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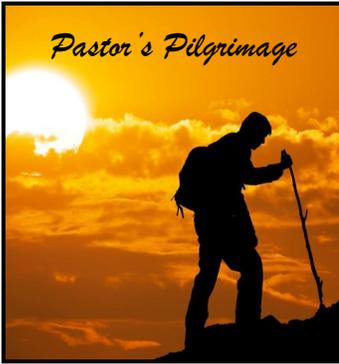
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*Whatever you do, do all to the glory of God ...
1 Corinthians 10:31*

THE SCROLL

JUNE 2019



Pastor's Pilgrimage

At one time, on my way home from church on Sundays, I noticed a particular individual who always seemed to be mowing his lawn. Week after week I saw him. He was as regular as clockwork. You might say that he did this “religiously”. I really don’t know why he did it. The grass just kept growing back. Not only that, but there were weeds in his lawn. If he was going to be a fanatic about mowing his lawn then, I think, he ought to have a perfect lawn. I even notice that he seemed to have special clothes when he did his yard work. Well, I assume they were special. Maybe he always wore shorts and weird, grimy t-shirts. This man was a mystery. To me, mowing the lawn seems like a complete waste of time that doesn’t have a lasting impact. Yes, I know it is necessary. Kind of like taxes.

I wonder if that same man ever noticed the same car that would go by his house every Sunday about the same time? Did he ever ask himself questions about my car? Did he wonder why someone would go by week after week at about the same time? Perhaps he made the observation that I was wearing different clothes and figured out that, perhaps, I was one who went to church. Maybe he made a similar assumption as I made and thought that I ought to be perfect if I was going to be so fanatical. From his viewpoint he may have even asked the question, “Why would anyone waste a perfectly good day going to church?”

As I read through the scriptures I am impressed by something that may escape some. The Bible is a record of people who cannot keep quiet about the glory and majesty of God. Whether it be Genesis or Leviticus or Romans or Acts or ... yes, even Ecclesiastes ... they cannot be kept silent and they long to join their praise with the praise of others. In fact, it could be rightly argued that if that desire and longing is not in you then you are not one who has found God praiseworthy. Praise and the joining together with others in worship just simply bubbles over as you read your Bible.

Worship is not like your television. It is not there to entertain you. Its not something you have on in the background or even something that has to catch your interest. It takes place because you have already been captured. You become, like those in scripture, unable to contain the praise. You realize that the primary focus is not the worshipper. It is the One being worshipped. It is ever so true that my heart and the hearts of others are “full of weeds” but the One we worship is pure, majestic and our Redeemer.

By the way, I’ve noticed that I haven’t seen my mower this year.

Secure Only In Christ, Willie

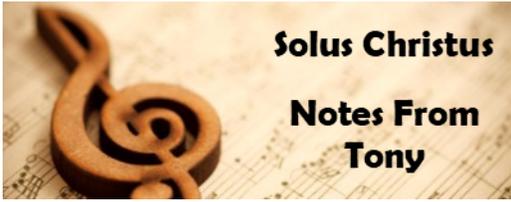


JUNE 22

Connection Point Baptist Church in Raytown will be hosting a Voice of The Martyrs Advance Conference on Saturday, June 22, from 8 AM until 4 PM. One of the featured speakers will be Gracia Burnham. There is no cost to attend the conference. However, you need to register in advance. You can register on-line at www.vomadadvance.com. Look for the Kansas City Conference on June 22. If you attend you will never see the persecuted church in the same way.



VBS Is Coming! July 15-19



As June settles in, many of us will begin settling into our various vacation spots, enjoying some time away. It is good that we do this; rest is something the Bible speaks of in a very favorable light (think the 7th day). Yet, the same Scripture that affirms the goodness of Sabbath, also urges that we not forsake the assembling of ourselves. In other words, don't let vacation and rest lead you to take a sabbatical from life together as the body of Christ. God has given us to one another as a means of grace, that we might grow strong in the faith through mutual exhortation and encouragement. So, as we enjoy our long-awaited and well-deserved times of refreshing, let's not deny ourselves the refreshment of gathering with our brothers and sisters in the Lord.



June offers us two musical opportunities to enjoy such refreshment. Father's Day, June 16, will feature the SHBC gentleman's choir. Last year, twenty-one men responded to the "Willie Davis Challenge" to participate. Let's see if we can't duplicate that number this year, perhaps even exceed it! With the goal of keeping things simple, your presence is requested for three rehearsals. Show up at 7:00 p.m. for the opening portion of Wednesday choir rehearsals on Wednesday, June 5 & 12. We will also be gathering for a brief rehearsal intensive on Sunday, June 9, immediately following the morning worship gathering. I hope to see many of you there, as we encourage one another through the ministry of music!

The second opportunity comes at the end of the month. On Sunday evening, June 30, we will join our voices together for our 2nd annual hymn sing. The theme for this year's gathering is *Not Ashamed*, taken from Romans 1:16. This worship gathering will feature classic and contemporary hymns of the faith, such as "For All the Saints," "The Church's One Foundation," "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken," "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," "For the Cause," and "In Christ Alone." The adult choir will add two selections of their own, including a superb arrangement of the Isaac Watts hymn, "I'm Not Ashamed to Own My Lord." This encouraging text draws its inspiration from 2 Timothy 1:12.



