



We are honored and blessed to have you worshipping with us today and we extend our warmest welcome. Our service is modeled after the New Testament pattern of worship. If you have questions or concerns please express them to us. We are all here to serve.

Prayer List: Zandra and family. Ebony's health. Lenard's health. Wanda's health. Irma's health. Lorena's upcoming oral surgery. Thom and Mary Elizabeth's health and well being. TC's health. Prince's health. Health of Sylvia and her husband Patrick. Dianna's health. Donna's well being. Kevin and family. Delbert Taylor's family as they mourn his passing. Amelia's husband lost his uncle, pray for the family as they mourn. Stan's friends the McCalls and the Humphries. Tiffney's friend's daughter Ariel was in a car accident. Dan's friend Joey Thomas was in a car accident and lost a leg. Stan's friends, the Smith family, as they mourn their loss. Health and well being of Henry and Kathy's son Paul.

- Today's Services**
- Singing
 - Opening Prayer
 - Singing
 - Preaching
 - Invitation Song
 - Communion Song
 - Communion
 - Offering
 - Announcements
 - Closing Song
 - Closing Prayer

God's Plan to Save Mankind

- Hear the Word Romans 10:17
- Believe the Word Mark 16:15-16
- Repent of your sins Luke 13:3-5
- Confess His name Matt. 10:32-33
- Baptism 1Peter 3:21
- Live Faithfully Revelation 2:1

Schedule of Services

- Sunday Bible Class 10:00 AM
- Sunday Worship. 11:00 AM
- Wednesday Bible Class 7:00 PM



Matt.22:37 ...**Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.**



Anthony was baptized Wednesday night. Welcome to the family brother.

Think and Do

By Robert Johnson

All of us realize how hard it can be to make changes in one's life. New Year's resolutions are easy enough to make, but how about seeing them through beyond a few days, about really integrating these positive changes into one's lifestyle permanently? It's just easy to get into a routine, and without thinking, it becomes part of who we are. Exchanging a bad habit for a good one is always beneficial, but actually doing such is not always as easy to do as desiring it.

Spiritually, we understand the struggle that can be involved with trying to overcome sin in our lives, replacing it with righteousness and what benefits for eternity. We can relate to the words of Paul, "For I do not understand what I am doing, because I do not practice what I want to do, but I do what I hate... For I do not do the good that I want to do, but I practice the evil that I do not want to do" (Romans 7:15, 19 HCSB). No one would doubt Paul's motives or his desire to do what is right, but we can all agree that desires do not always connect with deeds. What is it we can do to help bridge the gap, to help us fulfill our desires for good, to grow in what God wants and expects of us?

To the church in Philippi, Paul offered two helpful, inspired, God-approved suggestions. First, there are certain things about which we can think (Philippians 4:8). The word translated "think" (ESV) carries the idea of giving careful thought to a matter, to consider, ponder and let one's mind dwell on. The idea is to focus one's thought processes and mental attention on what is best for us as Christians. To replace

sin with the will of God, we must concentrate our thoughts on what God's good will is for our lives, which Paul says includes, "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable." These are some of those things that are morally

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—Philippians 4:9



excellent and praiseworthy, which originate with God and will enable His will to work in us, bringing Him praise, honor and glory. This enables us to distinguish between right and wrong, what is superior from the inferior, to make better choices in what we allow to fill our thoughts, which in turn guides our lives. As Paul said earlier, "So that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ" (Philippians 1:10 NASB).

In addition to how and what we think, Paul said, "Do what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you" (Philippians 4:9). The word translated do or practice means an action as continued or not yet completed, what one does repeatedly, continually, habitually. It is a course of action or conduct, especially of right, duty, virtue. Paul gave himself as an

example of one who thought on these things, accepted them as true and practiced them in daily living. This is what he encouraged us to do as well. We must fix firmly in our minds what is the right thing to do, and then we must do it over and over, making it part of our lifestyle. Over time, it can become part of who we are. Such a formula for life will help our feelings align with God's will as well, which also helps us seek what is best.

You may say, "But this takes effort!" This is true, but what in life has value that comes without it? Isn't a relationship with God and Christ, and the hope of eternal life, worth our best effort? Satan is at work seeking to divert our attention away from spiritual living; we must pay close attention to what it is we believe and how we live, or we will forfeit what has the greatest value for us. Are you willing to change your mind and habits to fit God's will for you? Do you want God's rich blessings for your life? Change your mind, and put into practice what you think.

Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. For by these He has granted to us His precious and magnificent promises, so that by them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. (2 Peter 1:2-4)

Hear Him

Ernest S. Underwood

On two different occasions, at His baptism and at the Transfiguration, God stated audibly that Jesus was His beloved Son. At the Transfiguration He added, "Hear Him," indicating that

Jesus, not Moses and the Law, and not Elijah and the prophets, but Jesus was now the one to whom man must listen. The New Covenant was soon to be installed. If Jesus was on earth today in the flesh, and said certain things, would you believe Him? Think carefully before you answer. Would you really listen to Him if He came to your hometown and spoke to all of us as we might gather at the lake?

Jesus warned His disciples about wearing religious titles in His statement, "Do not call anyone on earth your father; for One is your Father, He who is in heaven" (Matthew 23:9). Yet many today love to be addressed as "Reverend," "Pastor" or "Father," sometimes even referring to themselves by these titles. Jesus said, "Preach the gospel... he who believes and is baptized shall be saved." Yet, many



today boldly proclaim that baptism is not essential to salvation, encouraging their hearers to do something that they call "the sinner's prayer," a thing for which they can find absolutely no biblical authority. Jesus said, "I will build my church." His church is not good enough for many today, and so they establish Methodist, Baptist, Catholic, Mormon and a host of other "churches." Are you in His church, or are you in a manmade church? Are you really listening to Jesus?