

Upcoming Events

Meet Up Open Bible Study:

For study subject and location: see church website

Thanks to our Speaker Today

Alexis Brown

Importance of the Word of God

“All Scripture is inspired by God and beneficial for teaching, for rebuke, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be fully capable, equipped for every good work.” 2 Timothy 3:16-17

January Birthdays

14 Juanita Small

January Anniversaries

8 Bob & Debbie Pescador

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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God Is Just & Impartial

Mike Johnson

The Bible teaches that God is impartial. Psalm 89:14 says, *“Righteousness and justice are the foundation of Your throne; Mercy and truth go before Your face.”* In Acts 10:34, Peter told Cornelius, *“...In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality.”* Those who make decisions today may not always be impartial. In a court of law, for example, justice does not always prevail, and partialities sometimes exist. A guilty person can be set free, and an innocent person can go to jail. Even in sporting events, an official may not always make the right call. God, in contrast, is always fair and impartial, and we know His decisions are always correct.

Consider various ways we can see God fairness:

- 1. There is one Savior for everyone.** In John 14:6, Jesus said, *“...I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.”* No one, no matter how religious or moral, can expect salvation except through Jesus Christ.
- 2. There is one plan of salvation.** There is not one plan of salvation for one person and a different way of salvation for someone else; eternal life will be on the same terms. We all must believe (John 3:16), repent (Acts 17:30-31), confess Christ (Romans 10:10), and be baptized (Acts 2:38), and then we must remain faithful (Revelation 2:10).
- 3. Everyone must face the Judgment.** 2 Corinthians 5:10 says, *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that*

each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.”

4. **God desires the salvation of all.** 2 Peter 3:9 says God is “*not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.*”

5. **There is one authority over all.** The rule is the “doctrine of Christ.” 2 John 9 says, “*Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.*”

6. **Only one standard of judgment exists.** Romans 2:16 says that God will judge us by Jesus Christ according to the gospel. We also know that God will render judgment according to the deeds of each person (Romans 2:6).

God is truly fair and impartial, and for that, we can be thankful!

7 Wonders of the World by a Child

Damien Thomas

Some young children were asked by their teacher to list what they thought were the present “Seven Wonders of the World.” Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

1. Egypt’s Great Pyramids 2. Taj Mahal 3. Grand Canyon 4. Panama Canal 5. Empire State Building 6. St. Peter’s Basilica 7. China’s Great Wall

While gathering the votes, the teacher noticed that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied, “Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there were so many.”

The teacher said, “Well, tell us what you have, and maybe we can help.” The girl hesitated, then read, “I think the ‘Seven Wonders of the World’ are: 1. To See 2. To Hear 3. To Touch 4. To Taste 5. To Feel 6. To Laugh 7. And to Love.

The room went so quiet that you could have heard a pin drop.

The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wonderful!

I think that this story is a great reminder — that the most precious things in life cannot be built by hand or bought by man.

We very often forget how lucky and fortunate we really are. We don’t have to travel to exotic locations around the world to experience the real wonders of the world, we are each blessed with the real wonders of the world.

Treasure in an Old Jar

By David Bragg

A condemned house filled with junk in St. Cloud, FL was being demolished in April 2014. Clearing the debris, they realized that the crumbling chimney was in danger of collapsing. That's when a worker heard a metallic sound. The ensuing investigation quickly turned into a hectic treasure hunt as jar after jar stuffed with old coins were pulled from the rickety chimney. In the end they had recovered over 2,000 coins that had been stored for decades in old glass pickle jars. The oldest of the coins dated back to 1917 (Orlando Sentinel).

Who would have thought that an old, dilapidated house, an unstable chimney, and dusty glass pickle jars would contain anything of value? That’s how many look at the Bible.

To many people today, some who may have never opened the cover to look inside, the Bible is an old, outdated book that has nothing to contribute to our modern, enlightened society. They see God's Word as out-of-touch as those who believe it. They fail to realize that the Bible is just as relevant today as it was on the day it was written. The Bible is ... Eternal (Isaiah 40:8); Truth (John 17:1); Saves (1 Corinthians 15:2); Inspired (2 Timothy 3:15-17); Living and powerful (Hebrews 4:12); Implanted in the heart (James 1:21); Enduring (1 Peter 1:22-2:3).

We may never find an old chimney filled with a pickle jar treasure trove, but we can hold in our hand God's inspired and saving Word. By reading it we will be blessed. By living it we will become better. By following it we will be saved.