

God's Way

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The house of God is especially a place of worship. It was built and is maintained for that very purpose. The saints assemble there with that view in mind. Jesus, the God of all, honors that assembly with His presence.

The house of God is not the only place where the saints meet with one another; it is also where ALL men can meet God! God's Word tells us that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matthew 18:20) He is the central theme of every service. He is glorified in His house!

Since the Assembly of the saints is for the purpose of worship in the form of preaching, praising, prayers, dance, singing, and witnessing (Psalm 150), it must be a harmonious expression of the body of believers. There can be no discordant notes in the lives of the believers. Purity of heart allows one to offer purity of worship. No amount of fervor or outer demonstration can compensate for a heart which is ranking with ill-will and animosity. Only the pure in heart can offer acceptable praise and adoration to God.

We must not forsake the assembling of ourselves together. (Hebrews 10:25). The assembling provides an environment which cannot be found elsewhere. Moreover, every member needs to be there for the sake of others, as well as for themselves. No man is an island unto himself. We need each other. We all need the unique presence of God in the assembly!

In this day of the deteriorating family and home life, it is a blessed people whose home is built and functions on Godly principles. For the most part, family meals are practically non-existent in many homes. God seeks those who will worship Him in spirit and in truth.

John 4:22-24:

"Ye worship ye know not what: we know what we worship: for salvation is of the Jews. 23 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. 24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth."

This provides no geographical limitations. As long as our worship is inside the confines of Spirit and TRUTH, it is proper. Our God is Great and Greatly to be praised! By EVERYONE and everywhere. Come Worship God with us!

Saul Escapes From Damascus

Acts 9:23-25

(1 Samuel 19:11-24)

And after that many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel to kill him: 24 But their laying await was known of Saul. And they watched the gates day and night to kill him. 25 Then the disciples took him by night, and let him down by the wall in a basket.

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Seeds of Hope



There is, perhaps, no more reassuring picture of God's presence and protection than that of a shepherd leading and protecting his flock. That image from Psalm 23 brings us comfort and assurance whenever we face insecure moments when our lives are filled with uncertainties. It brings to memory the grace, goodness, mercy and might of our God.

In bringing Psalm 77 to a conclusion our author presents a picture of the Good Shepherd - the One who was with the children of Israel and of the One who could come as Redeemer and one day Ruler. He writes, "You led your people like a flock, by the hand of Moses and Aaron."

Can you picture what

he wanted those who read this Psalm to visualize in their minds? Seas writhing and convulsing, drenching rains falling from dark clouds that covered their path; skies that cried out and echoed with deafening thunder; flaming arrows flying above their heads; a whirlwind with noise and lightning; earthquakes that shook the ground under their feet. He wanted to remind them that through it all and in it all was their Creator-Sustainer-God who not only brought them into existence and would not let them perish, but had a plan and purpose for their lives.

Here then is what the Psalmist said to them then and is saying to us today: "Whenever life seems to be coming to an end it is only the beginning for My chosen. I am your Shepherd and will love you and lead you. You are mine and no one can take you from me! I'll always be with you."

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Library Happenings

Estill Public Library
by Shannon Horn

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Well, hello again readers! It has been another week and I must say it has flown by. It has been really busy here at the library with all the Valentine's Day fun.

Baby & Me Storytime

We had a lot of fun with our Valentine's Day party on Friday! There were babies running around on sugar highs and mommies and nanas taking pictures. Our story books and music were forgotten as soon as the cupcakes and candy were brought out. It was so cute to see the babies dancing and playing with each other. Next week may not be a party day, but we will still have fun. Come visit us at 10:30 next Friday. We would love to see ya!
Storytime



Braxton Crowe

Disney Day

On Saturday, February 9th, we had our first Disney Day. We read a very silly story about Cinderella, learned how to draw her castle and we ended the day with a STEM project that was a lot easier than I originally thought it would be. The kids were really smart. I would like to do this again in the future. Maybe some more princesses will be involved, or maybe something Marvel or Star Wars.

