

March 3, 2013

The Lord's Day Service of Worship

Prelude

(The signal to take your seat and focus on worshipping God.)

Welcome & Heritage Family Matters

Right Panel

Call to Worship & Invocation

Hymn of Adoration

"Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet" #309

Reading The Word Of God:

Ezekiel 34:1-24; 1 Peter 5:1-5

Hymn of Adoration

"Jesus, The Very Thought Of Thee" #542

Prayer of:

Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving & Supplication

Hymn of Preparation

"The Church's One Foundation" #270

Bringing God's Word To Us: Pastor Hank Rast

What Is The Church? #2

"Undershepherds And The Great Shepherd"

Hymn of Consecration to Heed God's Word:

"Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us" #644

Benediction

THOUGHTS TO PONDER

The most fundamental of all human sins is pride. It was at the root of the sin of Adam and Eve and was the reason for the ruin of Lucifer. Pride is at the heart of unbelief. Pride stands in the way of any person acknowledging his or her need of Christ. Pride prevents us from being reconciled to one another when our relationships are disrupted by sin. This self-serving aspect of our fallen nature does not just disappear when we are converted, though it does receive a mortal blow when we are humbled before Jesus. Pride takes our whole lifetime to die...

Scripture teaches us that God resists the proud but gladly receives the humble. Humility is to be a life-long attribute, not simply the attitude of our hearts when we first come to Christ. Every day we are to remember our own need of God's mercy, the problems and failures in our own lives, rather than making ourselves blind to our own sins by concentrating on those of others. So deep is the problem of pride that even God's good gifts to us can readily be turned by us into means of self-congratulation. This is true of spiritual gifts; it is true with any special blessing that we receive from God. Even biblical knowledge can make us proud, not because sound biblical knowledge is a problem, but because of the pride in our hearts that clasps on to anything that will help us to feel a little better about ourselves than about our fellow believers. Consider Jesus' words, "If you were blind, you would not be guilty of sin; but now that you claim that you can see, your guilt remains" (John 9:41), or those of Paul: "We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. The man who thinks he knows something does not yet know as he ought to know." (1 Corinthians 8:1-2)

Whatever our strengths as individuals, whatever blessings and gifts God gives us, these are the places in our lives where we have to be most on guard against pride. For example, if the strength and glory of our church or denomination is teaching and sound doctrine, then that is where pride will most likely enter in. That will be the area where we will indulge in self-congratulation before God; that will be where we turn our spiritual strengths into a weapon against others. More than anything else in our prayers for ourselves, we need to pray for a humble and grateful heart and clarity about the ease with which we become self-serving and full of pride.

(Barrs, Jerram, "The Pharisee Within," in The Heart of Evangelism, Crossway, 2001, pp. 163-165)

HERITAGE FAMILY MATTERS

- ◆ **WE WELCOME YOU TO THE WORSHIP OF OUR TRIUNE GOD IN THE NAME OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.** We desire to worship Him in spirit and truth, and to give Him all the glory due unto His name. May He give us a sense of His presence, filling us with awe and wonder, and granting us a spirit of rejoicing and humility.
- ◆ **IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE WORSHIP SERVICE THIS MORNING**, members eligible to vote (*"those who are in good standing in the church and have attained an age of 18") are requested to stay and vote on the confirmation of David Randall as elder, and the affirmation of current elders, Dennis Andrews and John Lee.
*Membership Handbook, Article X, Section 2, paragraph 3.
- ◆ **MEN'S MONTHLY BREAKFAST IS SCHEDULED FOR** this Saturday morning, March 9, from 8-10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. Check your e-mail inbox for the link to sign up on-line.
- ◆ **PILGRIM LEAGUE BASEBALL PRACTICES BEGIN SATURDAY, March 9, at 10:15 a.m.** Questions? Please speak with Bill or Vicki Adams.
- ◆ **OUR ANNUAL MARRIAGE & FAMILY CONFERENCE** is scheduled for next Sunday, March 10. We look forward to Pastor Donny Martin of Grace Baptist Church, Hartsville, TN, coming to speak on "The Family of God."
- ◆ **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 10.** To assist in not missing any of the Conference, set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday evening; and don't forget to set your alarm.
- ◆ **A LADIES (ages 12 & up) AFTERNOON FELLOWSHIP is planned for Saturday, March 16, beginning at 2 p.m.** Darcie Gill with the Voice of the Martyrs will be our guest speaker. A link to sign up for attendance and for special refreshments on-line has been provided by e-mail.
- ◆ **IF YOU ARE NOT CURRENTLY RECEIVING E-MAIL** updates and would like to, please contact Loretta Andrews at heritagerbcpaa@gmail.com
- ◆ **ADDITIONAL ITEMS:**