

A New Identity:

Psalm 40:1-8 – A New Song

1) This Psalm describes a _____ that has taken place.

2) The problem with this approach: _____

3) Your Identity is: Your _____, The _____ of your life, the _____ you listened to, and the things you _____.

- What this New Story Tells...

I. We are not limited by _____ and _____ (5:1-5).

- This earthly tent seems _____.
- Mortality may be swallowed up by life = _____.
- Spirit as a _____.

II. Changes the way we look at _____. (5:16)

Knowing Christ in a purely human way led to misunderstandings:

- He would put an end to _____.
- A Socialist _____.
- He was a _____.
- He is just a _____.
- People, too.

III. Advances how we _____ with our World (5:14-15)

- Persuade, not _____
- The Power of love _____ us.
- Reconcile - Restorative

2 Corinthians 5:21 = Reason for Our New Song



Messenger

Welcome! We are glad you chose to worship with us.

Grow In Knowledge

“Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.” 1 Peter 3:18

It's God's desire that all his Children grow in knowledge. The only way we can grow in knowledge is to study God's Word. The knowledge required here is not knowledge of the arts and sciences, but the knowledge of Jesus Christ.

We need to grow in the knowledge of His Person. We need to know that he had an existence with the Father before he became flesh (John 1:1-3, 14). He is the creator and preserver of all things (Col. 1:15-17). That while in human form he retained the full powers of God (Col. 2:9). That when he went back to heaven he did not lay aside his humanity (Phil. 3:21; 1 Tim. 2:5).

We need to grow in the knowledge of His character. He was holy and without sin, though tempted in all things as we are (Heb. 4:15). He was compassionate towards the weak, and willing to forgive all who would repent. He did not revile or threaten when he suffered at the hands of his enemies. He was humble, unselfish, without ambition for worldly honor. He came to serve, not to be served by others. And we need to know that we are to fashion our lives after his.

We need to grow in the knowledge of His work. He came to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself and to give His life a ransom for many. He came to destroy Satan and his works, and all who are allied with Satan will be eternally destroyed. He is now our mediator and high priest, and we need to know how to take advantage of His services in our behalf that we may receive the utmost good from Him.

We need to grow in the knowledge of His purposes with us. He hopes to fashion us into his likeness that we may be ready to live with Him for all eternity. He hopes to lift us above sin and make our lives useful in His service of saving others from sin. He plans to take us to heaven where we will continue to grow, as do the angels, in the knowledge of the glory, majesty, power, and holiness of God

In one of the great statements of faith, Bob Moorehead wrote:

I'm a part of the fellowship of the unashamed. I have Holy Spirit power. The dye has been cast. I have stepped over the line. The decision has been made. I'm a disciple of His. I won't look back, let up, slow down, back away or be still.

My past is redeemed, my present makes sense, and my future is secure. I'm finished and done with low living, sight walking, small planning, smooth knees, colorless dreams, tamed visions, mundane talking, "chincy" giving, and dwarfed goals.

I no longer need pre-eminence, prosperity, position, promotions, plaudits, or popularity. I don't have to be right, first, tops, recognized, praised, regarded or rewarded. I now live by presence, lean by faith, walk by patience, lift by prayer and labor by power.

My face is set, my gait is fast, my goal is heaven, my road is narrow, my way is rough, my companions few, my Guide reliable, my mission clear. I cannot be bought, compromised, detoured, lured away, turned back, deluded or delayed. I will not flinch in the face of sacrifice, hesitate in the presence of the adversary, negotiate at the table of the enemy, ponder at the pool of popularity, or meander in the maze of mediocrity.

I won't give up, shut up, let up, until I have stayed up, stored up, prayed up, paid up, and preached up for the cause of Christ. I am a disciple of Jesus. I must go until He comes, give until I drop, preach until all know, and work until He stops me And when He comes for His own, He will have no problem recognizing me - my colors will be clear.

That should be the cry of every person who takes The Name of Jesus Christ! That should be me!

