

STAYING ON THE TRUE PATH

Matthew 7:13-23 (p. 939)

November 23, 2014

The Path to Life is less traveled. (7:13-14)

You need great discernment about whom you follow. (7:15-20)

Characteristics of false teaching:

Characteristics of true teaching:

Words, and even actions are not what Jesus wants. (7:21-22)

If you show good fruit without being changed inside, the good fruit outside will not matter to God.

The true follower of Jesus is not the one who does great miracles outside of themselves.

The true follower of Jesus has been changed and is being changed into this... (5:3-10)

There is a day of reckoning coming. (7:23)

How do you experience this life-changing miracle inside?

How do you grow in that?

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

November 23, 2014

Jesus is the center of our church. We are grounded in the Word, offered in Worship, unified in Discipleship, bonded in Love, supported in Fellowship, united in Prayer and invested in Missions.

Our mission is to build passionate connections between people and a life-changing God.

Your presence enriches us. Thank you for being here today. Our commitment to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ brings us together for worship and service.





PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK:

Baby Silas, Samantha Cox, Fritz Eckert, Howard Folkenroth, Janet Harman, Eugene Martz, Etta Murray, Paul Ours, Tristan Schilling, Janet Spangler, Joe & Jeanette Schoonover, Dick Snelbaker, Don & Diane Snyder, DR Thomas, Buddy Waldrup, Ken Weber, our Military, our President and other elected officials.

VIPS:

Jean Fulton, Flo Laughman, Gloria Martz, the McKnights, Jean Murphy, Ken Murray, Clair Weber & Alice Wong

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Bev Miller
4yrs.-3rd Grade

Yohe Family
Nursery

BIRTHDAYS:

25 Pat Stanford
25 Janet Spangler
26 Nicole Snelbaker
28 Ilene Glatfelter
29 Ed Arnold

ANNIVERSARIES:

23/46 Fritz & Millie Eckert
29/63 Charlie & Vernice Krall

COOKIE VISITORS:

Carl & Bonita Miller

Postlude:

"Thanks Be to Thee"

(Handel)

YOUTH EVENT: A Craft and Hot Cocoa Night will be held Dec. 5th from 6:30pm-8:30pm at the church. Please bring something to add to our Cocoa bar and let Carrie know if you are planning on coming. Thanks!!

IT FEELS GOOD TO SAVE A LIFE: Thanks to everyone who came to our blood drive (November 5th) and made a donation. The Red Cross Team collected 23 units of blood resulting in a possible 69 people being helped. That's pretty amazing. Have you ever wondered who those three people might be? A special thanks to Joella Meckley for her assistance during the drive. Our next semi-annual drive is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2015. However, you may donate every 56 days. When you donate you are helping to make sure that whenever someone calls out for blood, there will be an answer.

MEMBERCARE: There will be Membercare meeting this Tuesday, November 25th at 6:30pm. Please come with some ideas for our VIPs Christmas gift. Thanks! Brenda Thomson

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
Nov. 23rd-29th**

Sun	9:00am 10:10am 10:30am	Sunday School Prayer Worship Service
Mon	7:00pm 7:00pm 7:00pm	Youth Group Men's Bible Study Women's Bible Study
Tues	6:30pm 7:00pm	Member Care Meeting A/V Team Meeting
Wed	10:00am	Bible Study
Thurs		Office Closed Thanksgiving
Fri		Office Closed

And on that day when my strength is failing,
The end draws near and my time has come;
Still my soul sings Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.

(refrain 2 times)

*I'll worship Your holy name,
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name,
worship Your holy name.*

Scripture Reading: Matt. 7:13-23

Skit:

“The Prophet Margin”

Vernice Krall, Linda Massa & Jackie Somerville

Message from God's Word

Song of Response & Invitation: (You are extended an invitation to receive Jesus Christ as your savior and Lord. By coming to the front of the room as we sing, you will enable us to speak with you about this decision. Also, if you desire to join with this church as a member, you are invited to come forward.)

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

(Hymn #496)

Benediction

PRAYER THOUGHT: As you pray this holiday season, remember 2 Corinthians 9:15, “Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!” We have much to thank God for, especially the Son he gave and resurrected, making it possible for us as believers to joyfully, sacrificially and abundantly give. Ilene Glatfelter

ENCORE CONCERT SERIES: The 2014-2015 season of the **Encore Concert Series** opens on Saturday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. with a concert by the Hershey Handbell Ensemble. If you would like to be a patron supporter of the Concert Series you are invited to fill out the form found on the table at the rear of the sanctuary. You may put it in the offering plate or give it to John Massa.

AMERICAN BAPTIST EBOLA RESPONSE: Every year, ABC churches give to the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This year, \$120,000 of that will be invested in the work of International Ministries partners in Africa: Liberia Baptist Missionary and Educational Convention, Liberia Direct Baptist Missionary Conference, Baptist World Aid and IMA World Health. Approximately 70% will be used to provide food and medical supplies, while the remaining 30% will focus on Ebola prevention. Food is becoming scarce in affected regions, which could lead to more people dying from starvation than disease.

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TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

NURSERY CARE is available for infants through three years of age.

As a courtesy, cell phones are to be switched off during worship.

Worship Leader: Linda Massa

Prelude:

“We Gather Together”

(Dutch Folk Song, arr. Hayes)

Call to Worship:

Wisdom from above is first of all pure. It is also peace loving, gentle at all times, and willing to yield to others. It is full of mercy and the fruit of good deeds. It shows no favoritism and is always sincere. Those who are peacemakers will plant seeds of peace and reap a harvest of righteousness. Lord, help us to know your wisdom and live it out in all of our lives. Use this worship today to make us peacemakers in this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.

(from James 3:17-18, *New Living Translation*)

Songs of Praise: (CCLI # 428090)

“Strong God”

(insert)

“We Praise You, O God”

(Hymn #726)

Pastoral Prayer

Ministry of Music:

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

(OLD HUNDREDTH, arr. Ron Mallory)

– Jubilee Ringers

(After the Music all children ages 4-4th grade are dismissed to Children's Worship.)

Gathering and Presenting our Tithes and Gifts to God

Offertory:

“Oh, How I Love Jesus”

(arr. Paxton)

Song of Worship:

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

(By Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin. © 2011 Thankyou Music.)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul,
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul,
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the ev'ning comes.

(refrain)

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

(refrain)