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#### **Bible Studies**

Sunday Adult Bible Study Wednesday Noon Wednesday Women's 7pm for more information, contact the office.

## Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesdays 7:30pm, meeting upstairs at Martin's Supermarket led by Kellee Skaggs. "Present Over Perfect" by Shauna Niequist. Leaving behind busyness and frantic living and rediscovering the person you were made to be. Present Over Perfect is a hand reaching out, pulling you free from the constant pressure to perform faster, push harder, and produce more, all while maintaining an exhausting image of perfection.

# Wednesday Noon Bible Study

He Is Our Righteousness We would all answer, "Yes!", without much thought, to the question, "Does our Lord teach justification by grace through faith?" But, when we stop and think, do we know where He teaches it and how? We know He must teach justification by grace. St. Paul is where we usually turn to for help with this doctrine. In this study we will look together at The Good Samaritan, which is not usually thought of in the justification context. We will discover how this parable does, in fact, teach justification by grace, and it

does so in a beautiful and memorable way.

## Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Mike Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis. "The Beginning"

# Youth Group Bible Study

Focus on the Psalms and NYG preparation.

#### Sunday School Teachers needed

Would you consider becoming a teacher? We are on a rotation schedule. You would teach once a month/every six weeks. 10:15 to 11 between services or 15-20 minutes during 2nd service Sermon. Curriculum is already done for you. Please see Barb Lindquist or Liz Slone with questions. Thank you

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#### **Mail Boxes**

Periodicaly-please check your mail box in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a box, please notify Liz in the office and she will make a spot for you! Thank you.

## •Change•

# Church Improvements Building Fund

Thank you to those that have given to the debt reduction fund. After your weekly tithing, please consider dropping a little extra into an envelope and putting it in the plate. It all adds up! Amount

needed is approx. \$165,000.00.

Debt Reduction Envelopes are available at the welcome center

#### **2019 VBS**

We need you! June 17-20 6 to 8pm. Contact the office. Behind the action or front and center, So many chances to be His hands and feet!

### Volunteering

There are so many opportunities, here are just a few. Redeemer Little Steps Davcare-reading to a class or helping serve lunch. Lincoln Elementary-lunch buddie, homework help or Boomerrang Backpack. You can volunteer everyday or once a month. The choice is yours. Interested in learning more? Stop by the office or talk with Tami Beery. Let's be His hands and feet. He created us to love and to serve those in need.

## **Garage Sale**

Garage Sale to benefit the National Youth Gathering in July. If you want to add to the sale, please bring in your items and place them at the Welcome Center.

May 17 & 18

## **Hospice Music Outreach**

The Mission Board is seeking a CD player & CD's for an outreach opportunity. Requesting that the CD's be in good condition, Christian or instrumental (calming). FYI-they will not be returned. There will have a collection box in the Welcome Center.

# Redeemer Volunteering & Events Sign up sheet

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name:		
☐ I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25) in honor of:		
on this date:	<u>—</u>	
Please use this insert and place in Car	ol Plew's mail box	
I'd like to join an awesome E	Bible Study! attend as many as you like!	
$\square$ Sunday Morning Bible Study $\square$ Wednesday Noon Bible Study	☐ Wednesday Women's Bible Study ☐ Thursday Evening Bible Study	
☐ I would like assistance from the Youth Group (yard work, cleaning, a visit)		
$\square$ I would like to help with S	unday School, IMPACT, nursery	
learning about the many o	ps Daycare. I am interested in opportunities on how to ement. Stay tuned-it is going to be epic!	
$\square$ I would like to help with V	acation Bible School	



## The Wonderful Gift of Motherhood

Can we learn about God's gift of motherhood from the Shunammite woman?

