

Upcoming Events...

Galatians Class: Every Thursday at 1:00 p.m.

Barnabas Group Meeting: March 27

Business Meeting: next Sunday, April 8 at 4:30 p.m.

Ladies Bible Class: Sunday, April 15

“Think on these Things”

“Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things. The things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.”

Philippians 4:8-9 (NASB)

April Birthdays

1 Daniel McKnight 11 Dolly Cashion 23 Shannon Hudson
3 Amanda Hoffman 16 Alana Hudson 26 Stori Rose Hoffman
6 Susan Hudson 17 Belva Meanor

April Anniversaries

19 Bill & Kena Brown

Regular Meeting Times

Sunday.....9:45 a.m.
Sunday.....10:45 a.m.
Sunday.....6:00 p.m.
Wednesday.....7:00 p.m.

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Think on These Things

By Pat Phelps

"The mind is its own place," says Milton, "and in itself can make heaven of hell or a hell of heaven." The man in jail thought himself there. He was mentally a thief, or a thug, or a murderer first.

The lawyer is made by thinking law. The artist is made by thinking art. The same is true of the musician the scientist, the physician, or the teacher. Of course, there are other things that help the process along, but no specialist is made without thinking his specialty. So the Christian is made by thinking in terms of Christ. *"Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 2:5)

Whatsoever things are true-think on these things. Why? Because that is the only way to be true! Whatsoever things are honest-think on these things. Why? Because this leads to honest actions! Whatsoever things are just, or pure, lovely or of good report, think on these things. Why? By so thinking, they become a part of our character.

"As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he," says the inspired writer (Proverbs 23:7). The things we are thinking today are determining what we will be tomorrow. An old adage admonished, "Sow a thought, reap an act; sow an act, reap a habit; sow a habit, reap a character; sow a character, reap a destiny." It is evident that our thoughts are determining our immediate and our ultimate destiny. The pure, the upright, the noble, the courageous and the Christ-like are not that way by chance. They are like they are because they think as God would have them think.

Building Upon the Rock Foundation

(Matthew 7:24-27)

By Mel Martin

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus relates a lesson about two houses, which for all practical purposes are the same. The point of difference in Jesus' lesson is not found in the house or the elements that beat upon the house, but in what happened to the houses and why.

What is the house? The house is what constitutes the life of man. It is man's morals, heart, ambitions, seat of reason and conviction, and all that constitutes the life of man. As we build our house, our life may not seem all that much different from that of our neighbors, for both the joys and the sorrows of life fall upon the just and the unjust (Matthew 5:45). Both the wise and the foolish must deal with the natural affairs of the world. Because of this, we might reason that we are no different from the pagan. Yet, if our house is built upon the rock, we will find that when the rain descends, and the floods come, and the winds beat upon our house, it will stand.

The fool is he who does not discern that the sand, though presently peaceful, is not a permanent and sure foundation of life. To be wise, we must build our life upon the sure and solid foundation of Jesus. What does it mean to build our house upon the rock? Jesus begins this parable by saying, *"Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock."* Building our house upon the rock, then, means hearing and doing the will of God. It is obedience. Obedience is doing WHAT God says. Obedience is doing ONLY what God says. Obedience is doing ONLY what God says and ONLY in the way God says to do it. Obedience is doing ALL that God says.

Grace

Author Unknown

*The mistakes of my life have been many,
The sins of my heart are more,
And I scarce can see for weeping;
But I know at the open door.*

*I am lowest of those who love Him;
I am weakest of those who pray;
But I come as He has bidden,
And He will not say me nay.*

*My mistakes His free grace will cover;
My sins He will wash away,
And the feet that shrink and falter
Shall walk through the gates of day.*

President Garfield's Appointment

Author Unknown

James A. Garfield was a gospel preacher, Civil War general, Congressman, Senator, and President of the United States. History will never be able to judge what kind of leader he might have been because he was shot by a crazed office seeker and died after only six months in office. However, the following story might be the standard one should use in judging his conduct as President.

Early one Sunday morning, a group of party leaders came by the White House to see him and discuss a bill they thought should be passed by Congress. They were surprised when President Garfield said he had a very important appointment and would talk to them later that afternoon.

"But Mr. President," one man asked, "What could be more important than this?" Garfield arose and walked to the door, turned to look at the party leaders, and said, "Gentlemen, I have an appointment at the Lord's table." He then left with Mrs. Garfield and went to a Sunday morning worship service.