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Order of Services

Sunday January 25, 2015

Song Leader	David Osinski
Prayer	Arnold Thompson
Preaching	Bob James
Lord's Supper	
Prayer for the Bread	Brian Jeffries
Prayer for the Cup	Matt Grimaldi
Prayer for the Collection	Derald Sanchez
Assisting at the Table	Bobby Celentano
Morning Closing Prayer	Scott Thomas
Evening Opening Prayer	Bob Celentano
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

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Christianity...

Christianity is much more than mere philosophy, theology, or religious teaching. It is a lifestyle based upon a vital relationship with God. Through Jesus' response to the Scribe in Mark 12, He entreats us to love God with all of our being...

AND YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, WITH ALL YOUR MIND, AND WITH ALL YOUR STRENGTH.' This is the first commandment. (Mark 12:30 NKJV)

God desires for us to not only know about Him, but to know Him personally...

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. (1 John 4:7 NIV)

We are to allow Jesus Christ to be the vine of our lives, and we are to be the branches...

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; ..." (John 15:5 NIV)

Christ asks that we not only receive Him but that we walk in Him and be rooted and built up in Him...

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7 NIV)

Our relationship with Him is one of great intimacy and utter dependence. We are asked to no longer live for ourselves but rather for Him. We are to be in Christ, and He is to be in us...

For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again. ... Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:14-15, 17 NIV)

In fact, without Him we can do nothing...

"... apart from me you can do nothing." (John 15:5 NIV)

But through Him we can do anything His Word calls us to do...

I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me. (Philippians 4:13 NKJV)

Love is at the very center of this relationship. It was God's love for us which caused Christ to live and die and rise from the dead. He was and is love personified...

But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8 NIV)

Nothing in all of creation can separate us from Christ's love...

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39 NIV)

Jesus said that it is by this love that His disciples are to be recognized...

By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35 NIV)

Therefore, love is not an option for us as Christians ... it is at the very center of our lifestyle.

Love, and all of the other fruits of the Spirit, must be lived out in daily lifestyle.

Possession is more than mere profession; Christianity approved by God is practical...

If anyone considers himself religious and yet does not keep a tight rein on his tongue, he deceives himself and his religion is worthless. Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (James 1:26-27 NIV)

EVENTS AND NOTES

▲ OUR NEXT PERKIN'S THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY WILL BE JANUARY 14TH AT 10AM. ALL ARE WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE WHENEVER YOU CAN ... MORE IMPORTANTLY INVITE THOSE WHO MAYBE SEEKING JESUS! [HTTP://WWW.MEETUP.COM/THURSDAY-MORNING-BIBLE-STUDY-AT-PERKINS-IN-PHILLIPSBURG-NJ](http://www.meetup.com/Thursday-Morning-Bible-Study-at-Perkins-in-Phillipsburg-NJ) ... CHECK IT OUT!

Evidences Course

Beginning the first Sunday of February Drew DeGrado will start teaching his course on **Evidences** in the Adult class. Here is a description of the course the Drew provided...

The concept of God and His Truth have always been attacked by non-believers. But I don't recall seeing the movement of atheism and the rejection of God, as strongly and successfully advanced as in the present time. Too often young Christians, who were faithful and considered strong in the faith, go off to college only to lose their faith and return home as skeptics or non-believers.

Even adults who were faithful, active Christians at one time lose their faith in the God they once embraced. All because they can't give a reason for the hope that is within them. The internet is full of information, and misinformation, that make claims that

the Bible is nothing more than fairytales written by men. That Jesus was not really raised from the dead. And, that evolution has been proven to be a fact. This study gives answers to the critics who use science and logic to explain their world view.

This Evidences course consists of 30 lessons, divided into three parts. Each part is designed to combat and expose three foundational arguments used by non-believers. We will dig deep into the Creation, The Resurrection, and the New Testament Canon.

Part 1 - Creation: The existence of God. In Part 1 we define the faces and causes of unbelief, and then study amazing facts, recent discoveries and complex systems. We will avoid making straw arguments in favor of viewing video interviews of scientific evolutionists and skeptics, and then comparing them with scientific facts.

Part 2 - Resurrection: Is it a matter of faith, or fact? Is there hard core evidence of the resurrection? In this section we will examine evidence consisting of objects and documents which exist outside of the Bible that believers can present to non-believers.

Part 3 - NT Canon: How & why only these 27 books. Out of the hundreds of letters written in the first few centuries, why do you believe these 27 documents are the Word of God? In this section we will look at oral traditions, cultural environment, early Christian thought, and mechanisms they used to determine what was inspired and what wasn't.

This study will strengthen a believers' faith - it has and continues to strengthen mine. And, it will give non-believers logical, sound considerations to think about. The format will consist of interactive discussion

Our Prayer List...

For Spiritual Responsiveness – Those studying with us in the Thursday morning Perkin's Study ... All of our wayward members

For Physical Healing – Ellen Jinks ... Mary Jinks ... Marleen Jinks Lee Redd ... Bill Duryea's Parents ... Mary Jinks ... Kathy Syracuse (Fair Lawn)

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

For God's Care and Good Providence – 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