Teen Book Club

The Teen Book Club met and received their copy of The Princess Bride. One of the teens has already decided that Princess Buttercup is evil. I guess they will just have to keep reading to find out! Next YA book club meeting will be on Monday the 25th at 4:00.

Crafternoon

Several ladies came and made the most adorable Valentine's Day boxes this week. They had the opportunity to play around with our Cricket machines once again. They will be pros soon! Check our Facebook page for more updates about future Crafternoon sessions.

Before the end of February, stop by and tell us your favorite book title! You can write it down on a paper heart and we will tape it on our front window for all of our patrons to see. We have had 56 people share their favorites so far. We would love to know yours!

If you haven't, like our Facebook page for daily updates, polls, or pictures. We would love for you to become involved with our social media. Just search Estill County Public Library and like for updates!

Until next week!



Cooper Rogers and Reagan Watkins

Our Wednesday group also had their Valentine's Day party on Wednesday. We read through our stories then we brought out the snack and Valentine's. It was so cute to watch the kiddos passing out their cards to their friends. We also made cards for them to take home. Talk about funny. I think we got more glue on the parents and grandparents than we did on the cards! Storytime is on Wednesdays at 10:30.

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Now when he was in affliction, he implored the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed to Him; and He received his entreaty, heard his supplication, and brought him back to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord was God.

Detail of "Prayer of Manasseh" by Hester Sainsbury (1929)

2 CHRONICLES 33: 12, 13

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Now acquaint yourself with Him, and be at peace; thereby good will come to you. Receive, please, instruction from His mouth, and lay up His words in your heart.

JOB 22: 21, 22

Deansgrange Cemetery, Dublin, Ireland

Pretended Faith

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In **James 2:18**, he wrote, "Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works."

This is so clearly shown that one would have to have some misguided thoughts to misunderstand the meaning. Notice that it is indicated that to have a claim to faith must be undergirded by obedient keeping of the commandments of our Lord Jesus.

Sadly, there are many at this time who claim to have a faith in Christ Jesus but they could not prove it at all, because they are not consistent in church attendance, they fail to honor the Lord's death by not eating the Lord's supper each week, and they fail to support his work by not contributing financially to the work. Some miss habitually, and when they return, they fail to make up their contributions. How can we ever hope to even partially claim to have faith when we fail to do his will. Then, there are many claimants of faith who will miss the meetings of the church for any reason; vacation, weekend at the lake, going to reunions, etc. This is not justified in the eyes of our Lord. He is keeping your record. **1 Thessalonians 5:21** says to "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good." By your manner of lifestyle, can you prove to the Lord, your neighbors, your family members; that you are putting the Lord always first in your life?

Remember, you know and the Lord certainly knows! Now, to the unconfessed friend who knows that they need to accept, take, and abide in Christ by obedience to his word. But, you have not done it, as yet. I ask, 'Have you fully comprehended the results of a wasted life?'

I have peached to thousands of people concerning their need to begin and live a faithful life. Thank God, many have and sadly many have not obeyed that which is given to save them. I know the strength of sin instigated by the devil; he continually is deceiving many by telling them that they need to obey but there is plenty of time yet to do so. This is a very dangerous way to live. Non of us know what tomorrow holds for us in a physical manner. I am told that every 26 seconds someone dies in some way in America. Have you ever thought that the next one could be you? Well, let me warn you in this solemn manner, one day your number will come up, nothing can prevent it. Paul said in **1 Corinthians 15:22**, "For as in Adam all die..." Yet, even facing this reality, there is hope for the faithful, obedient ones. The rest of the verse says, "even so in Christ shall all be made alive."

So, today, Dear Friend, have you taken steps to make your calling and election sure? Only your personal decision-making will ensure it because our Lord stands ready to receive all sinful men and women who will come to him in repentance and obedience. **Hebrews 5:8-9** says Jesus "became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him." Have you done this? I hope you will, even today.

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