

PRAYERS & ENCOURAGEMENT

Those who are sick or need our prayers — Pat Espy, Linda Reagan, Bud Mixon, Richard Branum, Cindy Loughmiller, Margaret Blake, Phillip Stevens

Continue to remember in your prayers those who are unable to attend worship services regularly: *Billie Sue Atkins, Freda Dunn, Romona Stokes, and Marjorie Barringer.*

Please pray for those who have forsaken the Lord that they may be reconciled to God.

READING THE OLD & NEW TESTAMENTS IN ONE YEAR

Monday - 2 Sam 6; 1 Chr 13; Psalm 60; Acts 23

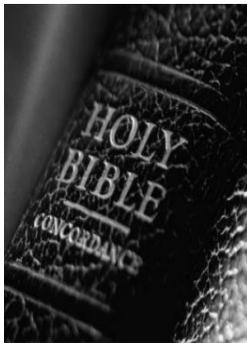
Tuesday - 1 Chron 14-16; Acts 24

Wednesday - 2 Sam 7-8; 1 Chr 17; Ps 132; Acts 25

Thursday - Sam 9-10; 1 Chr 18-19; Ps 89; Act 26

Friday - 2 Sam 11-12; 1 Chr 20; Ps 51, 32; Act 27

***Week #20
May 14 – May 18***



VISITORS - We would like to get to know you better, and ask that you stay a while after services. We encourage you to visit our website at <http://www.parkhillchurchofchrist.com> where you will find sermons, articles, and daily bible studies to encourage you in your daily walk with God.

QUESTIONS? *We Welcome the opportunity to study God's word with you any time.*

*All sermons are recorded on CD & DVD -
If you would like a copy, please ask one of the men.*

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THINK ON THESE THINGS

Welcome to the Park Hill Church of Christ

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It is our desire to worship God in spirit and in truth, and to glorify Him in all we do.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Study.....9:30 am

Worship.....10:15 am

SUNDAY EVENING

Worship..... 5:00pm

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Bible Study.....7:00pm

Be Strong In The Lord



Our church family at West Main in Lewisville is engaged in reading through the New Testament this year. Currently, we are in the book of Acts.

I noticed a concept in yesterday's reading that is a prevailing theme, not only in Acts but throughout the Bible.

When the apostle Paul began his third missionary journey, Luke records that "After spending some time there, he departed and went from one place to the next through the region of Galatia and Phrygia, strengthening all the disciples" (Ax 18:23).

Paul's ministry was not only about converting people to Christ but strengthening those who had become Christians. In Acts 15:23 the Bible says that Paul took Silas with him on his second missionary journey and "went through Syria and Cilicia, strengthening the churches."

Guess what Paul and Barnabas did as they wrapped up their first missionary journey?

“When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. (Ax. 14:21-23).

These preachers were following both parts of Jesus’ great commission. “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age” (Matt 28:19-20).

The ministry of the gospel not only involves preaching to those who are lost and converting them to Christ but also teaching them after they become Christians. Strengthening souls is the work of edification.

For the church to be strengthened, individual disciples must be strengthened. This doesn’t happen accidentally. There must be both a collective and personal focus.

Shepherds in churches have a great responsibility in feeding the flock of God and to provide spiritual food to strengthen the disciples. Carnal programs and secular activities will not accomplish this goal. Our faith only grows stronger through the Word of God (Rom. 10:17).

This means a well planned Bible curriculum that teaches all ages and strengthens the young as well as the older members. It involves working with the preacher to see that preaching from the pulpit is biblical and balanced with both the milk and the meat of the Word.

Special series that address current challenges and spiritual needs are important to strengthen souls. These will change with time and vary from congregation to congregation, but eventually, the whole counsel of God will be presented to strengthen the church.

Of course, we have a personal responsibility to “be strong in the Lord” (Eph 6:10). The Shepherds can provide spiritual food for me, but I must read the Bible for myself. I must study. Meditate. Learn. And apply the principles of scripture.

My soul is strengthened when I take worship seriously, both collectively with the saints, and in my own daily prayer life. I am strengthened as I engage in ministry, participate in fellowship, share the Word with others, and seek to become more like Christ in my daily walk.

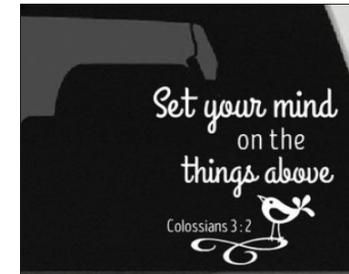
Strengthening our souls is a process. It does not occur at a single event. Don’t be discouraged about your progress. Keep working. Studying. Praying. Learning. Fellowshiping. Worshiping. Over the course of time with regular spiritual exercise, you will grow as a disciple of Christ.

Be aware of the temptations to impede your growth. Be alert to Satan’s subtle and shrewd schemes to sidetrack you and subvert your salvation. Be intentional in your discipleship.

Strengthening our souls will require a lifetime of dedication. But it will be eternally worth it.

–Ken Weliever, The Preacherman

Brief Thoughts



Col 3:2 "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth."

What a wonderful thought to help us get through each day. To not let the cares of this world be our focus but those things that are higher and holier than us.

Today is the Lord's Day and it's time to enter into the assembly of the saints. I often hear it said when we gather together, "Let us remove the cares of the world from our thoughts and remember why we are here today." Why do we say this? Because we have entered a time of worship when our thoughts should only be on those things above. It is a time specifically set aside to honor God, remember the Son of God's death burial and resurrection. It is a time of fellowship with God and one another. It is a time when the world is shut out and God is let in. It is a time when our lives are recharged for the week ahead and a reminder to each of us that it is not only the Lord's Day that we should focus on things above. It should be done daily.

I look forward to seeing you in the assembly this morning. Join us this morning as we set our minds on things above

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