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Father's Day

Sunday, June 16, 2019 – 10:00 A.M.
Ijams Nature Center

Praise and Worship	David Spakes
Testimonies, Prayer Requests	Doug Magoon, Sissy Rhea
Special Music	Marinda Magoon
Announcements	David Spakes
Father's Day Gifts.....	Sheila Spakes
Dismiss Children to Kid's Place	Sheila Spakes
Q&A Sermon Series: "Dealing With Praise"	David Spakes
Questions about Today's Sermon.....	David Spakes

Send questions by text message to 865-680-1451

Announcements

If you have any Tithes or Offerings to give, please drop them into the orange bucket located on the literature table in the back of the sanctuary.



Is the Q&A Sermon Series complete after today? (Q: Tithing)

Next STFK Internet Café

Sunday, June 23 @ 9:30 A.M.
Complimentary refreshments, wireless Internet connection

Next Weekly Church Service.....

Sunday, June 23 @ 10:00 A.M.
Meeting at Ijams Nature Center – 2915 Island Home Ave., Knoxville, TN 37920

"Prayer Walk"

Sunday, June 30 @ 10:00 A.M.
Church fellowship followed by group hike on one of the trails at Ijams Nature Center

Midnight Independence Day Parade

Wednesday, July 3 @ 9:00 P.M.
Meet at Best Italian Cafe & Pizzeria, 968 Parkway, Gatlinburg, TN 37738 (Parade starts at 12:01)

Independence Day Fireworks.....

Thursday, July 4 @ 9:00 P.M.
Meet at Pizza Hut, 3710 Parkway, Pigeon Forge, TN 37863 (Fireworks start at 9:45)

Announcements (cont.)

STFK Science Café (Bearden Library) Thursday, July 11 @ 5:30 P.M.

Topic: “Summertime Cicadas (and Tips for Science Authors)”

Presenter: Stephen Lyn Bales, Naturalist and Author

Location: Bearden Branch Library, 100 Golfclub Rd, Knoxville, TN 37902

Fanboy Expo (Knoxville Convention Center) Friday–Sunday, July 12-14

Church Service (Knoxville Convention Center) Sunday, July 14 @ 9:00 A.M.

STFK Science Café (Zoo Knoxville) Tuesday, July 23 @ 5:30 P.M.

Topic: “Summertime Cicadas (and Tips for Science Authors)”

Presenter: Stephen Lyn Bales, Naturalist and Author

Location: Lee Congleton Conference Center (enter through the Ranger's office)

Next Monthly Singing Service Sunday, July 28 @ 10:00 A.M.

Meeting at Ijams Nature Center – Come listen or sing a song!

Prayer Requests

Hannah Norton (Pastor's co-worker's daughter) – somehow she severely scratched both her corneas and is sensitive to light, in a lot of pain, and functionally blind (temporary?), she has been going to the ophthalmologist everyday for monitoring and seems to be healing slowly

Caroline Aubrey (Pastor's other co-worker's daughter) – she had surgery recently to replace her pacemaker, the new one is causing unwanted diaphragm muscle contractions

Connie Adcox – she accidentally took too much of her medicine on Saturday and had to call 911

Sermon Series: Q&A **"Dealing With Praise"**

"I am really uncomfortable receiving all of this praise, I am struggling to find a way to:

(a) thank them, (b) acknowledge their observation (c) glorify only God, to whom ALL praise is due.

Q: Is there a biblical example to follow, [like when] Paul said he can boast only in Christ and his sacrifice for us all?

Q: How can I weave that into a normal conversation today without sounding demeaning, condescending or self righteous?"

Do Good, and Do It For the Right Reason

Matthew 5:14-16 1 Peter 2:11-12,21 Luke 6:26 Matthew 6:1-4

1. God calls us to _____ . When his _____ comes out of us, others will see. They're supposed to see it! God will be praised!
2. Don't shy away from good works because of _____ or _____ (of persecution or of praise!).
3. Don't motivate yourself to good works through _____ or _____ (recognition by others or something else you'll "get"...even a heavenly reward).

