

September 1, 2013



WEEKLY SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday: 10:15 AM Bible Class  
 11:00 AM Morning Service  
 Thursday: 7:30 PM Mid-week Service

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10:15 a.m. Bible Class followed by short break

11:00 a.m. Service

Opening Hymns

Scripture Reading

Message

Closing Hymn

**B'Days:** Kathy A--3rd; Kenny C--14th; Christine K--25th; Sarah K--27th;

**Anniversaries:** The Curtis'—6<sup>th</sup>; Cyril and Lenore Rennels—18<sup>th</sup> ;

EVERY SERMON

Every sermon, no matter the text or subject, must be preached with the awareness that there are sinners listening who do not know Christ, do not know themselves to be ruined in sin, nor do they know that God saves sinners by grace, through God's gift of faith in Christ, altogether by the finished work of Christ alone. Every sermon must be preached with the awareness that the only way sinners, believers or otherwise, are profited, reformed, corrected, and instructed in righteousness, and that by the effectual grace of God, is by preaching Christ and him crucified—absolutely no other way!

Therefore, every sermon must clearly declare who Christ is, why Christ came, what Christ accomplished, where Christ is now and what Christ is doing now. Every verse or passage is best expounded by first, and as quickly as possible, declaring how Christ fulfilled it, how Christ glorified the Father and how Christ accomplished the salvation of the elect thereby. Then, if the verse or passage applies to the believers walk, if God gives a spiritual understanding in the heart, the believer will be comforted that Christ alone has made them the righteousness of God thereby; their flesh will be mortified as they behold how far short they come of heeding the instruction; and they will be given a desire in the inward man to heed the instruction constrained only by the love of Christ for them—our only motive.

Before every sermon is preached it is best to ask oneself, "If I were a lost sinner, after hearing this sermon will I be shut up to the truth that salvation is by God's sovereign grace alone, through God's gift of life and faith in Christ alone, and left with absolutely no room to conclude anything else but that my flesh profits nothing." If so the sermon will declare the one thing needful; if not, it must be discarded for a sermon that does!

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Many would be scholars if they did not think themselves so too soon—Thomas Manton

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"Short prayers are long enough. There were but three words in the petition which Peter gasped out, but they were sufficient for his purpose. Not length but strength is desirable. A sense of need is a mighty teacher of brevity. If our prayers had less of the tail feathers of pride and more wing they would be all the better."—C.H. Spurgeon

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## **CHILD BEARING IN TOUGH TIMES**

### **Exodus 2: 1-10**

While the children of Israel were enslaved in Egypt, Pharaoh sought to prevent them from multiplying by ordering the mid-wives to kill their male babies. (Ex 1: 17, 20; Ex 1: 22) Behind Pharaoh's evil, Satan's purpose was to destroy God's people to prevent the woman's Seed, Christ Jesus, from coming into the earth, glorifying God and saving God's elect. (Gen 3: 15)

Despite Pharaoh's demands, a man named, Levi, and his wife, Jochebed, had three children. God saved these three children from Pharaoh's madness and used all three to redeem Israel out of bondage (Mi 6: 4) In these three children, we see that in all providence, God is ruling all things, even our enemies, to bring to pass his eternal purpose of glorifying his name in the salvation of his people by Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **Miriam**

The first child born to this couple was Miriam. Her name means "bitterness", probably because she was born when Pharaoh made their lives "bitter with hard bondage." After the LORD delivered Israel through the Red Sea, Miriam, being a prophetess, led the women in song, praising God. In Miriam, we see a type of Christ who leads the woman, his bride the church, in singing praises to God, "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee." (Ex 15: 20-21; Heb 2: 11-12) After we

read of Christ bearing the sin and chastisement of his people in Isaiah fifty-three, in verse one of chapter fifty-four it is Christ who says to his bride, "Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the LORD."

### **Aaron**

The second child born to this couple was Aaron. His name means "bringer of light". Aaron was most likely saved by the Hebrew mid-wives, each who had names that relate to "light." During these tough times, defeating Pharaoh's plans, God brought forth this child to be high priest, showing how God defeated all Satan's plans by bringing forth Christ our High Priest, the bringer of Light, who has entered the holies of holies and by one offering has perfected forever all his people, who ever-lives to make intercession for us. (He 2: 17-18; 4: 14-16; 5: 1-5)

### **Moses**

The last child born was Moses. He was born during the time when Pharaoh ordered all his people to cast every male Hebrew child into the river as soon as they were born. (Ex 2: 2) His name means "drawn out" "because I drew him out of the water." (v10) God overruled all things so that Moses was drawn from the river of death to be king and prophet over God's people even as God overruled all things and raised Christ from the grave to the throne of God where our King and Prophet reigns and teaches all his redeemed, invincibly making us willing to follow him. (Psalm 2)

So brethren as you behold the evil desire and schemes of Pharaoh all overruled and defeated by our God who saved these three children to show us these beautiful types of our Prophet, Priest and King, rest assured that we have nothing to fear. Even now in these tough times, God is doing all things well for our good and his glory in the face of Christ Jesus our Lord and Savior.