

Today's Order of Worship

- Announcements: Greg Lowery
- Song Leader: Eddy Dickinson
- Opening Prayer: David Key
- On the Table: Head - Charles Berryhill
Servers - Ralph Burleson
Gary Addison
Josh Berryhill
- Closing Prayer: Al Corkren
- Preparing the Lord's Supper: Michelle Lowery

Weekly Service Times

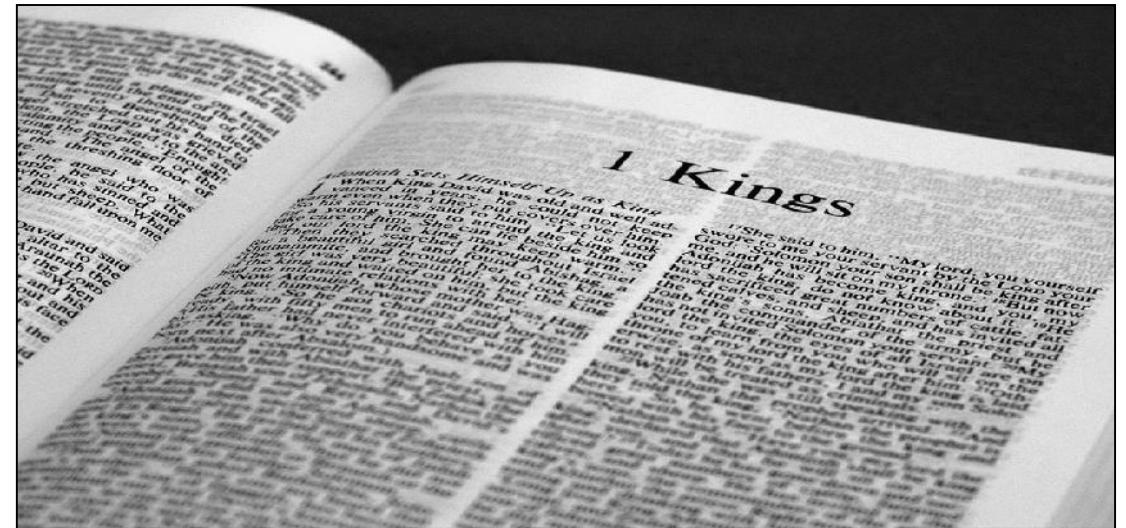
- Sunday
 - Bible Study 10:00 am
 - Morning Worship 10:45 am
 - Evening Worship 5:00 pm
- Wednesday
 - Bible Study 7:00 pm

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The Brilliant Beacon



Faith, Obedience, And Authority

By Dan Jenkins

The faith of the Roman centurion was so great that Jesus said it exceeded the faith of any Jew He had ever met. This commander of 100 Roman soldiers understood the matter of authority. He told Jesus that He did not have to go to his home to cure his slave, all He had to do was to give the command.

He understood this because he understood the nature of authority. He said, “Lord, I am not worthy that You should come under my roof. But only speak a word, and my servant will be healed. For I also am a man under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to this one, ‘Go,’ and he goes; and to another, ‘Come,’ and he comes; and to my servant, ‘Do this,’ and he does it” (Matt. 8:8-9).

It is amazing that so many have trouble understanding authority in religious matters. That soldier under the authority of this great man of faith could so readily figure out what his response should be. If the centurion told him to come, he would come. If he said go, he would go. If he said do this, he did it. When he heard the centurion’s command to come, he did not go. If the command was go, he did not come. If the command was do this, he did not do that! Isn’t it amazing how easily the matter was settled.

When it comes to religious authority, the principle is precisely the same. Jesus is truly our Commander-in-chief, for He has all authority in heaven and on earth. The fact that He has all authority leaves no authority for those of us who have committed ourselves to Him. The process is as simple as the arrangement in the armies in Rome. That soldier stood before his commander awaiting an order. When the order was given, he just did what he was told to do. Why is it that we struggle with this principle today? Like the Roman foot-soldier we stand before the Commander awaiting an order. When the order is given, we just do what He tells us to do.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

Faye Cotton: please continue to pray that she continues her fight against cancer and that she will win

Lellie Dickinson: is recovering from recent knee surgery, please pray that she will make a quick and full recovery

Barbara Wilkinson: is recovering from recent hernia surgery, please pray that she will make a full recovery and have not further trouble

Larry Metcalf: has been diagnosed with lung cancer; please pray that he can receive treatments that will defeat this cancer

Laraine Foss: please be praying that she has good days and good nights and keep Arlen in your prayers also while they are undergoing this very difficult trial

Carolyn Weatherly: is at home recovering from recent stroke, please keep her and Gary in your prayers

Alice Foster: was diagnosed with congestive heart failure and having problems with her lungs, please keep her in your prayers

Mary Rainey: she has bone cancer throughout her body, please be praying for her and her family

Maylene McWhirter: her blood gases are showing signs of myeloid leukemia, please be praying for her and her family

Chad Henderson: this young man is battling cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that will help him in his fight with this terrible disease

Don Lawrence: recovering from recent knee surgery, pray that he makes a full and quick recovery

Jack Waldon: {Linda’s Brother-In-Law } he is under hospice care, please keep him and his family in your prayers

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Arthur Ewing: has lung cancer, please pray that he will be able to receive treatment that can help him

Robeana Green: has been diagnosed with cancer, please be praying that with treatments that this cancer can be defeated

Connie Autrey: recent scans show that the cancer is shrinking, please continue to pray that the treatments will continue to work in defeating her cancer

Marjorie Goodwin: is in the nursing home at Winfield for rehab, please continue to pray that she will continue to improve.

