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Sunday:

Bible Study..... 9:30 A.M.
Morning Worship.... 10:30 A.M.
Afternoon Worship.... 1:30 P.M.

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00 P.M.

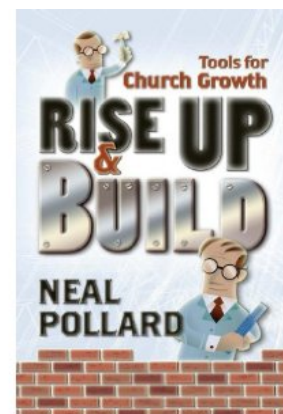
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NOVEMBER 12-15 2017

SUNDAY: 9:30, 10:30, 1:30
MONDAY-WEDNESDAY: 7:00

GOSPEL MEETING

with

NEAL POLLARD

Theme: Rise Up and Build

Neal preaches for the Bear Valley Church of Christ in Denver, Colorado where he also serves as an instructor for the Bear Valley Bible Institute. He is the author of "Rise Up and Build: Tools for Church Growth."

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Paul's Present Philippians 3:8-11

Neal Pollard

At the beginning of the chapter, Paul has been dealing with individuals who were examples of those who put themselves before others. These unnamed opponents were apparently making the Law of Moses a necessary addendum to the gospel of Christ in order to put confidence in the flesh (3:3-4). What Paul says in our text is in answer to their false teaching and legalism. Paul, from a fleshly standpoint, took no back seat to these apparent Judaizers. Yet, his overarching point in this epistle is to show that the mind of Christ is to put others above self. Read through the letter and notice how often Paul shows examples of those who put others above self. These troublemakers did the opposite.

In this paragraph, Paul takes his past and these "evil workers" present and puts it up for comparison with Christ Jesus the Lord (8). Along the way, Paul shows how Christ has transformed his life and caused him to be a different person now. What happened for Paul can happen for us as we leave our past behind and strive to be a new creature now. Consider what Paul says in Philippians 3:8-11.

That I May Gain Him (8)

Paul uses a mathematic or accounting term when he refers to "loss" and "gain." We might think debits and credits. Paul used to put his earthly accomplishments in the plus column, but now it is in the minus column. What made this such a compelling motivation for Paul was that Jesus did the same thing. Jesus gave up more than we could ever comprehend having in order that we "through His poverty might be made rich" (2 Cor. 8:9). But rather than pining for the good old days, Paul focuses on what He hoped to gain with Christ. Paul could have focused on what living the Christ-life had cost him. He did in another context just to make the point that living for Jesus is worth whatever the cost (2 Cor. 11:23ff). Paul shows us why "to die is gain" (Phil. 1:21) and how to quit looking out for your own personal interests (2:4). The more we understand how excellent the "excellence of the knowledge of Christ..." is, the more we see our life in Him being gain for us.

That I May Be Found In Him (9)

Paul makes it clear why He—and anyone else—would benefit from gaining Christ. He wanted to be "found in Him." In the next few verses, Paul talks about what he gained from the trade of his illustrious past for

Christ's unsurpassed present. It is an exchange of our own righteousness for His righteousness. It is also a trade of what cannot save for the only one who can save (cf. Acts 4:12). I must have faith in Him if I am going to be found in Him. To a different church, Paul makes this very connection when he says, "For you are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ" (Gal. 3:26-27). Faith in Christ led the Galatians to be baptized into Christ. Having done such, they had put Him on. They were in Him. Though Paul does not address the process in Philippians 3, he refers to the same result. Being found in Him is not only superior to the righteousness from the law, but a righteousness obtained from anywhere or anyone else.

That I May Know Him (10-11)

The word "know" in this passage is from the Greek word (γινώσκω) "relating to familiarity acquired through experience or association with a person or thing" (BDAG, 199). This word depicts more than information; as importantly, it reveals a relationship. I have been married to Kathy for 25 years, but I am still getting to know her and will always be doing so. That is how relationships work. Paul had obeyed God's will in order to come to know Jesus, but he continued to follow Him and walk with Him. His future hope was based on what he was doing now in the relationship. He was suffering with and for Him, and he did so in hopes of attaining to the resurrection from the dead. I build my relationship with Kathy by knowing her, knowing about her, and knowing how to please her. You get experiential knowledge by doing, by putting the principle into practice. Knowing Jesus changed Paul's life. He could enjoy his relationship with Christ even if it meant he had to suffer for Him. He boasted in the Savior he continued to get to know better and better each day. Such might not win him fame and fortune, but it would win him something eternally better.

