

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



Join us Wednesday night
7 p.m.
There is nothing more
important that studying God's
word!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We would like to offer you a free Bible correspondence course or any other tracts or literature you may see in the foyer. If we can help you or answer any questions you may have, please let us know!

WHAT'S GOING ON.....

-MONTHLY POTLUCK TODAY! We will also be having an additional potluck Oct. 28th for Don Iverson's visit.

-PACK THE PEWS -Winona MN on Oct. 14 - See Clint or John

-GOSPEL MEETING IN RICE LAKE with Baxter Exum Oct 20 and 21-we plan to take the church bus on the 20th!

-LOCK IN - November 2!

OUR ATTITUDE: Last Sunday's contribution:\$ 1982 BUDGET: \$2118

PRAYERS NEEDED:

- Howard Gray passed away this week. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth at this time.
 - Emily Carlton (Laura's sister) and newborn baby boy, Hudson
 - Donovan Poppin, 10 yr. old in Texas (relative of Amber Draeger)-inoperable brain tumor
 - Levi - Esophageal procedure Tuesday
 - Phil Bailey from Texas - recovering from surgery
 - Lora Edwards - hospitalized for heart problems
 - Morgan Gorst, 12 year old from Spencer - inoperable brain tumor
 - Those traveling
 - Elizabeth Smith & Nicole Sparling - pregnancy issues
 - Our shut-in's; our missionaries, our elders and deacons
- Please keep those with on-going health issues in your prayers: Jerry Weichelt, Jeri Oppermann, Yvonne Morrow,

OUR LEADERSHIP

ELDERS:

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Gary Nieman 715-897-2248

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John Petras 715-897-5882

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED??

Hear the Gospel

Romans 10:17

Believe in Jesus

John 3:16

Repent of your sins

Acts 2:38

Confess Christ as Lord

Romans 10:9-10

Be Baptized (Immersed)

1 Peter 3:21

Remain faithful

Rev. 2:10

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SCRIPTURE	Jesse	Levi
ANNOUNCE/PRAYER	Gary	Gary
SONG LEADER	Paul	Dan
PRESIDING	John	Rusty
SERVING	Duane	Ty
SERVING	Clint	Mark A
SERVING	Elmer	John
CLOSING PRAYER	Ty	Keith
SPEAKING	Jason H.	Don

IT'S MEANT TO BE

Neal Pollard

Sometimes a person wants so desperately to do something that they rationalize their decision to do so by crediting God with “sending a sign” or by concluding that “it’s meant to be.” In an age where God communicates to man, neither by voice nor directly through His Spirit but by His Word, this can prove dangerous thinking. The dilemma often is when we pray for something having multiple choices or outcomes, and then we have to make a decision. Most of us have been in this position. We want God’s will to be done, and we cannot be 100% sure we did the right or best thing at the time.

The danger comes in confusing our own will with God’s will. We can be certain that we are making the wrong decision if what we seek to do is blatantly unwise or clearly in violation of what Scripture says. Congregations have claimed Spirit-guidance for unauthorized changes in worship or their women’s roles within the church, and they have even claimed feeling God’s working among them or receiving a sign indicating God led them to such innovation. Men and women have dissolved their marriages, having blamed God for the move by saying they felt, or were even led to the conclusion, that such a move (and subsequent involvement in a new relationship) was His will. This simply cannot stand the test of scrutiny.

A famous example of the folly of such thinking comes from Nazi Germany in the 1930s. In 1938-39, Hitler brilliantly and bloodlessly divided his enemies through economic and political strategy. On September 1, 1939, Hitler’s troops occupied Poland and took it over. Incidentally, that day was the anniversary of one of their biggest military victories. On September 1, 1870, they overran Sedan in a day of war and strategy that long stood as a symbol of Germany’s military might. Throughout Germany, the populous lined up behind Hitler, optimistically concluding that a new world order led by Germany—no matter how achieved—“was meant to be.” Hindsight now shows how mistaken a notion this was. On May 2, 1945, Hitler committed suicide. the next day at 2:41 A.M. in a Reims’ schoolhouse, General Gustav Jody signed Germany’s unconditional surrender...five years, eight months, and two days after the occupation of Poland. Of course, world supremacy by a country led by a murderous madman was not “meant to be” nor was it “divine guidance.” Yet, many Germans in the late ’30s and early ’40’s thought so (For more information, follow this link.

Let us be careful not to confuse what we want with what God wants. May we never transpose selfish desires with divine guidance. Otherwise, we may stand to lose more than our nation and freedom (cf. Prov. 14:12). By shaping our mind and hearts through faithful, unprejudiced Bible study and constant prayer, we will be in a better position to recognize—when faced with tough choices—which one better glorifies God and achieves His purpose in this world.

The HEALTH of your BODY is not as important as the HEALTH of your SOUL!