

For Our Information

John Jackson's Mother, Nettie, is on oxygen and still not doing well. She has good and bad days, but is showing a little decline overall. As many of us know this is a continual strain on the family and those caring for her.

Paula Laubach is still having problems with allergies. When added to other health issues this certainly increases her difficulties.

Many of our families have those with health issues. We need to not only pray but also do what we can to help them deal with these issues.

Keep your brothers & sisters in mind

We seek only to serve God according to His Will!

Living The Word

Summertime and all its distractions can be a problem if we are not consciously pushing ourselves toward God. Not only does this season bring vacations and recreation it also brings more daylight hours which encourages us to spend more time doing things outdoors. These things are not bad but they can cause us to become lax in our service to God.

Sometimes vacation from work and home becomes a vacation from God. More recreation can lead to less service offered to the Lord. Taking advantage of daylight hours can sometimes mean we spend less time reading and studying God's Word.

Serving God is a lifetime obligation, not a seasonal practice. We need to remain busy working and studying for God no matter what season is upon us.

Contact Us

We want opportunities to speak with others about our work in the Lord's Kingdom.

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Seeking His Righteousness

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Confess Christ

By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, of which you have heard that it is coming, and now it is already in the world.

1John 4:2-3

We have previously noted that knowledge and belief in God is certainly necessary for the one that would be saved. Without such one cannot even be aware of salvation. Of course believing that salvation is possible does not mean that one is saved. As one learns of God and His plans for bringing man back into a



Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

1John 4:15



Meet With Us

Worship Services

Sunday 10:20 am & 5:00 pm

Bible Classes

Sunday 9:30 AM

Wednesday 7:00 PM

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relationship with Him it becomes obvious that being with God will require changes.

We noted in our last writing that this need for change is a point of distinction among those that learn of God. Many who believe that God is and wants us to be with Him are not willing to make the changes needed to come to Him. They want God to accept them without change, or they never develop a sufficient knowledge of God to cause a desire for change.

Another point at which we see many hesitate and even fail is with confession. Scripture reveals that confession is necessary if one is to be with God. It is even specific in regards to what we must confess if we want to have a relationship with God. To be in the presence of God we must confess our belief that Jesus is God's Son.

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Paul told the Romans that this must be an honest confession with the mouth, from the heart if we want salvation.

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"—that is, the word of faith which we are preaching, that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. **Romans 10:8-10**

Even with such teaching some are not willing to

Store In My Heart

Matthew 1:21

She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.

This verse declares salvation by Jesus. Jesus is the Greek equivalent of the Hebrew Joshua which means Savior. God, born of woman, came to earth for the purpose of saving us from our wickedness.

What a comforting thought to know that our Creator is willing to give so that we might avoid the punishment deserved. The wise man would accept this gift no matter what was necessary on his part to receive it.

This verse also shows God considers the conceived seed to be one and the same with the one born. Conception begins life, not birth.

profess their belief in a public manner. They want to be with God, but they do not want others to think differently about them. This attitude has been shown in men and women since the days that Jesus walked among men proclaiming God's message of repentance.

Nevertheless many even of the rulers believed in Him, but because of the Pharisees they were not confessing Him, for fear that they would be put out of the synagogue; for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

John 12:42-43

We need to understand the importance of confessing our faith in Jesus as the Son of God. If we will not make our belief known to our friends and family Jesus will not bring us to the Father.

Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 10:32-33

And I say to you, everyone who confesses Me before men, the Son of Man will confess him also before the angels of God; but he who denies Me before men will be denied before the angels of God.

Luke 12:8-9

Confession of our belief is essential to our salvation. If we do not have Jesus on our side as we come to God we are lost and without hope. Telling others of our belief in Jesus as the Son of God should be a natural part of our submission to God.