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## Order of Services Sunday April 6, 2014

Song Leader	Derald Sanchez
Prayer	Pete Ferencze
Preaching	Bob James
Lord's Supper	
Prayer for the Bread	Tom Dolan
Prayer for the Cup	Glenn Montgomery
Prayer for the Collection	Arnold Thompson
Assisting at the Table	Patrick Wydro
Scripture Reading	Brian Jeffries
Morning Closing Prayer	Stan Thompson
Evening Opening Prayer	Daniel Wydro
Announcements	Matt Grimaldi

## Schedule of Weekly Services

Sunday Morning Bible Classes	9:30 am
Sunday Morning Worship	10:30 am
Sunday Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Evening Bible Classes	7:30 pm
Thursday Morning Bible Study	11:00 am

### Guarding Our Thoughts...

We truly live in an age where information is readily available. Printed media, radio, television, and the internet provide a constant source of information, many times whether we desire it or not, that often influences the way we think and act.

Solomon, in all of his wisdom, wrote;

*Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.* (Proverbs 4:23 NKJV)

And again;

*For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he:* (Proverbs 23:7 KJV)

The Hebrew verb *thinketh* is found only in this passage, and is said to probably mean, "as he is all along in his heart, so is he (at last) in act."

I'm pretty sure that anyone earnestly and diligently striving to make heaven their home understands the importance of guarding our thoughts.

Consider this exhortation from the apostle Paul to the saints in Philippi;

*Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things.* (Philippians 4:8 NKJV)

The following is a paraphrasing of Barnes' NT Commentary notes on this passage...

**Whatsoever things are true** - Everything that was honest and just toward God and toward people was to be practiced by them, and they were in all things to be examples of the highest kind of morality. They were not to be faithful in their duties to God, and to neglect their duty to their fellow man, not to be punctual in their religious rites, and neglectful of the *common* laws of morality. The word *true* refers here to everything that was the reverse of *falsehood*. They were to be true to their actions; true to their promises; true in their statements; and true in their friendships. They were to maintain the truth about God; about eternity; about the judgment; and about every man's character. A man who is false to his actions, or false in his statements and promises, is one who will always disgrace religion.

**Whatsoever things are honest** –this word is rendered *venerable, reverend*; also *honorable, reputable*. The word is said to have originally been used in relation to gods, and to the things that pertained to them, as being worthy of honor or veneration. As applied to people, it commonly means grave, dignified, worthy of veneration or regard. In the New Testament it is rendered "grave" in 1Timothy 3:8; 3:11, and Titus 2:2, which are the only places where the word occurs except in this reference. The noun is

rendered “*honesty*” in 1Timothy 2:2, and “*gravity*” in 1Timothy 3:4, and Titus 2:7. It occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. The word, therefore, does not express precisely what the word “*honest*” does with us, as confined to dealings or business transactions, but rather has reference to what was regarded as worthy of reputation or honor. It includes indeed what is right in the transaction of business, but it embraces also much more, and means that the Christian is to show respect to all the venerable and proper customs of society, when they do not violate conscience or interfere with the law of God.

**Whatsoever things are *just*** - The things which are right between man and man. A Christian should be just in all his dealings. His religion does not exempt him from the strict laws which bind people to the exercise of this virtue, and there is no way by which a professor of *Christianity* can do more injury perhaps than by injustice and dishonesty in his dealings. It is to be remembered that the people of the world, in determining a person’s character, place much more importance to the virtues of justice and honesty than they do to regularity in observing the ordinances of religion; and therefore if a Christian would make a favorable impression on his fellow-men with reference to God, it is indispensable that he manifest uncorrupted integrity in his dealings.

**Whatsoever things are *pure*** - *Chaste* - in thought, in feeling, and in the conversation between men and women. Paul instructed Timothy...

*Do not rebuke an older man, but exhort him as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity.* (1 Timothy 5:1-2 NKJV)

**Whatsoever things are *lovely*** - The word used here means what is dear to anyone and, what is pleasing. It also means what is *amiable* - such a temper of mind that one can love it; or such as to be agreeable to others. A Christian should not be sour, crabby, or irritable in his temper - for nothing offends and defeats the claims of religion as a temper that is always irritated, a look that is severe and unkind, and a disposition to find fault with everything.

**Whatsoever things are of *good report*** - That is, whatsoever is truly reputable. There are actions which all people agree in commending and which in all ages and countries are regarded as virtues. Courtesy, kindness, respect for parents, purity between brothers and sisters, are among those virtues, and the Christian should be a pattern and an example in them all.

**If there be any *virtue* and if there be any *praise*** - if there is anything truly virtuous and praise worthy. Paul did not suppose that he had given a full list of the virtues in which he would have them increase. He therefore adds that if there was anything else that had the nature of true virtue in it, they should be careful to cultivate that also. The Christian should be a pattern and an example of every true virtue.

**Think on these things** - Let them be the object of your careful attention, study, and practice. Think what they are; think on the obligation to observe them; think on the influence which they would have on the world around you.

*Keep your heart with all diligence, For out of it spring the issues of life.*  
(Proverbs 4:23 NKJV)

## ***Our Prayer List...***

***For Spiritual Responsiveness*** – All of our wayward members

***For Physical Healing*** – Abigail Jeffries ... Jordan Thomas ...  
Barbara Rhinehart (Bill Duryea's sister) ... Matt Grimaldi ...  
Kathleen Wydro's Mom ... Everett Guyton

***For Wisdom and Good Judgment*** – The Leaders of our congregation ... the leaders of our nation

***For God's Care and Good Providence*** – Bertie Baxter ... Our young people away at college ... Our young people here at Washington ... our members who are traveling ... the men and women in military service ... our congregation.

***The Evangelist and Teachers We Help Support*** – Jon Focht – Tim Bunting – Scott Smelser – Dan Wydro

## ***EVENTS AND NOTES***

UPCOMING EVENTS THAT WE ARE AWARE OF ARE ...

- ▲ THERE WILL BE A MEN’S BUSINESS MEETING THIS AFTERNOON @ 4PM AND A LADIES BIBLE STUDY @ 4:45PM.
- ▲ OUR SPRING GOSPEL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup> – 20<sup>TH</sup> WITH PHIL ROBERTSON.
- ▲ OUR FALL GOSPEL MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 17<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> WITH JOHN ISAAC EDWARDS.
- ▲ MONTHLY UPDATES FROM THE EVANGELISTS THAT WE ASSIST ARE POSTED ON THE BULLETIN BOARD.
- ▲ CHECK OUT SCOTT SMELSER’S WEBSITE “[3MINUTEBIBLESTUDY.COM](http://3MINUTEBIBLESTUDY.COM)”.