

SPENCER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in Central Wisconsin

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SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY 9 a.m. Bible Classes; 10 a.m. Worship
WEDNESDAY 7 p.m. Bible Classes

PRAYERS NEEDED:

- Holly's friend, Leah Glaze-terminal cancer - pray for Leah and her family as her children are still very young
- Marie - testing this week
- Carl Nulph-heart issues
- Linda Nulph-knee problems
- Deanna- recovering from surgery
- Beth Nevenfeldt-recovering from surgery
- *Those traveling & we have a group in Ashland worshipping this morning for Pack the Pews
- Our shut-in's; our missionaries
- Jess & Alyssa as they move to Pittsville

There are many who need our continued prayers as their health issues are on-going. The list would be huge if we listed all who are in need of our continued prayers. Please know that if someone is taken off the list and they are still dealing with issues that we are continuing to remember them in prayer.

PLEASE EMAIL PRAYER REQUESTS AND UPDATES TO RHONDA!

SERMON TITLE:
Walking in the Light
SCRIPTURE:
I John 1:5-7

**PLEASE JOIN US
WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR
BIBLE CLASS**
The Kid Sing begins about
6:45, and Bible class is at 7
p.m.

EVANGELIST

Rodney Nulph
330-988-7063

RODNEY'S OFFICE HOURS
(Be sure to call BEFORE you
stop to be sure he is in)
Tuesday-Friday
8 a.m.-4 p.m.

OUR LEADERSHIP

ELDERS:

Duane Anderson
715-659-2327

Russ Draeger
715-600-3983

Gary Nieman
715-897-2248

DEACONS:
Dan Anderson
715-659-4530

Mark Anderson
715-659-4117

Clint Nieman
715-650-7988

Don Nieman
715-659-4574

UPCOMING EVENTS:

POTLUCK NEXT SUNDAY -
SEE JULENE FOR THE SIGN
UP!!

SATURDAY APRIL 21 - Youth
Devo is at Dan and Rhonda's at
7 p.m.

Ronald McDonald House 4/24

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SCRIPTURE	Joshua	Kyle
ANNOUNCE/PRAYER	Gary	Gary
SONG LEADER	Paul	Ty
PRESIDING	Collin	Duane
SERVING	Mark A	Collin
SERVING	Paul	Keith
SERVING	Dan	Clayton
CLOSING PRAYER	Jesse	Jim

OUR ATTITUDE
LAST SUNDAY'S
OFFERING: 1715
BUDGET: \$2118

WHAT IS TRUTH?

As Jesus came to the conclusion of His ministry upon this earth, just prior to His crucifixion, He stood before Pontius Pilate to answer charges of insurrection. Pilate, who was the governor of Judea, asked Jesus if he was in fact a King as many accused. To which Jesus responded, "Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). Pilate, seemingly provoked by Jesus' response, asked the all-important question of life, "What is truth?" (John 18:38). Many, especially those reared in a post-modernistic world, have asked that same question. Sadly, many will live all their days upon this earth and never find the answer to that inquiry. Consider but a few answers to the question, "What is Truth?"

Firstly, truth is PRECIOUS. The wise man of old commanded, "Buy the truth and sell it not..." (Proverbs 23:23a). Jesus spoke of the precious nature of truth when He confirmed that only truth can set a person free (John 8:32). On another occasion, Jesus noted that God's Word is truth (John 17:17). The Psalmist said that "The sum of the word is truth" (Psalm 119:160 ASV). Note carefully, not SOME, but SUM! Life can be inundated with lies and falsities of all kinds. One news reporter says one thing, only to be directly contradicted by another. Which one is true? Sometimes neither! But God is always truth and His Word is never false. In a world filled with lies, deceit, and scandals truth is extremely precious!

Secondly, truth is PRECISE. Some would refer to this as "narrow". But truth is not broad! Consider the truth in mathematics. There is a precise, "narrow" answer for mathematical problems. Since I am not a math man, let's keep it simple. Two plus two equals four. There is no other answer that is correct! There will never be another correct answer. And just because a person recognizes that answer, does not make them "narrow" minded. Truth is not a broad, "do whatever you want" type thing. It is precise and direct. Sanctification, which literally means to be set apart for a special purpose, comes about only through a precise obedience to truth (John 17:17). Obeying anything else will never lead to sanctification. Sincerity is not enough (Matthew 7:21ff). On the last day, mankind will not be judged by what he thought or was sincere about, but rather a completed body of truth; an objective standard will be the ruler (John 12:28). In a world filled with believe as you wish, truth is precise!

Thirdly, truth is PERMANENT. Truth never changes! How many things can you name, over your lifetime, that has changed? Watch a sitcom from the 1990's and see how many things have changed in just a few years! Even common beliefs in society change over time. At one-time drugs were thought of as terrible by most everyone, but now some are trying to have drugs legalized. On and on we could go, because seemingly nothing in life is permanent. But truth is! "Forever, O Lord, thy Word is settled in heaven" (Psalm 119:89). "...everyone of the righteous judgments endureth forever" (Psalm 119:160b). In a world filled with change, thank God, truth is permanent!

While not everyone can be right, truth is always right! The story is told of two men who had an argument. To settle the matter, they went to a judge for arbitration. The plaintiff made his case. He was very eloquent and persuasive in his reasoning. When he finished, the judge nodded in approval and said, "That's right, that's right." On hearing this, the defendant jumped up and said, "Wait a second, judge, you haven't even heard my side of the case yet." So the judge told the defendant to state his case. And he, too, was very persuasive and eloquent. When he finished, the judge said, "That's right, that's right." When the clerk of court heard this, he jumped up and said, "Judge, they both can't be right." The judge looked at the clerk of court and said, "That's right, that's right." If you really want to be right, then stick with the truth of God's Word!

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