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A Place and a Time for Worship

From the Pastor's Desk

Preparing for Worship

Pastor Jim is on vacation as this issue of Hillside's newsletter goes to press. So he asked the "B" team to write the Pastor's column for October.

I'm back in full time ministry once again. I had forgotten how much time it takes to prepare to lead Sunday School, prepare a sermon, write a newsletter articles once a month, and the many other duties a pastor performs.

The trash gets taken out, the coffee pots are ready to go, restrooms are cleaned, floors are vacuumed, bulletins are prepared, The Lord's Supper preparation is done, and so on. Yes, our pastor does what needs to be done in preparation for worship services.

This brings me to the subject of "Preparation for Worship."

The need for preparation.

Jesus gave specific instructions. His disciples did not know where to go to prepare for the Passover. The Passover had requirements that had to be followed in order for the Jews to participate.

Starting at Luke 22:8 Jesus sent Peter and John, saying, "Go and prepare the Passover for us, so that we may eat it." They said, "Where do you want us to prepare it?"

Jesus gave them specific instructions.

He said to them, "When you have entered the city, a man will meet you carrying a pitcher of water; follow him into the house that he enters."

The disciples followed Jesus directions without question. His instructions would seem unreasonable to most people. Many commentators say that Jesus had made previous arrangements with the man. They overlooked that Immanuel (God with us) is all knowing and that He caused the virgin to conceive and resurrected the dead.

He knew that the man with the pitcher would be there and that he would respond without question. Finding an empty upper room this close to Passover time would have been impossible. Also, finding a man bringing water was unusual. That was a woman's task.

Jesus has given us directions that are the best. They may seem unreasonable, "Love your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 20:19) It may be difficult to swallow our pride

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Oct. 6, 8:00 a.m. – Men's Breakfast

The men share a meal, then engage in a Bible discussion.

Oct. 7, 10:45 a.m. – Lord's Supper

Oct. 13 – Fall Cleaning Day

Getting the church and grounds ready for winter.

Oct. 28, midday – Business Meeting with Lunch

Weekly:

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. – Sunday School and Bible Discussion

Sundays at 10:45 a.m. – Worship Service

Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. – Weekly Bible Study Series on Isaiah

when we have had a conflict with someone, but Jesus' way is always best. Follow Him just as the disciples did, without question, and it will go well.

The disciples were given a specific question to ask.

"And you shall say to the owner of the house. 'The teacher says to you, "Where is the guest room in which I may eat the Passover with My disciples?"'

"And He will show you a large furnished upper room, prepare it there." They left and found everything just as He had told them and they prepared the Passover.

As we prepare for worship, we will find everything just as Jesus said. The room is ready. Are we prepared to worship?

Church is not just something to do, but it is an encounter with Jesus. A place and time to worship Him and thank Him for the undeserved love and grace that He continues to give.

Are you prepared for worship?

✠ Pastor Al

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Men's Breakfast

Join the guys on Saturday October 6th at 8:00 a.m. for some good grub, some fellowship, and a good helping of the Word of God. We'll be continuing our study and discussion of Paul's letter to the Romans.

We've been covering about a chapter a month, so we are moving slowly enough to understand and examine in some depth many of the subtle bits of wisdom that it contains.

It's a good time of fellowship since we all bring something to share for the meal. Don't miss it!

Fellowship Events

A business meeting is scheduled for October 28 at midday, right after the Sunday Service. Being good Baptists, we will have a potluck lunch preceding this semi-annual meeting.

The main topics will be a review of current income and expenditures, as well as finalizing next year's budget.

Property and Space Patrol

Fall Cleaning Day

On Saturday Oct. 13, the Fall Cleaning Day starts at 8:00 a.m. It will be a busy day as you can see from the lists.

Inside the church, these items can be done:

- Remove and store the air conditioners.
- Vacuum and clean the inside of the church.
- Change the items on the bulletin boards. Some postings are old.

