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SUNDAY SERVICES

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
Worship.....10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....6:30 p.m.

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Join Us

FOR A SPECIAL SERIES OF STUDIES
WITH DR. STEPHEN C. ATNIP ON

The Holy Spirit

NOVEMBER 17-20, 2024

Sunday, November 17

9:30 am **Prevalent Views about the Holy Spirit**

10:30 am **The Baptism with the Holy Spirit**

Fellowship Lunch following worship

6:00 pm **The Gifts of the Holy Spirit**

Monday, November 18

6:30 pm Congregational Singing

7:00 pm **The Indwelling of the Holy Spirit**

Tuesday, November 19

6:30 pm Congregational Singing

7:00 pm **The Holy Spirit as Comforter**

Wednesday, November 20

6:30 pm **The Holy Spirit and Eternal Life**

Followed by a Fellowship Snack

Let's Invite Our Friends & Family!

ANGER: Is It Okay to Be Angry?

Steven Ford

A question often asked is, “Is it a sin to be angry?” In short, the answer is, no. A person can come to that conclusion because the Bible informs us that the Lord Himself got angry. “And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved for the hardness of their hearts, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thine hand. And he stretched it out: and his hand was restored whole as the other” (Mark 3:5). Yes, Jesus was angry, and yet according to Hebrews 4:15, He was “without sin.” Further, the apostle Paul wrote, “Be ye angry, and sin not” (Ephesians 4:26). It would seem the Scriptures give allowance for anger, yet those same Scriptures reveal the purpose for anger and instructions as to how a person should exhibit, or demonstrate, his anger.

Purpose

When God made man and saw the whole of creation, the Bible says, “it was very good” (Genesis 1:31). That would necessarily include the range of emotions (including anger) God created man to have. Anger has a purpose. When a person sees sin, wickedness, injustice, abuse, and other such things, anger should prompt him to intervene and bring justice and correction. When Jesus saw His Father’s house being used to take advantage of those seeking to worship, Jesus sprang into action and cleansed the temple by turning over tables and driving out the money changers. Anger should be used to bring about righteous change.

Demonstration

First, a person should be self-controlled and slow to anger. “A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil: but the fool rageth, and is confident. He that is soon angry dealeth foolishly: and a man of wicked devices is hated” (Proverbs 14:16-17). James wrote, “Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God” (James 1:19-20).

Second, a person should be so governed (led or controlled) by the word of God that he does not allow his anger to push him into sin. “Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice: And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you” (Ephesians 4:31-32).

Remember, Cain (Genesis 4:1-8) and Moses (Numbers 20:8-12) yielded to anger and committed sin. When unchecked, anger can create great problems in a person’s life. The wise King Solomon even warned against being friends with easily-angered people. “Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul” (Proverbs 22:24-25).

Conclusion

While it may not be a sin to be angry, it is to be understood that anger must have its place and be properly checked, lest a person be carried into sin. “Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools” (Ecclesiastes 7:9).

Help Others Go to Grow...

A beautiful thing about the local church growing is that it provides new opportunities to serve and work together. We are in need of SFA members with cars (or who would like to use the church van) to pick up others who want to attend but do not have a ride to the building. Many of us would normally drive near the homes of those who need rides, making it even more convenient. If you are already picking up people, THANK YOU! If are able to help, there is a sign-up sheet on the podium.

& Gospel Seeds You'll Sow!

PRAYER LIST

Current: Toney Wilson is now home from LRH and doing some better, Karen Ritchey (Casey Potvin's mother) biopsy will be Oct 30, Jaime (Helen Perrin's granddaughter) is having breast surgery on Nov. 6, Rosetta Vargas is having medical tests done and needs our prayers,

Continual: Melissa Craft (health), Rachel Zapata (health), Jim Turner (cancer) Sharon Mathis Washington (Health & family); Stacey Wilson (health); Debbie Bush (struggles); Carlene Long (health & strength); Ron Ford (health); Janie Wise (health); Margaret Coone (health); Kathy Nester (health & travels).

Shut-ins: Carol Eason, Kenny & Reba French, Barbara Jones, Charles Paulin, Helen Perrin, Bettye Bolding, Cheryl Barker

Elders, Deacons & Preacher Meeting

Sunday, November 10

Submit any questions or concerns to them prior to the meeting so they can be discussed at that time.



ROLINDA MOORE has placed membership here with us at SFA. Let us all get to know this new sister and welcome her into our family!

Lads to Leader's

will meet this Sun. Nov. 3, immediately following the morning service. Lunch will be provided. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend so they will know how much food to prepare.

