

THE GREAT EXCHANGE

All of Me – Exodus 35:4-11

1) The Tabernacle was to be the _____ of Jewish Spiritual and Social Life.

- To build the Tabernacle required our _____, _____, and _____.
- The Great Exchange = I _____ All of Me to _____ All of You

2) Build the Mount Vernon church of Christ to have the proper focal point.

- Hebrews 12:1-2 = Keeping our _____ on Jesus.
- Build people by
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

God's Instruction to Israel direct us to Building Lessons for Today.

Lesson # 1 – God wants _____ to participate – Exodus 35:20-22

- Everyone whose heart was _____ and _____.
- We all _____ in the blessings of Christ and all should feel an obligation to engage in the work that Christ calls us to do.

Lesson # 2 – God Wants our _____. Exodus 35:22-29

- The contributions were their _____ possessions.
- God gave them the ability to work at the _____.
- What is _____ is what comes out.

Lesson # 3 – God Will Always Provide What We Need – Exodus 36:4-7

- God had so stirred the hearts that they gave _____ what was needed.
- Taking a _____ enables God to activate His power in your life.
- When God did spectacular things, He always required the people He was working through to do something _____.

He did that to teach us to resist the pull of _____ faith.



MeSSenger

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

Where We Should Put Our Hope

Tabitha was a model Christian woman in the church of Joppa. Her story is told in Acts 9:36-43. She was full of good works and charitable deeds. At one point she became sick and died. The church members washed her for burial and laid her in an upper room. The disciples sent two men to the Apostle Peter who was nearby and asked him to come quickly. When Peter arrived, the widows met him and showed him the clothes that Tabitha had made them. Peter was left alone in the room with the body of Tabitha, and he prayed and told her to arise. She opened her eyes and she stood up; then he called the others into the room. Hearing of this miracle, many others came to believe in Jesus.

We have many brothers and sisters at Mt. Vernon, people like Tabitha, who have done much in ministry and serving others and the Mt Vernon church of Christ; who are beloved by God. Some struggle with health and we wish they would experience what Tabitha did; brought back from the dead, healed and made whole. While this sort of physical restoration of life and healing may not happen today, the healing of our souls is certainly on the table and the telling of this story has relevance to us today. By the grace and the power of God, we are healed and made whole spiritually which prepares us to serve in the Kingdom and do good for others.

Paul teaches us that serving in the Kingdom can be challenging. In this teaching, he reminds us we are never alone. He uses the word “us” several times in this section which highlights that we serve alongside Christian brothers and sisters; people who we love and with whom we struggle (2 Corinthians 1:8-11). His words describe how we can sometimes feel; “affliction...completely overwhelmed...beyond our strength.” He also emphasizes that we do not trust in ourselves, but we trust in God who delivers us consistently and powerfully as we pray for each other. He has done this in the past and will continue to strengthen his people. He states, “We have put our hope in Him that he will deliver us again while you join in helping us by your prayers.”

This is great advice. We often think we move the Church of Christ forward by taking matters into our own hands. Paul tells us there are limitations to this approach and asks the Church to pray for him in the work he is doing. What we need most is the power and the wisdom of God unleashed by the people of God in prayer. It brought Tabitha back to life and it sustains our lives as together we serve Him and do His will.

Sermon Summary

Evening *The Picture of Health: God's Plan for the Church – Ephesians 5:19-33*

The passage for tonight's lesson is an interesting passage. As we read it, the ideas presented teaching how to have strong marriages. In reality, it is teaching us how to have healthy congregations of the Lord's Church. How intriguing and maybe even eye opening. Two key elements that constitutes a strong marriage also constitute a strong congregation. Those two elements are mutual submission and sacrificial commitment. These key elements are not things that humans can muster if we dig down deep. They only come into play when God's people are filled with the Holy Spirit. Indeed, when we are motivated and directed by God's Spirit, the community of faith is the picture of health.

Schedule of Services

Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm

Minister Dennis Baker

Shepherds

Dale Cureton Morris Guest
Larry Miller

Deacons	Responsibility
Don Dillahunty	Membership & Attendance Fellowship

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ATTENDANCE	
Bible Class	58
AM Worship	68
PM Worship	37

FINANCES	
Weekly Budget	\$4077
Weekly Contribution	\$4482

Transforming Anxiety into Prayer

Philippians 1:9-11

⁹ And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰ so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹ filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

“From the moment we awake until we fall asleep, we must commend other people wholly and unreservedly to God and leave them in his hands, transforming our anxiety for them into prayers on their behalf.”

—LETTERS AND PAPERS FROM PRISON

There are many times when we are anxious about children, family, and friends. There is often much that we worry about—their spiritual well-being, schooling, health, friendships, living arrangements, and work. Needless to say, our anxious thoughts are seldom productive and frequently only serve to intensify our level of worry. In seeking to transform anxiety into prayer, it is not simply a matter of talking to God instead of talking to ourselves, for that may simply result in talking anxiously to God. Rather we are challenged to recognize the limitations of our worrying and the possibilities of what trusting prayer can do. Thought Prayer is never simply a matter of talking to God. It is trusting Him with our concerns.

Ringma, Charles. Seize the Day – with Dietrich Bonhoeffer: A 365 Day Devotional (Designed for Influence) (p. 73). The Navigators. Kindle Edition.

Things to Know

PHOTOS

ALL MEMBERS need to have their photos updated. We will be taking pictures in the adult bible lab after worship. If you have questions, please see Heidi.

Sunday Bible Classes

Dennis Baker is teaching the Book of Revelation in the fellowship hall.

Gordon Gower is teaching the Book of Colossians in the auditorium.

Summer Camp Registration

Registration for summer camp at Copper Basin Bible Camp is now open. Visit the website for registration: copperbasinbiblecamp.org

Memorial Work Weekend

Copper Basin Bible Camp work weekend May 28th thru 30th; see Kevin Hurrell or Joe Bridges with questions.

March Duty Roster

Men who serve the March duty roster is on the back table.

Area Wide Sing

Saturday March 12th 6:30pm at the Southwest church of Christ. Flyers on the back table.

Game Night

Friday March 25th at 6pm if you have questions see Jessica Brothers.

Thank You

For all our brothers and sisters at Mt. Vernon church. Thank you for all the nice comments in the book. We are enjoying the new house. We found a nice church here in Arley. We miss all of you and keep you in our prayers.

Love in Christ

Troy & Barbara Trammell

Bible Bowl

Anna Nowak competed in the Mesa Bible Bowl yesterday. There was 34 kids in the Senior High Division competing over the book of Genesis; she came in 5th scoring 67 correct out of 75 questions. Congratulations on your hard work!

Prayer Requests

Wayne Cox having more stomach issues, had a number of tests on Friday at Phoenix Children's hospital. Prayerful he will not need additional surgery.

Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~**Rusty & Bonnie Parker**, many difficulties with Rusty's dementia

~**Lucy Cottabarren** at the Granite Creek Rehab facility.

~**Kim Cureton** is recovering at home with physical therapy

~**Richard Erno** received his bone marrow transplant. Pray that he will not reject this transplant.

~**Abby Parra** immune compromised after chemo treatment.

~**Suzanne Lacey (friend of Gowers)** cancer treatment

Our Shut-ins

Marjorie Trammell

