

Tidings From Timothy

Judgment Day is our focus for this morning. As we think about what we will be doing in the new year, it would be good to project out a little farther than that and think about the most important day of all that's coming.

This evening we will focus on "How to heal a broken heart."

In Need Of Prayer: Cecil Tooley wants your prayers. He has been in the hospital and may be there still. We have some with upcoming tests and procedures. Please keep them all in your prayers. We are saddened at the passing of brother Danny Walker. Thanks go out to all those who brought food or visited at the funeral home.

Barnabas Board: Please look in your slot for our in-house mail you may not have picked up over the holidays.



Food Pantry: We need crackers and cereals for the pantry. Also some Vienna sausages. This is the same need as last week.

Schedule change in worship: We will be having the Lord's Supper after the Sermon. Fellows, please coordinate on this to see that all goes smoothly.

Article: I ran this article last year at this time, but it seemed appropriate to run it again since we have been planning to have a "workshop" on improving our worship services:

Prayer

Have you every been called upon to lead a public prayer? Did you accept or reject the assignment? Did the thought fill you with anxiety

and fear? Did the palms of your hands begin to sweat? Did you feel that you needed to know more about what you were doing?

I'm certainly not an expert on the subject, but perhaps a few practical suggestions might be of help.

The role your voice plays is important. When you pray, pray loudly enough to be heard. If you don't, how will the congregation be able to say "Amen"? (well, all 5 of us who say it won't know when to anyway, STM) Stay away from a "stained glass" voice. You can say "God." It doesn't have to be "Gawd."

It is a public prayer. What you say should be relevant for the whole congregation. Private matters should be dealt with in private prayers. Enter into your own closet and pray to God secretly.

Have the proper motive. You are not praying to be seen of men, or praised for eloquent speech.

Acknowledge Christ. Our access to God is through Christ.

Be sincere. Don't fall into the trap of vain repetitions, or the use of trite expressions.

Consider the time. The Model Prayer that Jesus gave his disciples is rather short. We should not think that we will be heard for our much speaking. I read once about a brother who had a habit of praying long public prayers. On this particular Sunday the prayer had been going on for some time when one brother leaned over to his neighbor and said, "Is he about through?" In a low tone the neighbor responded, "When he reaches the point of the Jews being in bondage he is about half through."

A prayer is not a sermon. You are speaking to God, not to men. I have heard prayer that were used to make announcements (O Lord, you know that the funeral service for brother Smith is going to be conducted at the Ruebel Funeral Home at 2 o'clock in the afternoon this coming Tuesday and we need additional singers). And I have heard prayers which were preached to the members, and even corrected the preacher for the lesson he had just presented. I have even heard prayers which quoted countless scriptures to the Almighty (apparently a reminder to God just in case he forgot what He said).

Take your time. Some public prayers are uttered a such a rapid rate of speech that they become almost unintelligible. I feel sure that much of this is due to stage fright. You may have to remind yourself to be somewhat more deliberate. **Practice praying aloud.** If you always

pray silently, you may be startled by the sound of your own voice. Pray aloud.
 --John Gipson--

What must I do?

- **Hear the Gospel - Acts 15:7**
- **Believe the Gospel - Mark 16:15,16**
- **Repent of Sins - Acts 17:30**
- **Confess Christ - Rom. 10:9,10**
- **Be Baptized for the Forgiveness of Sins - Acts 2:38**

Then, as a Christian we must:

- **LIVE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH - REV. 2:10**

Birthdays:

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| Rita | Hammer | 01/03 |
| Kevin | Cloyd | 01/06 |
| Monica | Price | 01/06 |
| Charlie | Williams | 01/06 |
| Sharon | Bartley | 01/07 |
| Carolyn | Hamilton | 01/07 |

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Lord's Supper Reading:

Ecclesiastes 12:7-8,13-14 "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it. Vanity of vanities, saith the preacher; all is vanity... Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man. For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

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 Veachel Harlan.....487-5727
 Roger Deckard.....487-8544
 Steve Carter.....487-8746

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Schedule of Services:

Sunday:

Bible Study... 9:30am
 Morning Worship... 10:05am
 Evening Worship... 6pm

Wednesday:

Bible Study... 7pm

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