Jamie Long: his liver is failing him and he is on the list to receive a liver transplant, please be keeping him in your prayers

Frances Booth (Tanya’s Mother-In-Law): diagnosed with stage 4 lung cancer, please keep her and her family in your prayers

Laura Lara: has shingles, please pray that she will quickly get better

Billy Lee: {Carolyn’s Brother} diagnosed with renal failure, please keep him in your prayers

Upcoming Events

Today Tri-County Singing 2:00 pm
 {Tidwell Chapel}

March 4th Country Place 2:00 pm

If the command is believe, we believe. If the command is be baptized, we are baptized. If the command is to worship Him according to truth, we worship Him in that way. If the command is abstain from those lusts which war against the soul, we abstain. If the command is sexual purity, we live sexually pure. If the command is to not put asunder what God joins together, we do not put asunder. If the command is to not forsake assembling together, we do not forsake worship. If the command is to love or submit to our mates, we love or submit to them.

The basis of great faith is tied directly to understanding authority. Do I really have faith, if I do not obey?

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What Difference Does it Make?

By Dan Jenkins

Have you ever considered what difference it makes to the driver who ignores the signs at the four-way stop? The fact the signs are there makes no difference in his life. The same is true of the laws about speed limits, wearing seat belts, and dimming headlights to oncoming traffic. The laws have no impact on that person who chooses to ignore them.

Now think about this. The fact that Jesus came makes no difference in the life of that person who chooses to ignore His presence on the earth.

What difference does it make if Jesus was born of a virgin in Bethlehem? To those who are seeking to find God, the birth of Jesus announced the beginning of God’s eternal plan for mankind. But to that person who makes no changes in his life, it makes no difference. Jesus might as well not have been born.

What difference does it make if Jesus ever taught any lessons at all? So what if He taught about morality, marriage, self-control, dealing with enemies, prayer, the abundant life and the resurrection? He might as well have never said a single word—if one chooses to ignore Him.

What difference does it make if Jesus showed His deity by undeniable miracles? Even if He had healed every sick person on this earth, fed all mankind with loaves and fish and emptied every tomb on planet earth, it would make no difference to that person who chooses to ignore such manifestations of heaven’s power. As far as that person is concerned, Jesus wasted His time in every miracle.

What difference does it make if Jesus was raised from the dead? The empty tomb—the ultimate manifestation of His deity—has no meaning to those who ignore Him. His enemies arrested Him, mocked Him, beat Him without mercy, and took His life. So what? Let those accounts of His life close with a lifeless body hanging on a cross—so what? It makes no difference.

What difference does it make—look at the real difference the events make. Ignore every event of His life, pretend they did not happen, consciously choose to ignore reality—yet, one truth remains—Jesus lives! He lived, He died, He was raised and He lives eternally!

God did not just raise Him, He highly exalted Him above all creation. God gave Him all authority in heaven and on this earth. God has appointed a day when He will judge the world by the one He raised from the dead. All mankind will be raised to give account for the decisions they have made on this earth. You can ignore His birth, His teaching, His miracles and His resurrection—temporarily. On that final day, these things are all that matter. Do not be so foolish as to ignore Him.

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Lay the Foundation

By Mark McWhorter

In Luke 6, Jesus paralleled hearing His sayings to digging down to get to rock. It was necessary to find rock so that the foundation of the house could be put on it.

In verse 47, Jesus talked about the man who hears and then does what he hears. Then, in verse 48, Jesus said such a man is like the man building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation. The foundation sits and is affixed to the rock. It is possible to dig down to the rock, and then just build the house on the rock without creating a conventional foundation. Then, when an earthquake or a severe flood occurs, the house would move on the rock and probably even collapse.

Sometimes the foundation was made of more rock, and sometimes it was made of substances like concrete. This foundation was attached to the rock by some method. It was not simply placed on the rock base.

Our actions in doing God’s Word is the process of building and properly affixing our spiritual foundation to the Rock. The more we put His Word into action, the better our foundation and the better it is affixed to the Rock. Our spiritual house, our life, will be built on the foundation, which is attached to the Rock. The bigger and the better we desire our lives to be, the bigger and the better affixed our foundation must be. If at any time we attempt to build our house bigger without studying the Bible and putting it into practice, our house will crumble when confronted with problems.

Notice that building the foundation and affixing it to the Rock is work. It is not something that just happens while we sit back and wish it to happen. We must personally work to build the foundation. We must affix that foundation to the Rock. Simply reading and studying the Bible will not make our house safe, although it is a good start. We must take action. We must do what God commands. Only obedience added to the hearing will make our spiritual house secure on the Rock.

Study your Bible. Obey it. Make sure your house is secure and safe. Continue to build your spiritual house throughout your life. If any of this is hard to understand, ask an adult to help you.

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