Outside, these items can be done:

- Wash the church sign board put up a new message.
- Remove the granite stones in the front walkway, reset and cement them in place.
- Clean the gutters on the parsonage.
- Fill in a sink hole in front of the parsonage. (I will have a tractor with bucket loader.)
- Do weed whacking around the building, the parking area, and the sand barrels.
- Put shovels in the sand barrels.
- Pick up fallen branches.
- Weather permitting, the front exterior stair risers need to be refastened and painted around the landing.

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Bring Your Bible to School Day

This annual event takes place on Thursday October 4. By participating, the students in your family will be joining more than a half million students across the nation.

Focus on the Family suggests that students do the following:

- Sign up and be counted.
- Spread the word to church, family, and friends.
- Share the news on social media.

For more information about this event, go to

https://focusonthefamily.webconnex.com/co-oct4-bybts2018?refcd=654005&utm_campaign=654005&utm_medium=email&utm_source=events

Because He Lives

Bill and Gloria Gaither, who wrote the words and music to the song, "Because He Lives," have told of the background for this beloved hymn.

Troubled by the turmoil of the world situation, the unrest, and man's inability to get along with one another, the words, "God sent His Son" bring stability to the scene.

Holding their new born third son, the words flowed:

"How sweet to hold a new born baby

And feel the pride and joy he gives.

But greater still, the calm assurance

This child can face uncertain days

Because He lives."

Top Ten Things You Never Hear in Church

This humorous top 10 list was sent in by Cynthia Ward.

10. Hey! It's my turn to sit in the front pew.
9. I was so enthralled; I never noticed your sermon went 25 minutes over time.
8. Personally I find teaching others about Christ much more enjoyable than golf.
7. I've decided to contribute the \$500 a month I used to spend on my hobbies.
6. I volunteer to be the permanent teacher for the Junior High Bible class.
5. Forget the minimum salary; let's pay our preacher so he can live like we do.
4. I love it when we sing hymns I've never heard before!
3. Since we're all here, let's start the service early.
2. Pastor, we'd like to send you to this Lectureship in the Bahamas.
1. Nothing inspires me and strengthens my commitment like a good old-fashioned sermon on giving!

That Smiling Man

This article appeared in the Our Daily Bread Devotional Booklet for August 11, 2018. The scripture passage for the day was Colossians 3:18-23. The focal passage was "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." -- Colossians 3:23

Going to the grocery store isn't something I particularly enjoy. It's just a mundane part of life—something that has to be done.

But there is one part of this task I've unexpectedly come to look forward to: checking out in Fred's lane. Fred, you see,

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turns checkout into show time. He’s amazingly fast, always has a big smile, and even dances (and sometimes sings!) as he acrobatically flips (unbreakable) purchases into a plastic bag. Fred clearly enjoys a job that could be seen as one of the most tedious around. And for just a moment, his cheerful spirit brightens the lives of people in his checkout lane.

The way Fred does his job has won my respect and admiration. His cheerful attitude, desire to serve, and attention to detail all line up well with the apostle Paul’s description of how we are to work in Colossians 3:23: “Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord.”

When we’re in relationship with Jesus, any job we have to do gives us an opportunity to reflect His presence in our lives. No task is too small . . . or too big! Tackling our responsibilities—whatever they may be—with joy, creativity, and excellence gives us an opportunity to influence those around us, no matter our job.

Lord, help me to tackle everything on my plate today with grace, enthusiasm, and joy, knowing that my attitude may affect others in ways I’m not even aware of.

Eastern Standard Time Begins November 4th



Turn your clocks back one hour or else you'll be an hour late to church.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



Hillside wishes a happy, happy, happy birthday to the following people who are celebrating another orbit around the Sun:

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Hillside also wishes God’s blessing on anyone who celebrates a wedding anniversary this month. If that is you, please let the editor know.

Prayer Requests

If you need us to pray for a physical, spiritual, financial, marital, or other need, contact Pastor Jim, Pastor Al, or Michael Frascinella and they will get the word out to the membership. It is our duty and privilege to lift you up in prayer to Jesus Christ our Lord.

Hillside on the Web

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Submissions for Next Issue

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