

GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION

Hear the Gospel (Rm 10:17) - Jesus, the Son of God was born of a virgin birth, lived a sinless life, died on a cross to bear our sins, was resurrected and is now Lord over all, and through His death and life man can be eternally saved through obedience of faith in Him.

Believe the Gospel (Jn 3:16; Heb. 11:6; Mk 16:16)
Trust in God's promise to save you through Jesus.

Repent (Acts 2:38,3:19,17:30;Titus 2:11-12)
Turn from a life of sin to living a life for God's glory.

Confess Jesus as Lord (Rm10:9-10; Acts 8:37)
An outward expression of your faith & submission.

Be Baptized [immersion] (1 Peter 3:21) - In baptism you are buried with Christ, and raised up with Him (Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12). Your sins are washed away (Acts 22:16). At this moment you're **added to the church** (Acts 2:41), which is the **BODY OF CHRIST** (Ephesians 1:22-23) - the **SAVED** (Acts 2:47).

Remain Faithful (Rev. 2:10; Hebrews 10:23)
Continue to be faithful at any cost and the promise of heaven is sure.

THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

02-13-22 (AM) 02-20-22(AM)

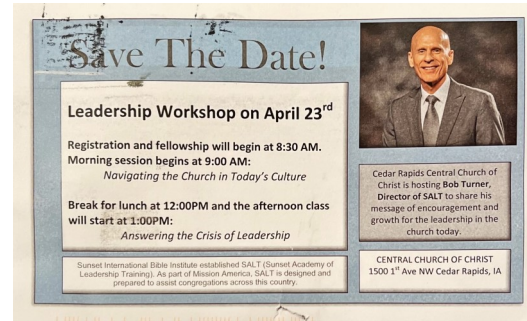
Greeter	Lori McGowan	Terry Tull
Song Leader	Phil Legate	Jason Thompson
Prayer	Doug Phillips	Phil Legate
Table	Terry Tull	Sam Yager
	Jacob Sorensen	Steve Haugsted
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Scripture Reading	Brad McGowan	Ben Bass
Speaker	Art Wallis	Art Wallis
Closing Prayer	Noah Riggs	Kim Sleege
Lord's Supper Prep	Kayla Wallis	Kayla Wallis

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Speaker	Art Wallis	Art Wallis
Wed. Song Leader	(02/16)- Ben B.	(02/23) - Phil L.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies bible class 2/15 @ 7 pm



Birthdays & Anniversaries **February**

02/08 Jan Knaack
02/13 Julia Rathje
02/22 Joyce Haugsted
02/26 Julie Brown



02/14 Dan & Jan Knaack
02/14 Gerry & Kathy Moser
02/24 Jason & Jessica Thompson



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Center Point Road Church of Christ

WE ARE A FAMILY WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GLORIFY GOD, LEAD OTHERS TO CHRIST, MINISTER TO PEOPLE'S NEEDS. ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER TO GROW IN FAITH AND IN HIS WORD SO WE MAY ENJOY ETERNAL LIFE WITH HIM.

ASSEMBLY TIMES

SUNDAY

9:30A.M. BIBLE CLASS (ALL AGES)
10:30A.M. CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP
6:00P.M. EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE
(ALL AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

WEDNESDAY

7:00 P.M. BIBLE CLASS
(ALSO AVAILABLE VIA FACEBOOK LIVE)

WE WELCOME OUR VISITORS AND
HOPE YOU WILL STAY AFTER
SERVICES SO WE CAN MEET YOU!!!

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Interim Preacher

On Perseverance and Giving Up

Andy Baker

Everyone gets tired from time to time. Often tiredness leads to exhaustion. When exhaustion is full and there's still work to be done, it can lead to burnout. With burnout comes an increased distance from job or family responsibilities, negativity, cynicism, and an abiding feeling of *needful* change. The thought is that if I move, or change jobs, or drastically change immediate things in my life, I'll be renewed and no longer feel like giving up. Solomon would say, this "is vanity and striving after the wind" (Eccl. 2:11).

I believe more people are bordering on burnout than ever before. The toll of the last several strenuous years have left many with an emptiness and banality that they alone cannot grasp or manage. We've burned out in many cases. Yet, what God's word says to people like us is, "don't give up! Keep going!"

When faced with persecution and hardship for simply being Christians, many Jews who embraced Jesus at first found themselves longing for the "easier" and "less wearisome" path of Judaism. The Hebrews writer counsels them to NEVER consider giving up their hope and confidence obtained through Jesus Christ (Heb. 10:35-39). In chapter 12, he gives several practical things to look at when perseverance is hard:

Look around (12:1a). The witnesses of those who lived faithfully stand as encouragements of people who, by faithfulness, made it through

their own times when they wanted to give up (reread Heb. 11).

Look at yourself (12:1b). There may be things you are carrying that are sinful that are tripping you up. There are also things that you're carrying that may *not* be sinful, but are weighing you down. Give those things up! What do I need to change to persevere (2 Cor. 13:5)?

Look at Jesus (12:2-4). Remember Jesus persevered when He was facing perhaps the most brutal way man has ever invented to kill another. He wanted to do anything but (Matt. 26:39). Yet, He persevered through the cross and became the example "lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" (12:3).

Look at the trial itself (12:5-12). What you are facing and going through, God purposes to refine your character (Jas. 1:2-4). Stay faithful through the difficulty. Don't give up, don't give in! Remember God is with you!

I think Hebrews 12:12-13 ought to be written on our mirrors every morning. God who works through pain will bring healing if we stick it out! Don't give up! Keep going!

With Him, the best is yet to be!

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry's health struggles
- ◆ Leonard Weber, Chris Johnson, Jeff Abrams, — Cancer treatment
- ◆ Jason Grannum - cousin of Jessica Thompson - is currently on the heart/lung transplant list at UCLA in California.
- ◆ Emma Jean Phillips - mother of Doug Phillips - recovery from recent brain surgery. If you would like to send her a card her address is:

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- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shellie Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer's
- ◆ Jennifer Parr - sister of Jan Knaack - Covid
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer