

WUSBC NEWSLETTER

For the CROSS | the CROWN | and the COVENANT

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Please mail your giving to:
Lana C.

STATISTICS FOR May 3, 2020

Worship Attendance:
30 in person
approx. 41 Facebook
approx. YouTube
Budget Offering: \$2,641.00
Building: \$245.00
Smiths (missionaries to
Zambia, Africa): \$37.00

BIRTHDAYS

Hannah H.
Luke F.

SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE

No Sunday School
9:45 - Service for adults
11:00 - Service for families with
children
(no childcare provided)



Pastor's Note:

Eliza Jarvis is probably not a name you know. After all, that is her maiden name. Her full name is Eliza Jarvis Spurgeon. She married John, and the two of them had 17 children together, though nine would die in infancy. Her firstborn was none other than Charles Haddon Spurgeon, the great English preacher of the 19th century.

Charles did not come to Christ until he was 15 years old; however, he often spoke of his mother's influence on his life and ministry. He remembered fondly how she was a true evangelist to her children, saying:

“It was the custom on Sunday evenings, while we were yet little children, for her to stay at home with us, and then we sat around the table, and read verse by verse, and she explained the Scripture to us. After this was done, then came the time of pleading...the question was asked, how long it would be before we would think about our state, how long before we would seek the Lord. Then came a mother's prayer, and some of the words of that prayer we shall never forget, even when our hair is grey.”

In his sermons and autobiography Charles recalls his mother pleading with God to extend His saving mercy to her children. On one occasion she prayed, “Now, Lord, if my children go on in their sins, it will not be from ignorance that they perish, and my soul must bear a swift witness against them at the day of judgment if they lay not hold of Christ.” The thought of his mother having to bear witness against him



PRAYER REQUESTS

- Brenda H., Emily G., Eric H., Heather V., Jason B., Stacy F., and other healthcare workers
- The family of David Boggs, Pastor's mentor and friend. David had been battling bone cancer since early January, May 6th he went home to be with his Savior that he so faithfully served.
- Our church family
- Our nation

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."

- Philippians 1:3-5

on the day of judgment had a long lasting impression on Charles. He once wrote, "How can I ever forget her tearful eye when she warned me to escape from the wrath to come?"

Once Charles came to Christ, fully placing his faith in Christ alone, he wrote to his mother informing her of his baptism. In this letter he expressed his gratitude for her faithfully planting gospel seeds in his life.

"Your birthday will now be doubly memorable, for on the third of May the boy for whom you have so often prayed, the boy of hopes and fears, your first-born, will join the visible Church of the redeemed on earth, and will bind himself doubly to the Lord his God, by open profession. You, my Mother, have been the great means in God's hand of rendering me what I hope I am. Your kind, warning Sabbath-evening addresses were too deeply settled on my heart to be forgotten. You, by God's blessing, prepared the way for the preached Word...I have any courage, if I feel prepared to follow my saviour, not only into the water, but should He call me, even into the fire, I love you as the preacher to my heart of such courage, as my praying, watching Mother."

Though we cannot relate to Charles H. Spurgeon's life exactly, I wonder how many of us, like him, have a praying mother and/or grandmother to thank for where we are today? Take time to thank God for your mother this weekend; and, if your mother is still with you, let her know how much you appreciate her. It may not be easy and words may seem too little - even Charles said, "Never could it be possible for any man to estimate what he owes to a godly mother." - but give it a try.

In His grace,

Pastor Heath Huskey



ACTS: PROCLAIMING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

|Acts 28:11-31|

Facing a Task Unfinished

By: Keith & Kristyn Getty

Facing a task unfinished
That drives us to our knees
A need that, undiminished
Rebukes our slothful ease
We, who rejoice to know Thee
Renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee
To go and make Thee known

Where other lords beside Thee
Hold their unhindered sway
Where forces that defied Thee
Defy Thee still today
With none to heed their crying
For life, and love, and light
Unnumbered souls are dying
And pass into the night

We bear the torch that flaming
Fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming
That Jesus died and rose
Ours is the same commission
The same glad message ours
Fired by the same ambition
To Thee we yield our powers