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	11:00 am
Suspended until Sept 15 th	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Gordon Gower Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons

Don Dillahunty Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest Troy Trammell

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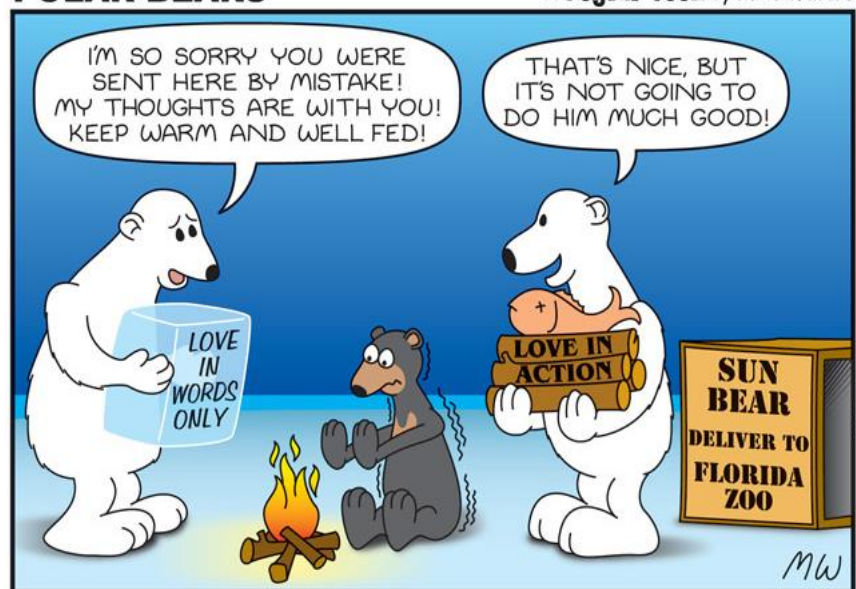
Bible Class	44
AM Worship	80
PM Worship	37

FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$3995
Weekly Contribution	\$3945

POLAR BEARS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. - 1 JOHN 3:18 NIV

Help Children Want To Go To Heaven

A Sunday school teacher asked the children in her class, "How many of you would like to go to heaven?" All the children raised a hand except little Derrick. The teacher diplomatically inquired why he didn't want to go to heaven.

Derrick replied, "I'm sorry, Mrs. Spellman, but my mommy told me to come right home after Sunday school." —Reminisce, May/June 1995, p. 61

"A wise man will hear..." —Proverbs 1:5

Things to Know

Last Sunday Evening Worship

We will begin a monthly class on the Praise and Harmony method of singing. The purpose of this monthly class will be to enhance our song worship, which will build up the body. We will learn to harmonize with the method; improving our ability with new songs and enhancing the principles of worship that glorify God.

Thank You!

My family here at Mt Vernon thank you for the sympathy cards for the loss of my son. I am so grateful to you all! Thank you all for the birthday wishes that you sent me!
In Christian Love,
Patti Brunner.

Bible Trivia

1. Who was put in prison as a political enemy of the Philistines?
2. What king of Israel was imprisoned for defying Assyrian authority?
3. What kinsman of Jesus was imprisoned for criticizing King Herod's marriage to Herodias?
4. What famous dreamer was imprisoned after being accused of trying to seduce Potiphar's wife?
5. Whose brothers were imprisoned after being falsely accused of being spies in Egypt?

- Answers:**
1. Judges 16:24
 2. 2 Kings 17:4
 3. Matthew 14:3-5
 4. Genesis 39:7-19
 5. Genesis 42

PRAYER REQUESTS

Nate, Alec & Richard Erno: Richard to get his bone marrow match quickly and treatment to be a success; he has SCID. Nate & Alec for strength and guidance.

Carol Ann Burdine's son Paul Rigo and his wife Diana they have Covid. Paul (has been in the hospital since August 17th) is on a Bi-Pap machine to help him breathe.

Carol Ann Burdine that she may be able to continue with her treatment for cancer and that her CT scan will show that her tumors have decreased in size.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

- ~ **Rusty & Bonnie Parker** many difficulties with Rusty's dementia
- ~ **Brandon West (Lori Buttons finance)** come to Christ
- ~ **Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** kidney and lung cancer.
- ~ **Brandy Aquafedda (Denise Miler's niece)** cancer treatment.
- ~ **Carolyn Fields (friend of Larry Miller)** has terminal cancer.
- ~ **Allen Till (Dolores Buehler's son-in-law)** cancer treatment
- ~ **Rita Bowden (friend of Sally Guest)** stage 4 cancer.

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

