

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

	<u>04-03-22 (AM)</u>	<u>04-10-22(AM)</u>
Greeter	Kim Sleege	Terry Tull
Song Leader	Jason Thompson	Troy Wallis
Prayer	Steve Haugsted	Terry Tull
Table	Terry Tull	Jason Thompson
	Doug Phillips	Noah Riggs
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Scripture Reading	Jacob Sorensen	Ben McGowan
Speaker	Noah Riggs	Art Wallis
Closing Prayer	Kim Sleege	Ben Bass
Lord's Supper Prep	Anne Bass	Anne Bass
	<u>04-03-22(PM)</u>	<u>04-10-22 (PM)</u>
Speaker	Noah Riggs	Art Wallis
Wed. Song Leader	(04/06) Noah R.	(04/13) Jason T.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies bible class 4/5@ 7 pm

Birthdays & Anniversaries April

- 4/1 Steve Haugsted
- 4/6 Deb Bell
- 4/8 Anne Bass
- 4/8 Jacob Bass
- 4/8 Ty Wallis
- 4/11 Ben McGowan
- 4/14 Albert Brown
- 4/17 Aaron Sleege
- 4/23 Doug Phillips
- 4/24 June McGowan
- 4/28 Jessica Thompson
- 4/29 Abby Riggs
- 4/10 Dennis and Donna 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

A Tough Parable

Joe Chesser

Most of Jesus' parables are easily understood; they cut straight to the heart of his point. For example, the message of the parable of the wise and foolish builders (Matthew 7:24-27) is simple and clear: foolish people hear only, while the wise ones hear *and* do. But a few of Jesus' parables leave us scratching our heads. One of these for me is the parable of the dishonest manager (Luke 16:1-9). First of all he was caught squandering his master's possessions and was being fired. So, he decided to cheat his master for selfish purposes by making deals with the master's debtors. When the master found out what he did, he commended the dishonest manager for being shrewd.

That's as far as the story goes, but on the surface it sounds like Jesus was commending a crook: "For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light" (Luke 16:8). Thankfully, with a little help from Mike Ireland I was able to see that "Jesus told this story to explain the importance of making the wise and right use of the money and possessions we have...to be wise and faithful stewards who invest our money in kingdom priorities" (From Morning to Evening: Every Day With Jesus, August 18th).

Volumes have been written on the subject of money. But I'm afraid that many of us have concluded that as long as we give generously in church on Sundays we can use the rest of our money and possessions any way we choose that

pleases us. Perhaps Jesus is using this parable to broaden our perspectives as stewards of His blessings to us. It has challenged me to think more seriously about how I use all of what God has given me. How honest or dishonest have I been with my finances? How have I allowed selfishness to justify my decisions regarding my possessions? Have I been faithful enough with unrighteous wealth to be entrusted with true riches? Am I serving God or money. It certainly can't be both (Luke 16:10-13).

Perhaps it's not so much that this parable is tough as it is that dealing with money as God teaches is what's tough. Who really trusts Jesus enough to give up all their possessions in order to be his disciple (Luke 14:33)? Who really seeks the kingdom of heaven more than worrying over the physical needs of life (Matthew 6:25-33)? Who really stores up treasures in heaven in the way they use their money and possessions (1 Timothy 6:17-19; Matthew 6:19-21)? Who really begs for the opportunity to contribute to the needs of others (2 Corinthians 8:1-5)? Who really believes that we reap what we sow (2 Corinthians 9:6)? Who really walks by faith in how they use their possessions and not by sight (2 Corinthians 5:7)? Tough questions for honest hearts.

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.
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shelley Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer's
- ◆ Jennifer Parr - sister of Jan Knaack - Leukemia
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Mark and Steve- friends of Todd McWherter
- ◆ Dan Knaack - recent stroke