Wildwood Church of Christ

Theme for 2021 Step By Step: Grow With Jesus

January 24, 2021 Welcome & Announcements

Song: #788 O To Be Like Thee

Song: #379 I Walk With The King

Prayer

Song: #314 He Loves Me

Lords' Supper

Song: #382 Living By Faith

Sermon: Righteousness Exalts a Nation

Song: #466 Let Him Have His

Way With Thee

Song: #5 Step By Step

DO WHAT IS GOOD!

In our lesson today, we will learn from Romans 13:3 that Christians (walking in His steps) are to "do what is good, and you will have praise from the same." Paul was writing to believers that faced hard and difficult times because of their commitment to Christ and His cause to save all. The Roman government, at that time, looked at Christians as the enemy and made life hard for all followers of Christ.

This righteous principle in verse 3 should remind us of when Jesus sent messengers ahead to prepare a Samaritan village for His arrival. But the people in the village rejected Him. When James and John heard about the people rejecting the Lord, they said to Jesus, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them, just as Elijah did?" (Luke 9:54) These two men had just been on the Mount of Transfiguration and had seen the Lord with Moses and Elijah. (Luke 9:28-36) After hearing what they said, "the Lord turned toward them and rebuked them, and said, "You do not know what manner of spirit you are of. For the Son of Man did not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them...' " (Luke 9:55-56)

Paul tells us in Romans 12:19 that Christians are not in the business to judge God's enemies, "Vengeance in Mine, I will repay, says the Lord." Jesus and Paul make it very clear, that our business is to tell the world, even those who dislike us, hate us and oppose what we stand for, that His offer of salvation is through His Son, Jesus Christ. (Romans 3:21-26) Paul, with the divine direction of the Godhead, instructs us, "If your enemy is hungry, feed him, if he is thirsty, give him a drink . . . Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with GOOD." (Romans 12:20-21; Matthew 25:35-38; Romans 12:1-2)

Prayer List

Keith Jones has a blockage in his carotid artery and will have surgery on February 4th.

Jeanette Harris will be starting radiation and chemotherapy after several doctors' appointments.

Fred Casteel, Reida Glenn's brother, has stage 4 mouth and throat cancer. He has had surgery and will be starting radiation treatments and chemotherapy soon.

Also remember: John DaSilva; Dale Jones; Linda Grove; Pat Ponsford; Marlin Kilpatrick; John Yarborough; Charlotte Martin; Martha Pope; Millie Tudor; Joyce Freeman; Ken Scott; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Lew Faulkner; Teresa Broyle; Levi Cook; Martha Haltaman; David Deason; Jason Crenshaw

Announcements

We would like to remind everyone that the elders have asked for all who come in to the building, to please **wear a mask**. You only have to wear it for a few minutes, until you are seated. Please, let us all be considerate and respectful to our elders and each other. Thank you so much.

The **Prathers** no longer have a home phone. Their cell phone numbers are: Joel (352) 561-6573; Joyce: (352)223-4400. Please make this correction in your directory.

Mary Costa is ordering **pecans** the last week of January – large baker's choice pieces for \$7.20 a pound. She orders in 24 pound cases so it is on first come basis. You can text or call her if you would like to order: (352) 207-8437. She will deliver them to the church building, probably the first week in February.

Member Update Forms: We are working on new pocket directories for 2021 and there are forms in the foyer for every member to fill out so we can have your current information on file. We ask each family to fill one out even if your information has not changed. If you are not able to come by the building to get a form, please give David or Sarah a call on their cell phones and they will make sure to get your information.

ASLO...for our winter members, please fill out a form with your winter address. Thank You! The Ready Reference Booklets, have been re-ordered. Ask David if you need one today, or give him a call on his cell phone if you would like to come by and pick one up or if we need to bring one to you. **FYI:** our **weekly bulletin** is posted on our website each week. Thank you to Jamie McCartney for taking care of our website.

January Birthdays

Gabe Williams-20; Judy Higgins-21; Carol McCartney-24; Jimmy Slaughter-26; Doug Andrews-27; Jimmy Glenn-28: Esther Adcock-30

February Birthdays

LoisAnne Freeman-4; Bob Grove-6; Keith Jones-6; Reese Meskil-7

January Anniversaries

Louis & Martha Rushmore-1; Kevin & Taylor Williams-4; Ron & Carol Rollins-11

February Anniversaries

Bob & Linda Grove-1; John & Joyce Yarborough-11; Bob & Barbara Barden-17; Lee & Lana Vernon-27

Pantry Items Needed

Canned Soup Canned Fruit
Ramen Noodles Canned Meat
Tomato Sauce Spaghetti Noodles

