

A Building Code for Disciples

The Lord Jesus concluded His Sermon on the Mount by comparing the efforts of two builders and the completely different results of their efforts (Mat. 7:24-27). The point was that all who hear the Lord's message must respond either disobediently or obediently. The "rock" of verse 25 is the "sayings" of Christ in the balance of the Sermon on the Mount, which provide the solid foundation for successful discipleship. It is the disciple's "building code." Everything else that is taught in the New Testament is built upon and related to the Sermon on the Mount. The "house" of each builder is the life that they construct in the course of daily existence. It includes family, friends, work, pleasure, worship, service, and everything else. Everyone builds a "house." Some follow the building code, but others do not.

At an early point the houses of both builders appeared similar, with strength and weakness hidden from casual view. The difference appeared only after the storm had taken its toll. Before the storm, the foolish builder had no reason to doubt the soundness of his structure. He probably defended it as just as good and safe as any other house. His emphasis was on the house itself, his life, how it appeared to himself, and how he wanted it to appear to others. The wise builder, in contrast, placed more emphasis upon the foundation, having the wisdom to understand that no house is stronger than its foundation. Each builder and each house suffered the experience of storms. There is no reason to believe that the house of the wise builder did not suffer "storm damage." Even the most faithful disciples struggle with sin (1 Jn. 1:8-10). Storm damage, though, can be repaired. The foolish builder suffered more than damage; the fall of his house was "great." It was catastrophic. Life that is not built upon hearing and keeping the sayings of Christ is unstable, cannot be successful, and when it succumbs to the storms of life it will fail catastrophically. The evidence is abundant in the ruined lives and relationships of far too many people, and in the currently crumbling lives of others. It is never too late to get your house "up to code," off the sand and onto the rock, before the storms strike in earnest as they surely will. It is wise not to wait until it is too late.

– Randy



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Sunday	10:00 AM	Bible Study (for all ages)
	10:45 AM	Worship Assembly
	6:00 PM	Youth Bible Gathering
	6:30 PM	Worship Assembly
Wednesday	7:00 PM	Bible Study

Elders: Tom Seigworth, Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, January 28th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	David N.
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Allan
Table:	Rod
Serving:	Gary, Chris, Scott, Doug, sub: Brian
2 nd Prayer:	Don
Scripture:	Dick
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	David N.

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	David N.
Song Leader:	Dick
1 st Prayer:	Gary
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Dave H.

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

1/10 - Rod
1/17 - Dave
1/24 - Allan
1/31 - Dick

♥ Those to remember:

Al Emery
Ken Thomas
Irene Schmidt
Shawn Simpson – hip cancer
Tom and May Seigworth
Kevin Hughes
Norma Thomas
Linda Reichart
Mike LaVan
Tim and Mary Ann Chilton
Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer
Landon Fawcett – Paul Smith’s grandson
Matthew and Michael LaVan

Jack Wyatt
Jim Metts
Milly Park
Paul and Linda Smith
Rod Thomas
Betty Hughes
June Rhines
Adam Neill
Florence Homolek
Justin Seigworth



“Pray without ceasing” - I Thess. 5:17

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- There will be a ladies’ Bible class Monday, February 12th from 6:30 – 8:00 at Pam’s home. Ladies of ALL ages are welcome to attend.
- The next craft night will be Tuesday, February 6th at Karin’s. Please let her know if you’re coming.
- Chuck and Robin are in Florida for a couple weeks enjoying the warmer weather.
- The ladies decided to do fruit and cookie boxes for the shut-in and elderly of our congregation as a Valentine’s Day treat. The sign-up sheet is on the back bulletin board if you’re able to help. The boxes will be assembled

on February 11th at 2:00 here at the building. Contributions will be needed on or before then. If you know of someone to give a box to, give the name to Pam.

Birthdays and Anniversaries



2/2 – Tom Seigworth
2/3 – Hannah Keck
Abbey Chi

Memory Verses of the Week:

Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you - unless you believed in vain. For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures.

I Corinthians 15:1-4

Bible Question of the Week:

Which woman hid her little nephew from her vengeful grandmother in a storage room in a temple?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

What name did God give to Solomon?

Jedidiah, 2 Samuel 12:25

Janet: What did the mother buffalo say to her boy as he was leaving?

Brian: “Bison”