O Father who sustained them
O Spirit who inspired
Savior, whose love constrained them
To toil with zeal untired
From cowardice defend us
From lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us
To labour for Thy sake

1. The Sovereignty of God

2. The Kingdom of God

3. Our Kingdom Mission

LIBERTY IN CHRIST

|Galatians 1:10-24|

Questions for Reflection

1. What caused you to first notice the grace of God in your life?
2. By what means was the truth of Jesus Christ revealed to you?
3. Paul is very open about his past prior to his salvation. Is this important in the life of a christian? Why or why not?
4. Can you identify how God is using your life to bring glory and honor to His name?
5. What is the ministry to which you have been called? What is your personal responsibility in cooperating with the sovereignty of God to accomplish His will in this ministry?



Grace By Divine Revelation

A.W. Tower said “If I look at the world, I will conform to the ways of the world. If I look at the word, I will conform to the will of God.” Before the apostle Paul became an apostle, he leaned soul on his own strength and understanding of scripture (see Philippians 3:4-6). I believe we all struggle at times with the pride of life and depend upon our own strength. We are very subtle in the way we rationalize our thoughts regarding this state of mind. I mean after all, don’t we need to be self-confident and sure of our abilities? I believe the apostle Paul may disagree with that reasoning based upon his own personal experience with Christ.

Often times, the enemies of Paul pointed to his nonconformity as definitive proof that his ministry was errant and false. They would have argued against his “apostleship” since he did not stand in the traditional line of apostolic tradition. I believe we can see his answer to this accusation in the section of scripture and we see that his behavior was deliberate and purposed. Let’s walk with Paul through his rebuttal to those who degrade him for his nonconformity.

In verses 10-12, Paul asserts that the gospel (which in Greek translates as “*good news*”) which he preaches is not after the tradition of man. The gospel Paul preached did not agree with the traditional teachings of the pharisees and sanhedrin. Freely he admits, he is not concerned with pleasing the ears of men but rather his focus is to serve Christ with all his ability. Perhaps the most shocking statement Paul makes is in verse 12 when he states that the gospel he received did not come from man but rather by direct

revelation of Jesus Christ himself. That's quite a bold statement considering the time and location where Paul is preaching! Think about it for a moment, Paul is claiming that Christ revealed Himself to Him directly. Other than the means by which it happened, is it really that much different than how you came to know Christ? Can you honestly say you sought Him out?

At this point in verses 13-14, Paul reminds his readers of his past. He readily states that he persecuted the church beyond measure. In fact, he even points out that he profited while in the service of the church which was the tradition at that time. Think about some of the larger churches we have today. I mean the ones that seat thousands of people. Do you suppose the pastors of those churches profit from their congregation? Surely they would never auction off the gospel of Jesus Christ for money? There's no way in heaven they would offer blessings or prosperity based on the amount of the tithe!!! It always amazes me when I look into scripture and find the headlines of today's news.

As Paul concludes this part of his letter, he outlined how he was chosen of God. To use Paul's words, he was called by the grace of God to reveal His son to him. It is very obvious that Paul is aware that his calling is directly from God and that his salvation has been obtained through the direct revelation of Jesus to him from God the Father. The capstone of this statement is that all of this was accomplished for the purpose of glorifying God through the life (and suffering) of the apostle Paul, and for the purpose of sending a missionary among the gentiles. Have you ever thought about what the church would look like if Paul had not preached Christ and Him crucified among the gentile peoples of the world?

As you read through this section of scripture this week, think about your own salvation story. Can you remember your life before the regeneration of your salvation? Is there a noticeable difference in you that others can see? What's different about the way you view the world and those who are lost? I served under a pastor many years ago who would always advocate taking a "personal inventory". I suppose that is what I would encourage you to do today. Sit down and get quiet before God. Contemplate the story of your life that He alone has written. Weigh in your mind the sovereignty of God in your life against the personal responsibility you have with the Light you have received. The quietness we have been given in the last few weeks has been a golden opportunity to focus on our spiritual life. I strongly encourage you, as we go through Galatians, to focus on your own spiritual life and growth. This is a great time to give diligence to spiritual duties that may have been neglected. It's a great time to be thankful for all the blessings we have been given and rededicate ourselves to trusting in the only hope we have...our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!!!