

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

	05-21-23 (AM)	05-28-23(AM)
Greeter	Roger Reuter	Phil Legate
Song Leader	Troy Wallis	Jason Thompson
Prayer Table	Aaron Sleege	Kim Sleege
	Doug Phillips	Terry Tull
	Steve Haugsted	Jacob Sorensen
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Scripture Reading Speaker	Ben McGowan	Brad McGowan
	Matthew Brotherton	Matthew Brotherton
Closing Prayer	Phil Legate	Art Wallis
Lord's Supper Prep	Joyce Haugsted	Joyce Haugsted
	05-21-23(PM)	05-28-23 (PM)
Speaker	Doug Phillips	Jason Thompson
Wed. Song Leader	(05/24) Noah R.	(05/31) Troy W.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & DATES

Ladies Bible Class Monday 5/22@ 7 pm here at the building.

Teacher sign up sheet for next quarter is on the bulletin board. If you would like to teach take a look and see what is still needed.

There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for helping out with VBS. Take a look and see if there is something you would like to help with!

Ladies Night Out Thursday, May 25th. Will meet @ Chilangos Mexican Restaurant in Vinton @ 6 pm. See Jessica for details.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

May

- 05/03 Kayla Wallis
- 05/08 Phil Legate
- 05/09 Coleen Long
- 05/10 Esse Wallis
- 05/12 Isla Powell
- 05/15 Wayne McGowan
- 05/23 Donna Thompson
- 05/27 Edna Tull
- 05/16 Noah & Abby Riggs
- 05/26 Art & Nancy Wallis
- 05/27 Steve & Joyce Haugsted



MAY 21, 2023



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 AND YOUTUBE)

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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Kerry Duke

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide is the gate and broad is the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it" (Matthew 7:13-14).

"I'd rather be in a congregation of 50 members who want to hear the Bible than a church of 500 members who don't." — Concerned Christian

We know that numbers don't prove truth, but do we still put too much emphasis on them? "How many attend where you go to church?" "How many students are in your preacher training program?" If the number is high, we say "Great!" If it is low, we think "Bless their hearts." This thinking seems to be ingrained in us.

We need to remember our Bible instead of focusing on numbers. Few were saved from the flood (1 Peter 3:20). God chose 300 Israelite soldiers rather than 32,000 to fight the Midianites (Judges 7). Jonathan's attitude was this: "Nothing restrains the Lord from saving by many or by few" (1 Samuel 14:6). God has often accomplished great things with small groups of people.

The New Testament teaches us the same lesson. Sometimes Jesus preached to thousands of people. But the numbers did not always remain high. At Capernaum "many of his disciples went back and walked with him no more" (John 6:66).

We naturally want to see as many saved as possible. That is good. It is our duty to do whatever we can to help that happen. But we cannot and should not try to decide the numbers. Even Paul said: "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the increase" (1 Corinthians 3:6). We should also remember the Bible says nothing about how many were in the church at Ephesus, Rome, or Thessalonica.

Do these words apply to online teaching and preaching? We seem to judge the value and effectiveness of internet teaching by the number of viewers and subscribers we have. This is not wise. It is time that we recall the Scriptures we just noticed. One genuinely interested viewer is worth more than ten thousand who are "always learning and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth" (2 Timothy 3:7). That one person may in turn reach dozens or even thousands with the gospel.

Trust in God and have faith in the power of His Word. Don't be dismayed when you see figures of 2.3m viewers or 786k subscribers while we struggle to get a few hundred to notice the saving message of the cross. Most people are looking for entertainment, news/gossip, or something to buy. But we give hope to lost souls looking for the Truth and to Christians needing encouragement. We must get back to the idea of quality instead of quantity.

If you have subscribed to the big number approach, it is time to unsubscribe.

PRAYER LIST

- ◆ Gerry & Kathy Moser - Gerry's health
- ◆ Leonard Weber - Cancer treatment
- ◆ Steve Lewis - brother in law of Phil and Shelley Legate - Dementia/Alzheimer's
- ◆ Julie Davis - friend of Phil and Shelley from Fort Dodge - Lung cancer
- ◆ Marnetta Tillman - friend of the Haugsted's - health issues.
- ◆ Sharla Ashcraft - sister of Kayla Wallis - MS ; pain management
- ◆ Deb Bell - Recovery from surgery.
- ◆ Don and Karen Britt from Cookeville, TN - Don is having very serious heart issues. Karen requested prayers for them (request made by T.W. Sutherland on behalf of the family)
- ◆ Lois Brown - extended family to Jason and Jessica Thompson - had large brain tumor removed on 5/16