A)	1) 2) •	She ran a in northern Israel and was happy there.  Her husband owned fields. He made a good living. She had good life.  The Prophet,, would often pass through her town and the Godly Shunemite woman would give him a good meal as he passed through town.  But then, "She said to her husband, 'I know he's a holy man of God. And he regularly travels past our house. Lets make a small room on the roof and put a bed, table, chair, and lamp stand there for him. He can stay there whenever he comes to visit us." (2 Kings 4:9, 10 GW).  Elisha appreciated her and wondered how could he thank her?  Elisha's servant tells him, "she has no son, and her husband is old."  (2 King 4:14 GW)  So Elisha tells her she will have a child that next year.
(Fc	•	Too wonderful to believe But a year later she had a son, as Elisha said. ore on this amazing story, Read 2 kings 4:18-37
B)	1) 2) •	What a blessing from God, for the Shunammite woman and us today! God, by a simple, could create new people from nothing. He created an entire out of nothing (Genesis 1:1-25). He made Adam from dust and made Eve from Adam's rib (Gen. 2:7, 22) But, we live in a culture where desire drowns out the beauty of motherhood.  "Of all the rights of women, the greatest is to be a mother" (Lin Yutang, 20th century Chinese writer) We so easily forget: "Children are an inheritance from the Lord. They are a reward from him." (Psalm 127:3 GW).
C)	2)	what ways does Jesus us?  He gives for our sin against motherhood.  Like the mother of Shunem, our is in the Lord. No matter what the crisis, he is greater.  Peter said, "Turn all your anxiety over to God because he cares for you."  (1 Peter 5:7 GW)
		: Celebrate the joys the Lord gives through motherhood and find strength in His esHe will never fail you!
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Answers: A) 1) household, 2) Elisha, 3) generosity, B) motherhood, 2) word, world 3) selfish, C)

"Giving Up"

2 Corinthians 5:10 - For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. That Scripture above is just about as clear as you can get: the day is coming when we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, each to receive according to what he has done with his life, whether he has used it for good or evil.

A long time ago, I heard a story which sheds some light on that passage. The story went something like this: a woman arrived at the pearly portals of heaven. A voice, presumably that of St. Peter, asked, "What is the password? Speak the password and you may enter." The lady was shocked. She remembered nothing about a person's entrance to heaven needing a password. She thought for a bit and said, "Is it 'Whoever calls on the Name of the Lord shall be saved'?"

"No," replied the voice.

The lady thought and said, "How about 'The just shall live by faith'?"

"Call upon Me in the day of trouble'?"

"Nope. Wrong again!"

"How about, 'I have fought the fight -- run the race'?"

"Those are all true sayings," says the voice, "but they are not the password for which I listen."

Exasperated, the lady finally said, "Well, then I give up."

"That's right" said the voice. "Come right on in. You see, you've got to give up doing it yourself."

The story points out the truth of our text today. The truth that someday we will all have to stand in judgment before the Lord and, we will, figuratively speaking, need the right password.

You know, we don't have to die to be judged. Certainly judgment will happen after we die, and there will be no reprieve. Similarly, there will be no innocent pleas accepted by virtue of the fact that we should not be held accountable for our actions.

The fact of the matter is that we are judged every day by the conditions of humankind and the affairs of our own hearts. That means if we were to speak honestly, we would have to confess that there is very little good inside us. Indeed, as St. Paul says, even the things we try to do right seem always to go wrong, and are far short of 100-percent acceptability in God's sight.

All of this explains precisely why we need a Savior.

If we cannot save ourselves, we need someone to do it for us. If we cannot earn forgiveness ourselves, we need someone to shoulder our transgressions and pay the price necessary to get them removed. If we cannot conquer death on our own, then we need to find someone who has that ability.

That Person, of course, is the Savior. The work we were incapable of finishing -- the things on which we were forced to give up -- the Savior has accomplished. Now, by the Holy Spirit's power, faith is placed into us and Jesus' successes become ours.

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, normally we would say giving up is not a good thing. However, when it comes to being saved, giving up and placing our faith in Jesus to win our salvation is the only way we can enter heaven. Keep me strong in that faith which has given me eternal life. In Jesus' Name. Amen.