Things to Say

Philippians 3:1-21 1 Corinthians 11:1

4. *Paul considered his own works to be _____ .*
"Thank you. It really is kind of you to notice. But you know, in the end, what I have done doesn't amount to much. In the big picture, it is really is worthless."
5. *Paul stopped relying on his _____ works and started to rely on the works of Jesus!*
"If good deeds were all I had, there's no way I'd make it into heaven. I don't rely on the things I have done. I rely on the things Jesus has done."
6. *Jesus intended for him to be _____ one day, but he (Paul) strives for that mark every day.*
"I'm nowhere near as good as Jesus wants me to be. But I'll keep working at it!"
7. *Paul _____ Christ, and he called on his readers to imitate him.*
"Be like me if you want to. I'm just goin' to fake it 'til I make into heaven. One of these days, Jesus will take my weak and sinful self and change me to truly be like him."

Matthew 5:14-16 (NKJV)

¹⁴ “You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all *who are* in the house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

1 Peter 2:11-12,21 (NLT)

¹¹ Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. ¹² Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. / ~~²¹ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ~~ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

Luke 6:26 (KJV)

²⁶ Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! for so did their fathers to the false prophets.

Matthew 6:1-4 (NLT)

¹ “Watch out! Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. ² When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. ³ But when you give to someone in need, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

Philippians 3:1-21 (NLT)

... See insert ...

1 Corinthians 11:1 (NKJV)

¹ Imitate me, just as I also *imitate* Christ.

Answers:

- (1) do good, light
- (2) humility, fear
- (3) conceit, reward
- (4) worthless
- (5) works
- (6) perfect
- (7) imitated

Philippians 3:1-21 (NLT)

¹ Whatever happens, my dear brothers and sisters, rejoice in the Lord. I never get tired of telling you these things, and I do it to safeguard your faith.

² Watch out for those dogs, those people who do evil, those mutilators who say you must be circumcised to be saved. ³ For we who worship by the Spirit of God are the ones who are truly circumcised. We rely on what Christ Jesus has done for us. We put no confidence in human effort, ⁴ though I could have confidence in my own effort if anyone could. Indeed, if others have reason for confidence in their own efforts, I have even more!

⁵ I was circumcised when I was eight days old. I am a pure-blooded citizen of Israel and a member of the tribe of Benjamin—a real Hebrew if there ever was one! I was a member of the Pharisees, who demand the strictest obedience to the Jewish law. ⁶ I was so zealous that I harshly persecuted the church. And as for righteousness, I obeyed the law without fault.

⁷ I once thought these things were valuable, but now I consider them worthless because of what Christ has done. ⁸ Yes, everything else is worthless when compared with the infinite value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have discarded everything else, counting it all as garbage, so that I could gain Christ ⁹ and become one with him. I no longer count on my own righteousness through obeying the law; rather, I become righteous through faith in Christ. For God's way of making us right with himself depends on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death, ¹¹ so that one way or another I will experience the resurrection from the dead!

"Circumcised to be saved" means relying in your own works to get you into heaven.

Paul had done a lot of "works", and he lists them out...

Paul had done things for which others might have praised him.

Paul considered his own works to be worthless.

Paul stopped relying on his own works and started to rely on the works of Jesus!

¹² I don't mean to say that I have already achieved these things or that I have already reached perfection. But I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me. ¹³ No, dear brothers and sisters, I have not achieved it, but I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, ¹⁴ I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

¹⁵ Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things. If you disagree on some point, I believe God will make it plain to you. ¹⁶ But we must hold on to the progress we have already made.

¹⁷ Dear brothers and sisters, pattern your lives after mine, and learn from those who follow our example. ¹⁸ For I have told you often before, and I say it again with tears in my eyes, that there are many whose conduct shows they are really enemies of the cross of Christ. ¹⁹ They are headed for destruction. Their god is their appetite, they brag about shameful things, and they think only about this life here on earth. ²⁰ But we are citizens of heaven, where the Lord Jesus Christ lives. And we are eagerly waiting for him to return as our Savior. ²¹ He will take our weak mortal bodies and change them into glorious bodies like his own, using the same power with which he will bring everything under his control.

Despite all of his "goodness", Paul considered himself to be an unfinished work. Jesus intended for him to be perfect one day, but he (Paul) strives for that mark every day.

Paul imitated Christ, and he called on his readers to imitate him instead of looking like an enemy of Christ.

The imitation game will continue until Jesus returns and does something to change us.