Eagle Lake Church of Christ

9th Annual MEN'S LECTURESHIP

Growing the Lord's Church into the Future

Saturday November 2, 2024

8:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Register/Snack- 8:30-9:00 AM

Lesson 1 : *Forest Antemesaris*

9: 10-9:50 AM

History of the Lord's Church

Lesson 2: *Kyle Faneuf*

9:50- 10:30 AM

The Lord's Church Today

Break 10:30-10:40

Lesson 3: *Kory Berry*

10:40- 11:20 AM

The Lord's Church in the Future

Lesson 4: *Andre Medley*

11:20 AM - 12:00 PM

The Lord's Church Strong into the Future

Lunch : 12:00 PM

IF YOU MISSED THE TRUNK OR TREAT YOU MISSED A GREAT TIME!

CARLISA WISHES TO THANK EVERYONE WHO HELPED WITH THE EVENT AND THOSE WHO CAME TO ENJOY IT AS WELL ALSO A SPECIAL THANKS TO CARLISA FOR ORGANIZING AND PLANNING SUCH A GREAT NIGHT!!

Scheduled to Serve in November

Designated Elder	Bobby Sheumaker
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Wednesday, October 30, 2024

Announcements	Tyler Anderson
Song Leader / Prayer	Frank Hamby
Devotional / Invitation	Steven Ford
Closing Prayer	Matt Willcutt

Sunday, November 3, 2024

10:30 am Sermon	Steven Ford
"The Empty Tomb" (Matt. 28:1-6)	
6:00 pm Sermon	Casey Paulin
Mission Report from Huron, SD	

Those to Serve 10:30 am

Greeters	Bea/ Jeanelle
Song/Pray before class	Frank Hamby
Announcements (both)	Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader	Khalil Pope
Prayer / Bible reading	Brian Williams
Lord's Table (both)	Josh Estridge
Closing Prayer	Jeff Stewart
Open/Close Building	David Anderson
Attendance Cards	---
Sound Booth (both)	Jason

Those to Serve 6:00 pm

Greeters	Nona/Janis
Announcements	Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader	Khalil Pope
Prayer / Bible reading	Peyton Willcutt
Closing Prayer	Cam'ron Bailey

Wednesday, November 6, 2024

Announcements	Bobby Sheumaker
Song Leader / Prayer	Andre Medley
Devotional / Invitation	Steven Ford
Closing Prayer	Allen Grimes

How We Are Giving

October 13	\$5,494.81
October 20	\$6,262.17
October 27	\$8,109.58
Contribution Average	\$6,854.26
Weekly Budget	\$7,410.00

If you cannot serve as scheduled, please notify Stacey or the office. Even if you arrange your replacement, please notify Stacey or the office. Thanks!

CAUTION!

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Negativity can be like a disease.
 When you engage with the wrong people it will eeeeeeease its way into you.
 It will come by choice or negligence
 Penetrating wherever it thinks it fits.
 How quickly we forget to prep our minds.
 Moving too fast, walking blindly
 Negativity will slither through a broken heart and find a place where it can start to germinate and thrive off of your emotions .
 Replicating in details it's not supposed to
 Now you are complaining everyday about everything
 Opened your eyes producing a flourishing stream of tears cultivated by doubt and fear and anger.
 You aren't who you used to be,
 Resemblance of a stranger.
 Your words are harsh, relentless sometimes and now you believe your sarcasm is fine because to some it's hysterical.
 You tell yourself it's a harmless little joke
 But you know it's from a place inside you that lost both strength and hope.
 Your hope used to be built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
 Somehow you walked off the straight path
 Ignoring what you learned about God's wrath.
 Remember God is faithful and His words are true
 He is the only doctor who can heal the entirety of you
 Transforming your mind and cleansing your heart
 Today is the day for your operation to start
 The positivity surgeon awaits your arrival
 Resist the devil , trust God for your survival!

Get ready! Jesus is coming soon.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

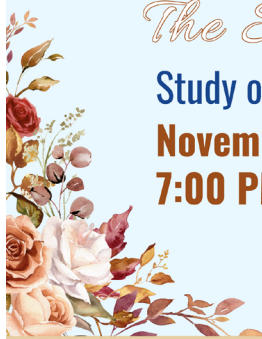
Taught by Susan Stearsman

The Spirit of Truth

Study of First John

November 12, 2024
7:00 PM

Future Class Dates:
 December 10, 2024
 January 2025 Three ladies classes during Lectureship
 February 18, 2025



SAVE THE DATES:

Nov. 15, 2024-

Youth Group thankful meal at the Kenyon's

Nov. 16, 2024 -

Walk out of Darkness
Suicide Awareness Event

Dec. 14, 2024-

SFA Holiday Party
in the Fellowship Hall

Dec. 15, 2024-

FSOP Graduation



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Return Service Requested

**"But know that the Lord hath set apart him that is godly for himself:
The Lord will hear when I call unto him."**

Psalm 4:3



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