

Faithfulness Takes Effort

It is possible that some people who profess their desire to become Christians are insincere when they make their profession. Most, though, give no reason to believe that they are anything less than sincere when they confess and obey the Lord, putting Him on in baptism (Rom. 6:3-6; Gal. 3:27). What accounts for the fact, then, that so many Christians become unfaithful, forsaking the assembly (Heb. 10:25), or even going so far as to deny the Lord that bought them (2 Pet. 2:1)? The possibility that some Christians will depart from the faith is a recurring theme in the epistles (2 Thes. 2:3; 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 4:3-4; Heb. 6:1-6; etc.). It is certain that no one, or almost no one, intentionally plans to become unfaithful, but those of us who have been Christians for very long at all have grieved much over erring members of God's family who "crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put Him to an open shame" (Heb. 6:6; 10:29). Thankfully, the scriptures provide counsel for reducing such tragedies

Paul admonished the Corinthian Christians: "Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Do you not know yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you are disqualified" (2 Cor. 13:5). He commended the Roman Christians for their obedience to the faith (Rom. 1:5), and declared that the message of Christ was to be "made known to all nations, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, for obedience to the faith" (Rom. 16:26). Being "in the faith", then, means being obedient to the faith, having been taught to observe all things commanded by the Lord Jesus (Mat. 28:19-20). Those who desire to be faithful will desire the pure milk of the word, and grow by it (1 Pet. 2:2), love the Lord and His church (1 Cor. 16:22; 1 Pet. 1:22), not forsake assembling with other Christians (Heb. 10:25). They will worship God in spirit and truth (Jn. 4:23-24), avoid evil company (1 Cor. 15:33), do good to all men (Gal. 6:10), do all by the authority of Christ (Col. 3:17), and continue to "grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Pet. 3:18). It takes effort to be faithful (Heb. 11:6; 2 Tim. 2:15). It takes absolutely no effort to fall away.

— Randy



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

Elders: Rod Thomas, Allan Seigworth
Preacher: Randy Matheny

Sunday, May 27th, 2018

Serving Today

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Dave H.
1 st Prayer:	Rod
Table:	David N.
Serving:	Jim, Scott, Brian, Dick, sub: Doug
2 nd Prayer:	Don
Scripture:	Dick - I Peter 1:13-16
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Scott

Serving Tonight

Announcer:	Allan
Song Leader:	Rod
1 st Prayer:	Allan
Sermon:	Randy
Closing Prayer:	Chuck

Wednesday Night Song Leaders

5/9 - Rod
5/16 - Allan
5/23 - Dick
5/30 - Dave

Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 5/27 – Scott and Robin Schreckengost
Stacy Fiscus
- 5/28 – Patrick and Becky Berger
- 5/31 – Mickey Neill

♥ Those to remember:

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| Al Emery | Adam Neill |
| Ken Thomas | Jim Metts |
| Irene Schmidt | Milly Park |
| Shawn Simpson – hip cancer | June Rhines |
| May Seigworth | Rod Thomas |
| Kevin Hughes | Betty Hughes |
| Norma Thomas | Landon Fawcett |
| Linda Reichart | Waylan Whitten |
| Florence Homolek | |
| Nick Van Horn – 20-yr-old with cancer | |



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

Notes

- WELCOME to all our visitors today! Thank you for worshipping with us.
- Gretchen and Adam tied the knot yesterday. They will be moving to Kansas City next month. They will be greatly missed!
- Brother Tom passed away yesterday afternoon. Please keep May and his family in your prayers.
- VBS is scheduled for June 21 – 23 from 6:00 – 8:00 each evening. It is coming up very quickly. The sign-up sheet is on the back board.
- There will be a picnic tomorrow at the pavilion for any able to attend. Randy will have the grill up and running, so bring some meat, a side dish and drink and plan to eat at 1:00. 😊

Memory Verses of the Week:

When times are good, be happy; but when times are bad, consider: God has made the one as well as the other. Therefore, a man cannot discover anything about his future.

Ecclesiastes 7:14

Bible Question of the Week:

Which OT servant took a thick cloth, soaked it in water, spread it on the king’s face so that he died and then became king himself?

Last Week’s Question and Answer:

“Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.”

Found in James 2:17

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Serving for June:

- Announcer: Dave H.
- Song Leader: David N.
- Table: Adam N.
- Servers: Gary, Don, Chris, John, sub: Dave H.