

Announcements & Prayer Requests

- Let's keep the following in our prayers:
 - Bernida Wolfe and Jimmy Woodall whose father and brother, respectively, recently passed away
 - John Wolfe: New scan showed no cancer
 - Kim Self: Stomach ulcers and weekly Chemo treatments
 - Angie Self: Arthritis and Parkinson's
 - Joann Larkin: Advanced dementia
 - Barb Agee's son (James)
 - Rick Parks' parents: Roy has prostate cancer; Helen has dementia
 - Jimmy Woodall's sister: Cancer
 - Dorothy Macon, Sandra Perez's grandmother: Dementia
 - Frank Wineinger, Sandra Perez's uncle: Stage 4 cancer

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

- Hear Gospel – Rom. 10:17; Acts 8:30-31
- Believe – Heb. 11:6; Mk. 16:16
- Repent of & Turn from Sins – Acts 2:38; 17:30
- Confess our Faith – Rom. 10:10; Mt. 10:32
- Baptism – Acts 22:16; 1 Pet. 3:21
- Live Faithfully – Rev. 2:10

Let us draw near with a **true heart in full assurance of faith [Believe]**, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience [Repent]** and our **bodies washed with pure water [Baptism]**. Let us **hold fast the confession [Confess]** of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to **stir up love and good works**, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. – *Heb. 10:22-25*



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Invitation

'Therefore, go into the highways, and as many as you find, invite to the wedding.' – Mt. 22:9

Address

5080 Highway 70 East
Rockwood, TN 37854

Assembly Times

Sunday Bible Study – 10:00 AM
Sunday Worship – 11:00 AM

Please text/email any announcements, questions, or concerns to Bill Fix, (865) 934-9239 or fix.bill@gmail.com

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We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors and members. If you have any questions or need any assistance, please let one of us know.

Adult Bible Class – Eph. 6:16ff

Sermon Topic – Lessons from Balaam

He Understood “Authority”

By Robert F. Turner

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When a Roman soldier asked Jesus to cure his palsied servant, who was "grievously tormented," Jesus said He would come and heal him. (Mt.8: 5-13)

The Centurion said, "Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me; and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it."

This man understood authority. He was both subject to and a possessor of authority. He realized the import of power in a given field, and recognized the validity of Christ's position in the realm of healing. It was like his own authority with reference to men under him—absolute.

The centurion knew that the personal presence of Jesus was not necessary. Forces of nature, like the demons of Satan's kingdom, bowed to a stronger force than themselves. There is power in His word. With the Father He spoke the world into existence. He stilled the sea with "Peace!" And now "Speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed." He understood authority, and was humbled in its presence. Not frightened; not condescending in hypocrisy; but truly humbled because he did understand authority. "I am not worthy that thou shouldst come under my roof."

How wonderfully blessed we would be if we would so understand divine authority; and understanding, respect it. God's word, so accepted, would end foolish strife. We would hasten to measure our practice by that word, for we would want nothing more than to speak where the Bible speaks, and be silent where the Bible is silent. "The word only" would be more respected than "the majority of churches in Texas" or anywhere else.

Lip service to God's word would give place to honest soul-searching, and willingness to "give an answer" to those who ask a reason of the hope within us. In this vein, "Anti!" or "Liberal" would not pass for argument.

Fixating on What's Important: “Be Still”

By Rebecca Fix

In the past year, our world has stilled. For me, I no longer rush out the door to make it to work on time. For some, schools have been cancelled, grocery stores were ransacked, and children don't have their normal play dates. The past year has been a challenge. I have felt so sorry for my son having to wear a mask to school daily and socially distancing with friends. But he has done amazing! He just says, “Mom, it’s not a problem.”

God created our children and called them to be in this exact moment in time. So let's raise them up so they understand the opportunity they have as children of God. Show them by your faith that God is in control of all things. Psalm 46:10 tells us to “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”

When you take the whole context together, you can interpret this to be talking to either Israel's enemies or the people of God. Normally, the Psalms are written for the people of God, but if we accept that the Lord is addressing Israel's enemies, he is telling them to stop fighting.

As God addresses Israel, He is not just telling them to “be still.” He is telling them to “open their eyes and see who He is, to cease striving.” God's people should ‘stop fearing’—acknowledge who your God is—be in awe of him. In Mk. 4:39, Jesus told the wind and sea to “be still” when his disciples thought they were going to perish. The wind and the sea immediately died down, and there was a great calm.

The people of God must acknowledge that God is the complete ruler of the universe. God's people should not fret about this earthly life but, instead, put our trust in Him. The Lord should be our refuge. Be patient and “Be Still”. A few suggestions might include turning off the news and other distractions to spend more time in the Word. Ps. 46 illustrates that people have always been concerned about world events, and when the news is negative, we must remember that God is in control. God is with us, and He will deliver His people. Go outside for a walk, and notice the different colors of the sky or how the birds fly. Watch the bugs do their work, oblivious to whatever anxieties you may feel. The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork (Ps. 19:1). When we really notice the beauty, magnitude, and design of God's creation, it should make us be still.