PERRY HILL ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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News & Information for Members & Friends

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The best things in life are the things that make us more like God

Different people have different ideas about what would make them happy. Unfortunately, most people find that their pursuit of happiness does not lead them where they want to go — they discover after a while that the things they've been pursuing aren't really the things that provide true happiness. The Christian, however, ought to realize that *the best things in life are the things that make us more like God.* To the extent that we begin to conform ourselves to the mind of God, we will find life getting better.

It is an interesting fact that many of the things that we would define as "good" because they draw us closer to God are those that the world would define as "bad." For example, difficulty and pain can have a beneficial spiritual effect on us, but to say that these things are good is to say the opposite of what the world would say. James wrote, "Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness" (Jas. 1:2,3). Seeing things from God's perspective often causes us to "evaluate" things quite differently.

The "blessed" person, according to Jesus' description in the Beatitudes in Mt. 5:1-12, is not blessed because of his bank account, his importance in life, or his power over other people. *Continued on the next page*

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He is blessed because he is a certain kind of person. He seeks to think and act as God would think and act. The blessedness of those in Christ's kingdom is a blessedness that comes from within the heart, and it has little to do with what is going on in the externals of a person's life. In fact, a person who enjoys the blessedness of godly character can say, "I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content" (Phil. 4:11).

This week, let's strive for a keener sense of what is most important in life: investing in character growth, rather than accumulating the paraphernalia the world considers essential for the good life. Let's try to set a better example for our children, showing them (by our deeds as well as our words) that our priorities are straight and that we are wanting, above all, to be the kind of people on the inside that please God and receive His blessings. Let's live as those who understand what the truly "good life" is. Gary Henry

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Congratulations to Eric and Quebe Bradford on the birth of their daughter Sydney Noelle, born December 1, 2016

REMEMBER THESE IN PRAYER

Dot McDaniel's sister, Merle Bedell, passed away
Rachel Hollis recovering from sugery
Jess Hart Recovery from surgery.
Rodger Cobia's sister Betty..
Ken Kelly ... bone cancer
Stephen Guy - Health issues
Helen Darnell... Health issues
Clyde Thatcher... Marsha's dad.
Carrie Puckett Recovering from medical procedure.

7 Things That Will Help You Grow Spiritually

1. **LIVE and WORK** to reach others each day as if you knew the world was going to end next Sunday night. Think of that feeling of urgency and priority! (II Peter 3:1-12)

2. **BE AS ENTHUSIASTIC** about the church and its services as you would be if there were an overflowing crowd each time. Think of the interest, anticipation, and excitement of an overflow crowd!

3. **COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS.** Make a list of the things you are thankful to God for and thank Him for them one by one as you pray in your closet. This will help you to be grateful (Philippians 4:6). It will also help you to realize your dependence on God (Acts 17:24-25, 28; John 15:5).

4. **MAKE & MAINTAIN A LIST OF YOUR FAULTS** and pray for forgiveness and help to overcome them as you truly strive to overcome them. This will help us see that we are not as good as we think we are and how very much we really do need Christ for Savior. It will also help you to sympathize with the faults of others (James 5:16; Galatians 6:1).

5. **KEEP A QUIET TIME.** Set aside 30 minutes every day to spend with God in prayer, Bible study, and meditation. If you really love someone or a game, you want to spend some time with them. Just so, if you truly love God you want to spend some time alone with Him. (Psalm 1:2; I Thessalonians 5:17; Luke 18:1). First century Christians kept an "hour of prayer" (Acts 13:1).

6. **VISIT SOMEONE FOR CHRIST EACH WEEK.** Visit some member you do not know very well; or a sick person; or a visitor to our services; or a weak member who needs encouragement; or someone who needs to become a Christian.

7. **REACH ANOTHER PERSON.** Conduct a Bible class in your home once a month and invite your relatives, friends, and neighbors to attend. The preacher or elders will assist you if you want them to. Matthew 5:12-15; James 5:20; Daniel 12:3. There are 168 hours in a week. If you were to attend Bible Study, morning and evening worship on Sundays, Bible study on Wednesday, 30 minutes 6 days a week in Bible reading, prayer, and meditation, and conduct an hour long study once a month, you would be giving God less than 10 hours a week, leaving you 158.

THOSE TO SERVE

Coordinator: Bob Trefethen / John Demas
Ushers: Doug Williamson/Daniel Jones
Sound System: Paul Puckett

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements: John Burch
Scripture: Bill Knighten
Lead Singing: Ron Kochik
1st Prayer: Bud Porter

Communion

Gary Smith Eric Bradford
Jerry Hensley Mel Ott
Whitman Kent George Smith

Sermon

Marshall McDaniel

Closing Prayer: Will King

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements: John Burch
Ushers: Stephen Guy / Gary McDaniel
Scripture: Curt Williamson
Lead Singing: Todd Thayer
1st Prayer: David Turner
Sermon: Marshall McDaniel
Lord's Supper: Mike Howard
Closing Prayer: Darrell Puckett
Sound System: Bob Trefethen

LORD'S Supper Preparation

12/11 Kay McDonald 12/18 Emily McDaniel 12/25 Katie McDonald

Wednesday Bible Study

Ushers: Alan White / Chris Lloyd
Announcements: John Burch
Lead Singing: Will King
Opening Prayer: Paul Puckett
Invitation: Doug Williamson
Closing Prayer: Gary Smith
Sound System: Bud Porter

Count Contribution: Keith Hollis, Curt Williamson, Ragan Ingram

Records You Helped Make

For the Week of

December 04, 2016

Attendance

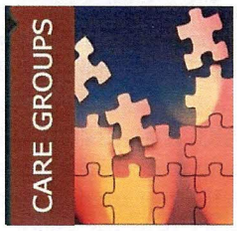
Sunday Bible Class 99

Sunday A.M Worship 131

Sunday P.M Worship 107

Wednesday Bible Study 82

Care Group 3 meets this month in the resource room



Ladies Bible Study Tuesday Morning