

PRAYERS

Congregation News:

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: There is no degree of honesty--either you are or you aren't!

Those Privileged to Serve

Sunday Morning Service:

9/30/18

10/07/18

Bible Class	Colby Crawford	Paul Darling
Announcements	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Song Leader	Tom Bright	Paul Darling
Opening Prayer	Colby Crawford	Colby Crawford
Lord's Supper	Tom Bright	Paul Darling
Closing Prayer	Paul Darling	Tom Bright
Sermon	Paul Darling	Tom Bright

Bible Classes

Sunday Morning

Wednesday Evening

Adult	Colby Crawford	Tom Bright
Children	Colby Crawford	Linda McBrayer
Toddlers	Cindy Bright	
Babies	Anissa Crawford	

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Building Cleanup
Crawford

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Bulletin Submissions

If you would like anything added to the bulletin such as prayer requests, news, or events, please make submissions by Friday night to: tlbj@sbcglobal.net

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FAITH

Hebrews 11:1-6 NKJV *Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (2) For by it the elders obtained a good testimony. (3) By faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that the things which are seen were not made of things which are visible. (4) By faith Abel offered to God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts; and through it he being dead still speaks. (5) By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, "AND WAS NOT FOUND, BECAUSE GOD HAD TAKEN HIM"; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. (6) But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him. The common, secular, explanation for the existence of the world is that the universe is billions of years old and that all that exists came into existence through natural processes.*

Sadly, some in the church have attempted to accommodate this godless outlook by twisting Scripture to allow for the "days" described in Genesis to not be "days" but something other than what the text describes.

In contrast to this secular approach which is borne of disbelief, the Bible calls us to understand, through faith, "that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible."

Faith is essential to our spiritual lives, for "without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him."

Believing God requires a commitment that whatever Scripture says — about baptism, about marriage, or about the creation of the world — is exactly true. We must not find ourselves in the position of second guessing God.

The Lord, in His grace, has provided us all spiritual guidance we need through the work of the apostles and prophets — ultimately providing His complete revelation in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian requires an attitude of repentance, placing God's truth as the guiding principle of our lives. Following the teachings of Scripture, we can be sure of pleasing God and of being the people He wants us to be.

"NIMBY" (Not In My Backyard)

Recently, Utah Power & Light Company proposed construction of a new high-line to carry much needed electricity across that state. Local residents within sight of the newly proposed routes rose up in unison saying, "Not in my backyard!"

Northwest Pipeline announced plans to lay a large conduit in from Wyoming across Utah to California to transport essential natural gas. Local populace within sight of the proposed route became vocal in expressing their objection to the product saying, "Not in my backyard!"

Local fathers along the Wasatch Front had proposed a site for a new garbage disposal location. They were met by an army of local citizens saying, "Not in my backyard," even though the site was four point three miles away, behind several low laying hills.

As public citizens we cry for the stiffening of prison sentences, the locking up of the criminals, yet when prison sites are located, all too often the town folks cry out, "Not in my backyard!"

The behavior pattern had become known as the "Nimby" syndrome - NOT IN MY BACKYARD. It is a growing phenomenon across our nation, and it has even invaded the church. A preacher friend tells of a woman telephoning him and speaking of her dissatisfaction with the program of the church. He invited her to the office to discuss the problem with him. She accepted the invitation and brought to his attention several things that were sorely needed, that should be done, and she offered several suggestions to improve the work of the church.

The preacher gratefully acknowledged the wisdom of her ideas, and he agreed the work of the church would indeed be improved by the implementation of some of her very well thought-out recommendations. He then said, "This is wonderful that you are so concerned and interested in helping the church to be more effective. There are several of these programs that you could handle. If you will head them up, I think the elders would support you 100%." Her answer was, "Oh, no! I don't have the time! I've got too many other personal obligations right now. But I will be glad to

advise you at any time."

That's the problem that most congregations are facing. We've got more advisors than Carter has little liver pills, but we've got very few that are willing to do the work.

"Not in my backyard" seems to be the similar cry in the church. We want it done. We just want someone else to do it. The NIMBY Club seems to be growing larger every day. James said, "Be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only," James 1:22. We need those that are interested to step back and honestly evaluate what they are willing to do, not just say. And may God help us in our decisions

What Did Isaac Ever Do?

He was not the "father of the faithful" as was his father, Abraham. He was not the exciting "Supplanter" his son Jacob was. He never did anything spectacular, yet the Bible refers to our God as the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Abraham was a giant -- we can understand the "God of Abraham." Jacob had qualities from which heroes are made -- it is easy to understand the "God of Jacob." But the "God of Isaac"? What did Isaac ever do? He was born, he got married, he tended his flock, he dug wells and he died. Not very interesting. Yet, here he is listed right with Abraham and Jacob as one of God's great men.

And herein is the great truth. How many of us are "Abrahams"? How many of us are "Jacobs"? Most of us are "Isaacs." What did Isaac do? Actually, he did just what God wanted him to do. He was an obedient son, a faithful husband, a good provider. No scandal is associated with his name. He was a good man from the cradle to the grave. God needed Isaac just as the church today could not do without its Isaacs.

There are some "Abrahams" and "Jacobs" in the church. Thank God for them! But thank God for our "Isaacs." They will never do anything spectacular, but when the preacher stands to preach, there they are in their place and giving their support. When the teacher gets up to teach, there they are. The greatest mistake in life is to do nothing! Isaac did what he could and his name will be forever immortalized in the words: "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob." Our God loves the Isaacs as well as the Abrahams and Jacobs.

Who Am I?

Answer last quiz. Vashti