

POLISHING THE PULPIT

I am grateful for the opportunity given to me by Montrose to spend a week at Polishing the Pulpit. The theme is Refresh.. Renew.. Recharge. You are exhausted by the time you get home, but hopefully with an attitude that God's people can change this world. It is a great week of lessons and fellowship. People from all over the United States and several foreign countries gather to study God's word and to enjoy the fellowship. Let me mention again that PTP is for every member of the Lord's church, not just preachers. The schedule for next year is already set. August 17-23, 2018. They have a weekend (Friday-Sunday) that many people attend with families that have to be back at school on Monday or back to their jobs. I believe they announced that over 4,700 registered this year. Over 3,300 were present for worship at the Convention Center Sunday morning. We heard a tremendous lesson by Dan Winkler on "Didn't Mary Have Cheaper Perfume?" based on Mark 14:3-9. I hope to be able to share that lesson in the near future.

It is important for each of us to continue to study God's word and continue to grow (2 Peter 3:18). We will never reach the point where we know everything and no longer need to do such. The individual who "knows it all" is a dangerous person. There is no short-cut to knowledge of God's will. You must spend time in the Book. *L. Cole*

What Saved Noah? What Saves Us?

The Grace of God

We are told in Genesis 6:8 that "Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." The grace of God activated and validated Noah's salvation. He couldn't have been saved without it. We need to realize that it is by this same grace that we are saved (Ephesians 2:8). It is only due to the fact that God desires us to be saved that we can ever be saved. None of us can go to heaven without it.

Faith

Hebrews 11:7 reveals that "By faith Noah, being divinely warned of things not yet seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark for the saving of his household..." Noah's belief and faith in God motivated him to do what God asked, which led to his salvation. Today also we are saved by faith. We must believe in God and that He can save. Ephesians 2:8 states, "For by grace you have been saved through faith..." (see also 1 Peter 1:3-9).

Obedience

Genesis 6:22 and 7:5 each mention that Noah did exactly as God commanded him concerning the building of the ark, etc. This also led to his salvation. Please note that Noah was not earning his salvation in any way – he was simply meeting the conditions that God set forth. We are also saved by obeying the commandments of the Lord. Hebrews 5:9 mentions that Jesus "became the author of eternal salvation to all who

obey Him.” We must obey God’s gospel plan of salvation to be saved – it defines the conditions He has set forth.

Water

1 Peter 3:20 mentions another aspect of Noah’s salvation: “in which...eight souls were saved through water.” Note that Noah was not saved by water, but through water. The water was the means through which God exercised His saving power. Just as water saved Noah, so baptism now saves us (1 Peter 3:21). Again we must note that we are not earning our salvation by being baptized; water is simply the means God uses to have us imitate Christ’s death so that we can contact His cleansing blood (Romans 6:3-5).

“God...did not spare the ancient world, but saved Noah...” (2 Peter 2:4-5). God saved Noah, and He wants to save you. God is willing to do His part – have you done yours?

- Edd Sterchi, *bulletingold*, 07/17

EVIDENCES THAT WE HAVE LEFT OUR “FIRST LOVE” FOR THE LORD

Revelation 2:4— *“Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou has left thy first love.”*

1. When my delight in the Lord is no longer as great as my delight in someone else, I have left my “first love.”
2. When my soul does not long for times for rich fellowship in God’s Word or in prayer, I have left my “first love.”
3. When my thoughts during leisure moments do not reflect upon the Lord, I have left my “first love.”
4. When I claim to be “only human” and easily give in to those things I know displease the Lord, I have left my “first love.”
5. When I do not willingly and cheerfully give to God’s work or to the needs of others, I have left my “first love.”
6. When I cease to treat every Christian brother as I would the Lord, I have left my “first love.”
7. When I view the commands of Christ as restrictions to my happiness rather than expressions of His love, I have left my “first love.”
8. When I inwardly strive for the acclaim of this world rather than the approval of the Lord, I have left my “first love.”
9. When I fail to make Christ or His Words known because I fear rejection, I have left my “first love.”
10. When I refuse to give up an activity which I know is offending a weaker brother, I have left my “first love.”
11. When I become complacent to sinful conditions around me, I have left my “first love.”

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THOSE PRIVILEGED TO SERVE
WORSHIP—SUNDAY AM
Sept 3, 2017

Coordinator Mitchell Brooks
Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Scripture Reading. 2 Tm. 2:14,15 John Leonard
Song Leader Glen Reece
Opening Prayer. Steve Anderson
Lord's Supper-Preside: Robert Hackett
 Serve: George Clay, Austin Clay,
 Kaleb Bush, Gavin Spurlin
Closing Prayer.....Brian Smith
Greeter— Ted & Vicki Russell
Greeter— Dianna Dillehay & Susanne
Count Offering. Dallas Eddie
 Kaleb Bush
AM Sermon— Rightly Dividing
PM Sermon— In God We Trust

WORSHIP---SUNDAY---6:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader. Glen Reece
Scripture Reading, .Psa. 33:20-22 John Leonard
Opening Prayer George Clay
Lord's Supper Mitchell Brooks
 Dallas Eddie
Closing Prayer Justin Draper

BIBLE STUDY WEDNESDAY---7:00 PM

Announcements Jacky Carver Sr.
Song Leader Glen Reece
First Prayer. Billy Halliburton
Opening Prayer George Clay
Closing Prayer Dallas Eddie

Prepare Communion for **SEPT**
Lesa & Patsy T.

Note: If you are not able to fulfill your assignment listed above, **please notify the coordinator** so that he can find a replacement.

MONTROSE BULLETIN BOARD

NURSING HOME: Opal Agee-Kindred
Pearl Anderson—Knollwood Manor,
Carolyn Clay—Knollwood Manor
Kasel Dillehay—Overton Co. Nursing Home

THOSE ON THE SICK LIST;

W. A. Gibbs, Gladys Bowling,
Jimmie Faye Cole, Sawyer Cole,
Arnold Rich, Sue Buckner,
Opal Green, Idella Spurlin

SYMPATHY to friends of Helen Robinson who passed away Saturday, 08/26. Funeral is Wednesday 08/30 at Sanderson.

OUR RECORD OF LOVE FOR CHRIST

08/27/17

Worship Sunday AM	74
Bible Study Sunday AM	62
Daily Bible Readers	34
Worship Sunday PM	51
Wednesday.	54

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Sept. 2nd.** Women’s Breakfast
- Sept. 3rd.** Elders, Deacons Preacher Meet
- Sept. 24th.** Fellowship Meal
- Sept. 27th.** Prepare Nursing Home Bags

READING SCHEDULE FOR SEPT

- 01 Lam. 1-3
- 02 Lam. 4-5; Ezek. 1-3
- 03 Ezek. 4-6
- 04 Ezek. 7-9
- 05 Ezek. 10-12
- 06 Ezek. 13-15
- 07 Ezek. 16-18
- 08 Ezek. 19-21
- 09 Ezek. 22-26
- 10 Ezek. 27-29
- 11 Ezek. 30-32
- 12 Ezek. 33-35
- 13 Ezek. 36-38
- 14 Ezek. 39-41
- 15 Ezek. 42-44
- 16 Ezek. 45-48
- 17 Dan. 1-3
- 18 Dan. 4-6
- 19 Dan. 7-9

20 Dan. 10-12
21 Hos. 1-4
22 Hos. 5-7
23 Hos. 8-12
24 Hos. 13-14
25 Joel 1-3;
26 Amos 1-4
27 Amos 5-7
28 Amos 8-9 Obed. 1
29 Jonah 1-4
30 Micah 1-4