennis, chatting to our friends over refreshments and a game of darts—not huddled together like frightened sheep and thinking about bombs. They may break our bodies (a microbe can do that) but they need not dominate our minds.” -C.S. Lewis

Circumstances make a person neither strong nor weak; they only show which he is.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. **Bob Evans** is improving since returning home from the hospital...**Beth Cossey** is now back home and equipment has been set up to make her care easier after two broken legs.... **Leon Christenberry** is still recuperating from recent surgery and is doing better...Remember **Lynissa Davis** and her friend **Sharon** who have been facing some health challenges lately...**Madonna Vines** continues to recuperate at home ... **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer...Remember our shut-ins: **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice care)...**Joyce Riley** is at St. Elizabeth's Place...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

APRIL 3-8 – StoneRidge! – Dennis Carrow

SUPPORT OUR MEETING! Wouldn't it be great if we canceled all other plans and decided to support our gospel meeting next week? We've never really done that, so why don't we try it? This could be one of our best meetings ever if we all made a conscious effort to support it by coming to all the services!



When you lie dying, you will find little comfort in counting the hypocrites who kept you out of church. We're repeating this quote. Once you've read it, read it again. Then ponder.