Another prominent feature will be readings from Scripture, as well as stories of faithful witnesses from the annals of church history. Because they were not ashamed, setting their hope on God, He "is not ashamed to be called their God" (Heb 11:16). The same is true for faithful witnesses today.

Would you join me in taking advantage of these wonderful worship opportunities? As we magnify the Lord and exalt the name of Jesus together, may He be pleased to grant refreshment to our souls.

Solus Christus, Tony

It's summer camp month! In just a couple weeks we will be heading to Southwest Baptist University for MFuge. We had a great experience last year at camp, so I'm looking forward to seeing what God does at camp this summer. We have 17 students and 4 adults going to camp this year - a big group! Please be praying for traveling mercies and safety, but more importantly, pray that God would grow us spiritually throughout the week at camp.

Youth



On Wednesdays we have been continuing our study in the gospel of Matthew. We spent several weeks in chapters 5-7 as we took a deep dive into the sermon on the mount. Towards the end of May we moved into chapter 8, and we'll spend June in the following chapters. Studying the life and teachings of Christ has been a deeply rewarding study.

We have also continued sharing our testimonies on Wednesday nights. Several adults have shared their testimonies, and it has been a real encouragement to hear how God has uniquely worked in so many lives. It has also been encouraging to see connections being developed between students and adults through the sharing of testimonies. If you are interested in sharing what God has done in your life with the youth, let me know! We can work out a time to make that happen.

In Christ, Trevor

Child/Youth Policy

In a Special Called Business Session on June 2 the church adopted a temporary Child/Youth policy. Many of the things included in the policy have been in practice for quite some time. Some practices, however, needed some fine-tuning. The questions and discussion at the business session were very beneficial and appreciated. All of this was simply a beginning step.

You will notice that we have used the word "temporary" to describe this document. Our Educational Council will be altering and refining this document over the next 90 days. They will then report back to the church with a more permanent policy for approval.

Many of the suggestions in the business session will be implemented but the council wants everyone to have a chance to give input. You may pick up a copy of the temporary policy in the foyer or from the church office for your personal review and to help with any suggested changes. Suggestions may be directed to Tony Pursley or the church office. They will be given to the Council. Thank you for being a part of making SHBC a more secure place for children and youth!

“Furthermore, we had earthly fathers to discipline us, and we respected them; shall we not much rather be subject to the Father of spirits, and live?” - Hebrews 12:9

Normal Sunday Schedule

9:00 AM - Sunday School
10:15 AM - Morning Worship
6:00 PM - Evening Worship

Normal Wednesday Schedule

5:30 PM - Fellowship Meal (Sept-May)
6:15 - 8 PM - Children; Youth Groups
Adults: Prayer Meeting, Choir
7:00 PM - Choir & Discipleship Classes

Normal Friday & Saturday Schedule

Fri. - 10:30 AM - Sr. Adult Bible Study
Men's & Women's Studies
2nd & 4th Saturdays @ 8 AM

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2  7:00 PM - Special Business Meeting	3 12:30 PM B4 Class Mtg 7:30 PM - Illuminate <i>Illuminate</i>	4	5 Reg. Wednesday Evening Schedule Youth Snack Night	6	7 10:30 AM- Bible Study	8 8 AM - Men's/ Women's Bible Studies
9 7 PM - Church Council	10	11	12 Reg. Wednesday Evening Schedule	13	14 10:30 AM- Bible Study	15 8 AM - 2 PM Gym Reserved
16 FATHER'S DAY  PM - Lord's Supper	17	18	19 Reg. Wednesday Evening Schedule	20	21 10:30 AM- Bible Study	22 9 AM - 4 PM VOM Advance Conference NOON - Sr. Adult Picnic
		Homeschool Conference at SHBC				
<i>Youth at M-Fuge!</i>						
23 7 PM - Monthly Business Meeting	24 8:30 AM - Brkfast Brigade 7:30 PM - Illuminate <i>Illuminate</i>	25	26 Reg. Wednesday Evening Schedule	27	28 10:30 AM- Bible Study	29 8 - Men's/ Women's Bible Study
30 PM Service - Hymn Sing	1 12:30 PM B4 Class Mtg 7:30 PM - Illuminate JULY	2	3 No Wed. Evening Children's Activities Youth Snack Night	4 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED 	5 10:30 AM- Bible Study	6
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Senior Adult Summer Picnic/Cookout

Hot Dog! It's that time of year, again! The annual Senior Adult Picnic/Cookout/Get-Together is coming up real soon. Join us for a great time of food and friendship at Lake Jacomo, Shelter House #2 on Saturday, June 22, at 11 AM.

Bring a beverage, side, or dessert to help "fill out" the menu. Be sure to sign up in the foyer so that we know what you are bringing. While this is a Senior Adult Picnic (and you know who you are), we haven't turned away anyone who wants to join the fun. So, bring a friend or two and have them discover a great group of people!



Church Staff

William Davis, Pastor

Tony Pursley, Music & Education

Trevor Parrish, Youth Co-ordinator

Rustie Welch, Pre-School Director

Charae Camp, Church Secretary

Robert Swaney, Custodian

STAY UP-TO-DATE

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