(from *Christian Worker*, August 2017)

PRESIDE: John Manning
ASSIST: Bob Bergstrom
 Ty Phillips
 CJ Stafford

Keith McAlister
 Sterling Main
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 Jack Woods

A.M. OPENING: Harold Mangrum
A.M. CLOSING: Mike Reed
P.M. OPENING: Wayne Sanders
P.M. CLOSING: Nick Aubrey

If you are unable to lead prayer or serve at the Lord's table, please contact Cedric Huff or Paul Connell.

RECORD, WEEK of October 29, 2017

BIBLE STUDY: 220
 A.M. WORSHIP: 300
 P.M. WORSHIP: 205
 CONTRIBUTION: \$14,397.00

HOMEBOUND

Joe Baxter
 Bessie Berry
 Ann Castleman
 Virginia Ditto
 Hazel Eskew
 Tommy & Nell Herndon

Anita Hopper
 Albert & Ruth House
 Clarine Justice
 Helen Palazola
 Jerry & Betty Robbins

OUR SICK

Marsha Beliew will have surgery, Wednesday, November 1.
Linda Letson, mother of Lanell Bowers, suffered a heart attack and is in need of surgery, Baptist Desoto ICU.



Daylight Savings Time ends this Saturday night. Be sure to set your clocks back one hour before bedtime.

HEARTS AND HANDS

TEAM "B" (WARREN DAVENPORT) will have a covered dish luncheon after morning service Sunday, November 19.

TEAM "C" (DANNY BRADDOCK) AND TEAM "D" (RANDY ELLIOTT) will have a cookout Saturday, November 4 at 1:00 p.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

LADIES AND MEN'S CLASSES meet each Tuesday at 10:00 a.m. We will meet at Cracker Barrel for breakfast Tuesday, November 7 at 8:45.

JC DEVOTIONAL Sunday, November 5 after morning service in the education break room.

FOREST HILL LADIES DAY Saturday, November 11 beginning at 8:30. Theme: "Return to Me." Speaker: Kathy Pollard.

FOREST HILL GOSPEL MEETING November 12-15. Theme: "Rise Up and Build." Speaker: Neal Pollard.

CONGREGATIONAL LUNCHEON Sunday, November 12 following morning worship. **ELDERS AND DEACONS MEETING** immediately after luncheon beginning at 12:30. Zones 3 and 4 will be responsible for set up and clean up. Zone 6 will be responsible for drink preparation.

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES GAME Friday, December 1. If interested, please sign the sheet posted on the bulletin board by November 12. Tickets are \$25 each.

ST JUDE TOY DRIVE is underway. Please see the young adult bulletin board or Jackson or Katharyn Greer for details.

KIRBY PINES Retirement Community worship service each fourth Sunday 8:00-8:45 a.m., conducted by Forest Hill. Our next service will be Sunday, November 26.

PLEASE CHECK YOUR BOX!

Last week's solution:
Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; Ephesians 2:19-20

CORNERSTONE
Scriptogram: Each letter in the passage is replaced with another.
TMS V OTE YGTHGM NQGMGS, TMS IGYNUS T EYVLG YNPOG; TMS YG LYTL OTL JQNM YVR ETO ZTUUGS BTVLYBJU TMS LPJG, TMS VM PVFYLGNJOMGOO YG SNLY WJSFG TMS RTXG ETP.
 O=S Solution next week. U=L



**Ladies Day
Saturday, November 11, 2017**

Kathy Pollard is from Denver, Colorado where she and her husband Neal work with the Bear Valley Church of Christ and Bear Valley Bible Institute. Kathy is the author of "Return to Me" which will be the theme of this year's ladies day. Please join us at 8:30 a.m. for registration and breakfast. We will conclude at noon.

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