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SUNDAY

Bible study 9 a.m.
Worship 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Working For The Lord
Following the Sunday evening services

WEDNESDAY

Bible study 7:30 p.m.

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Truth For The World

This morning's sermon and Scripture:

The Everlasting Arms
Deut. 33:26-29

This evening's sermon and Scripture:

Masonry
1 Kings 7:13, 14

The Faith

Galatians 1:23

The term "faith" is used in different senses in the New Testament. Frequently the word is employed *subjectively*, meaning it has to do with one's personal belief—the faith that abides in the Christian's heart.

At other times, "faith" is used in an *objective* sense. In such circumstances it stands for the gospel system—the body of doctrine to which one must submit.

In Galatians 1:23, Paul speaks of "the faith" (note the use of the definite article) which he preached. Since we learn elsewhere that the apostle preached "the gospel" (1 Corinthians 15:1), it is reasonable to conclude that "the faith" refers to the doctrine of the gospel. There are several New Testament references in which the expression is used in this fashion.

In Acts 6:7 Luke records that a great company of priests became obedient to "the faith," which is equivalent to obeying the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:8). The Christian is to contend earnestly for "the faith" (Jude 3), which is the same as defending the gospel (Philippians 1:16).

Thus, mark the phrase "the faith" in Galatians 1:23, and write: *The gospel system; cf. Acts 6:7; Jude 3.*

Wayne Jackson

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

Visitors and members please fill out an attendance card (located on the back of the pew in front of you) and pass it to the center aisle at the close of the service. We also ask that you please turn *off* your cell phones so they will not interfere with our wireless sound system.

Happy Birthday and Anniversary to: Paul & Meredith McCrimon, 9th; Cooper Chapman, 10th; John & Melissa Neibling 11th; Lena Sloan, 12th; Jerry Jowahir, Garrett Neibling, 13th; Angelica Cope, 14th; Luis Gonzales, 15th; Best wishes to each of you.

Please continue to remember all of the sick and shut ins, *Cherri Wright* who is undergoing chemo treatments, *David Sloan* has begun chemo treatments in a pill form, *Amie Dumford* has been diagnosed with active cancer cells, *Paul Kendrick*, *Bea Spurlock*, *Richard Kelso*, the uncle of Mike Miller, *Bernadine Kolin* is in Osceola Regional Medical Center in ICU room 246, *Ailene Spurlock*, *Terry Allison & Wilma Allison* the mother and father of Dawn Sprouse, *Charlie Mickey*, *Louise Davis*, *Floyd Blake*, *Helen Harris*, *Carol Hubbard*, *Camille Hummon*, *Betty & Calvin Woodruff*, *Marion Stark*. Remember all of these with your calls, cards and especially prayers.

The Saintilme family especially Myrtha would like to thank her brothers and sisters in Christ for all their prayers and cards in her behalf.

Anthony Sousa went for a follow up CT scan; there is no sign of the tumor. He will be undergoing radiation and chemo just as a precaution. He would like to thank everyone for their support and prayers

Prayers are requested for the daughter of Ivan & Lisa Halman, Amber Hernandes. She was deployed to Iraq on September 2nd; she will be there for 1 year.

Prayers are requested for Elizabeth Buffa the mother of Rosemary Martinez. She suffered a stroke on August 29th. She is in Florida Hospital Kissimmee room #129.

There will be a baby shower for Maria Cope at the home of Karen Kirkendall on Saturday, September 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible class will begin again, Wednesday September 19th at 10:00 a.m.

Bro. Bill Kendrick the great uncle of Dawn Sprouse passed away Thursday, September 6th. Please keep the family in your prayers, also the children's home he and his wife started in Jackson, MS.

Karen & Trisha Kirkendall are traveling to Ireland for 2 weeks. Please keep them in your prayers that they have a safe trip and a safe return home.

Please welcome back Douglas Springer who was restored last Sunday. His address and number is below.

