

Weekly Services

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| Sunday | Bible Class | 10:00am |
| | Worship | 11:00am |
| Mid-Week Study | @ the Building | 6:30pm |

Happening Soon

The mid-week Bible study has been delayed and will be scheduled soon. In addition, monthly activities have been delayed.

Do Unto Others...Closet

Will reopen in the fall

Please note there will be new procedures in place.

Our endeavor to open the Do Unto Others...Closet has already made an impact on our community. Every month we have increased our numbers and met new folks from the community, that are in need. To continue though, we need to consider ways to restock our shelves. Donations are always welcome, and we appreciate all our members and visitors that are able to help.

***Our people must learn to devote
themselves to doing
what is good, in order to provide to urgent needs
and not live unproductive lives.
Titus 3:14***



*Welcome
July 19, 2020*

Today's Service:

Sermon: Nick Purvis

Songs: Dan Farrington

Communion: Nick Purvis

Inspiration:

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

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Don Alan and Hannah Grigg's housing search and move to Troy.

Duane's Trip

Continued Prayers for:

Dan Farrington

Nick's Father

Amy's brother, Peter, recovering from a stroke

Diane's friend Mary Jeanne

Visit our website for a complete list of prayer requests.

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*Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

In the End God

Many can recite the first four words of the Bible. "In the beginning God..." The most gifted minds of all time have pondered the meaning of these words without fully grasping their significance. These four words say so much about the power, the immutability, and the eternity of God. "In the beginning God..."

Four other words which may be of equal importance are: "In the end God..." What happened in the beginning with God is in the past. We can believe it or reject it. But, on this side of eternity, each accountable human being has something to do with what will happen in the future—in the end with God.

The Bible teaches us that history is going somewhere. It is not a meaningless progression of people, things, and events. In the city of Athens, Paul had dealings with two groups of philosophers: the Stoics and the Epicureans (Acts 17:18). The Stoics had a circular view of history and believed that everything just keeps going around in circles. Everything that now is, has been before and what is now, will someday be again. The cycle repeats itself over and over again like waves of the sea, rising and falling, only to be followed by the next.

The Epicureans believed that everything was made of tiny particles or atoms. Trees were made of atoms and people are made of atoms—both of the same stuff. Consequently, life had no meaning to the Epicurean. Just like the tree is made of atoms so are we made of atoms. And, as the tree will be cut down, so will we. So, we ought to eat, drink and be merry for life is going nowhere.

The Christian, however, believes that history is moving toward the end. In 1 Corinthians 15:24, Paul says, "then comes the end, when He delivers up the kingdom to the God and Father..." As surely as the world began, it will also end. In Matthew 26, Jesus is on trial for His life. He has no attorney pleading His case. In fact, He will lose His trial before the High Priest and all the courts in the land. But, as Jesus is being tried by the High Priest, the High Priest says to Him: "I adjure You by the living God, that You tell us whether You are the Christ, the Son of God." Jesus said to him, "You have said it yourself; nevertheless I tell you, hereafter you shall see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven" (Matt. 26:63-64). This man had the power of death over Jesus and in just a few hours He would be condemned to death on the cross. But, Jesus said, "Someday you will see the Son of Man crowned with glory and seated in a seat of power. Today I am on trial before you, but on that day you will be on trial before Me." "Then comes the end..."

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