

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

UPCOMING EVENTS: Mark your calendars now!

***Feb 18- World Video Bible School speaker**

***March 25-30 Spring break campaign/VBS**

VBS Theme is Mountain Climbers

March 25th will be a **Singing Day** in the afternoon and we will be having an evening worship. PLEASE mark your calendars now; plan to attend yourself and invite someone to come with you!

If you know anyone who we can visit or might want to study, please get the name to Rodney or one of the elders!

WELCOME VISITORS

PLEASE JOIN US WEDNESDAY NIGHT FOR OUR BIBLE GEOGRAPHY CLASS!

The Kid Sing begins about 6:45, and Bible class is at 7 p.m.

PRAYERS NEEDED:

- Jeri Oppermann - testing done for headaches
 - Mary Sherwood-Friend of Pete & Amy's
 - Marie Anderson-Krohns
 - ↳ Jerry Weichelt and family- Please send a card!
 - *Deanna-bronchitis & foot
 - *Those traveling-Our shut-in's; our missionaries
- PLEASE EMAIL PRAYER REQUESTS TO RHONDA!**

SERMON TITLE:

Bible Kisses

SCRIPTURE:

I Peter 5:8-9

OUR ATTITUDE

LAST SUNDAY'S

OFFERING:\$1588

BUDGET: \$2118

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:

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

"He is my only rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken."

-Psalm 62:6

KNOWING GOD

Surely one of the most fascinating studies is the study to know God. To know God intimately is a strenuous exercise which results in certain limits. Humanity is limited in their knowledge of God simply from the obvious disconnect there is between creation and Creator (Isaiah 55:8-9). However, the more we can know of God, the better we can serve Him. And while we understand there are certain things that are not revealed to us “secret things” (Deuteronomy 29:29a), we also understand that some things are revealed (Deuteronomy 29:29b). It is within the revealed things that we come to know God more intimately. God has revealed Himself in two specific ways. First, there is the revelation of God through natural revelation (i.e. nature- Psalm 19:1-6; Romans 1:19-20). Natural revelation clearly points to a Designer and Ultimate Architect. However, natural revelation is limited in showing mankind how God loves and redeems mankind. Second, there is the revelation of God through special revelation (i.e. the Bible- Psalm 19:7-10). Special revelation points to specific things that God has chosen to reveal to man. It is within special revelation we desire to center this article. What has God revealed, through special revelation, to us regarding Himself.

Firstly, God has revealed His *OMNISCIENCE*. The word *omniscience* is derived from Latin; *omni* meaning “all” and *scientia* meaning “knowledge”, thus “all-knowledge” or “all-knowing”. “Great is our Lord, and of great power: his understanding is infinite” (Psalm 147:5). Thiessen explains that God, “knows things immediately, simultaneously, exhaustively, and truly” (81). God, through the Messianic prophet of old, declared, “Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done” (Isaiah 46:9-10a). The apostle of love may have written it best, “For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things” (1 John 3:20). There is absolutely nothing hidden from the Almighty (cf. Hebrews 4:12-13)!

Secondly, God has revealed His *OMNIPRESENCE*. Again, *omnipresence* is derived from Latin; *omni* meaning “all” and *praesens* meaning “here”, thus “all-here” or “everywhere”. Simply stated, God is not limited to space. Theologian, A.W. Tozer, suggests regarding the *omnipresence* of God that, “fewer truths are so clearly taught in Scripture” (100). God is nearby to His worshippers, unlike the pagan idols of old (cf. Deuteronomy 4:7). Mind-boggling indeed is the fact that God is not just nearby, but He is everywhere! The weeping prophet of antiquity surely took comfort in the fact that “Am I a God at hand, saith the LORD, and not a God afar off? Can any hide himself in secret places that I shall not see him? saith the LORD. Do not I fill heaven and earth? saith the LORD” (Jeremiah 23:23-24). The Psalmist rhetorically asked, “Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence? If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea; Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me” (Psalm 139:7-10).

Thirdly, God has revealed His *OMNIPOTENCE*. From the Latin *omni* meaning “all” and *potens* meaning “power”; thus “all-powerful”. God is able to do whatever pleases Him and He is never exhausted! Job knew it! “I know that thou canst do every thing, and that no thought can be withholden from thee (Job 42:2). Absolutely nothing is too difficult for God (Jeremiah 32:17)! Interestingly, however, is the fact that the possession of *omnipotence* does not demand its’ use. As Thiessen described, “God can do what he wills to do, but he does not necessarily will to do anything.” In other words, God has power over His power” (28). Jesus knew His power, “...with God all things are possible” (Matthew 19:26b).

Getting to know God is surely one of life’s great endeavors. While we will never know everything about our God, the things which He has revealed helps us as we walk life’s pathway. This is great comfort for the child of God. The God we serve knows everything, is everywhere, and is able to perform anything within His will. It may be better said, the wisdom of God knows what is best for me, the presence of God is able to see what is best for me, and the power of God is able to give what is best for me. “Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen” (1 Timothy 1:17).

-Rodney-

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