Douglas Springer
50989 Highway 27, Lot 77
Davenport, FL 33897

Phone 863-420-4740
Birthday 12/26



Honored To Serve This Lord's Day September 9, 2007

The elders respectfully ask all who serve in public worship to please dress appropriately

-ANNOUNCEMENTS

A.M. / P.M. Ansel Hicks

-SONG LEADER

A.M. Jim Craig
P.M. David Herndon

-OPENING PRAYER

A.M. Jim Beltz
P.M. John Dunn

-READ SCRIPTURE

A.M. Eddie Litton
P.M. Earl McLarty

-SERMON

A.M. David Boren
P.M. David Boren

-LORD'S SUPPER

A.M. Gary Castel
P.M. Byron Chapman

-ASSISTING

A.M. Jonathan Castel
Mike Williams
Daniel McCard
David C. Miller
P.M. Joshua Brownlow

-CLOSING PRAYER

A.M. David E. Miller
P.M. Harvey Brownlow

-USHERS

A.M. / P.M. Wayne Steenberg
Paul McCrimon

-GREETING VISITORS

Harold DeBord &
Ruth Mason

-CHILDREN'S NURSERY

A.M. Dottie Trahan
Sue Crume
P.M. Sonia Gray
Maria Cope

-PREPARE COMMUNION THIS MONTH

Dawn Sprouse

-BAPTISMAL GARMENTS
Bonnie Craig

The Everlasting Arms

(Deut. 33:26-29)

I. Arms Of Salvation (Isa. 59:16).

- A. God's "everlasting arms" are able to reach down from heaven to earth and bring salvation to " whoever fears Him and works righteousness" (Acts 10:35). As we have said on a # of occasions, our God shows no partiality in regard to race or sex.
- B. God's "everlasting arms" provide salvation through Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son (John 3:16). The blood-pierced hands of Jesus Christ are able to reach down from heaven to earth and redeem all who will take hold in simple trusting, obedient faith (Heb. 5:8,9).
- C. Friends, we are saved by the grace of God (Eph. 2:8,9). However, it is imperative that we understand that we are not saved by grace alone (Rom. 6:1,2).
1. God fulfilled His part of the salvation equation: Grace.
 - a. God's grace has been manifested through the atoning death of Jesus Christ (Titus 2:11,12).
 - b. On the cross, Jesus shed His blood and became our sin-offering, sin-bearer, and substitute (Heb. 9:11-15,28; 1 John 2:2). Because of this great act of sacrifice, God can, and will extend forgiveness to penitent believers (Heb. 10:17).
 2. God, having fulfilled His part of the salvation equation, tells us - through His Word - that the only part that remains is in the hands of man: faith. If we will but put our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, believe Him to be the Messiah, the Son of the living God, and trust Him completely for salvation; if we will sincerely repent and renounce all the sins we have committed; if we will confess our faith in Him; if we will obey His command to be buried in water for the remission of our sins; if we remain faithfully obedient until death, we shall be saved.

II. Arms Of Strength.

- A. The Bible clearly reveals that God is ever ready to give us strength to live the Christian life.
- B. Being omnipotent, God is all-powerful and strong; whereas the arms of man grow weak, the arms of God are everlastingly strong (Psalm 27:1; Rom. 8:31; Isa. 40:28-31).
- C. We may be assured that God, in His providence, is able to lead us in paths of righteousness, and into those experiences most helpful for us (Rom. 8:28; 2Tim. 1:12). With God as our all-sufficient source of strength, we are able to overcome every trial, resist every temptation, conquer every besetting sin, and do all that He wants us to do.

III. Arms Of Love (1 John 4:8; Jer. 31:3).

- A. God has always loved man. He loved us even as sinners (Rom. 5:8), and immediately set in motion the unfolding of His eternal purpose to bring us salvation.
- B. The climax of the divine love was when God sent Jesus to the world to be our Saviour (John 3:16).
1. We may be assured, therefore, that God will always love us (Rom. 8:31-35).
 2. In view of all this, oh how we ought to love, honor, and serve our God.
- C. If we love the Lord like we should, we will reverence, respect, believe, and obey Him; and seek, in every detail of our lives, to conform to His will.

IV. Arms Of Safety (Isa. 33:2).

- A. God is our refuge, our source of security, protection, and safety. No matter where we are, His “*everlasting arms*” are beneath, ready to hold us up and sustain us -- just as we are reminded as we reflect upon that old poem: “The Footprints Of Jesus” (Isa. 33:2).
- B. If we are insecure, let us flee for refuge to the “*everlasting arms*” of God, for there is safety, security, and hope.

V. Arms Of Guidance.

A. **Psalm 23:1-4.**

- B. If we commit our lives to God, He will lead us where we need to go (Prov. 3:5,6).

VI. Arms Of Rest.

- A. We are exhorted to “rest *in the Lord*” (Psalm 37:7; 1 Kings 8:56; Psalm 116:7; Matt. 11:28-30).
- B. Amid all the trials, sorrows, tragedies, heartaches, and those sudden and unexpected changes of life, we may go to God and find the strength to handle and overcome them as well as the rest we need.