# Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ

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Wednesday Bible Study: ZOOM Study with Steve Robertson @ 6:30PM

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Sunday AM Services Streaming @ 9:30AM.
Sunday Evening message "Great Or Less" @ 6:00 PM.

(click on YouTube link below to follow)

NORTHFIELD CHURCH OF CHRIST

- Please observe good distancing inside the building & sit only in designated pews.
- MASKS ARE MANDATORY AT ALL TIMES!
- If you feel that you are at high risk or are feeling ill, please stay home.

# WE BELIEVE WE MUST...

Hear- the Word of God (Romans 10:17)

Believe- that Jesus is the Son of God (Mark 16:16)

Repent- of our sins (Acts 2:38)

Confess- Jesus as the Son of God (Acts 8:37)

**Be Immersed-** in water for the remission of sins & to be added to the church (Acts 2:38, 41, 47)

Live Faithfully- by the teachings of the Bible (Luke 9:23).

# The Election Is Over—Now What?

Is it possible that we have lost focus in the midst of all the political turmoil seen in the last election? Can you recall a time when so many people felt so strongly about the choice of a new president and the direction each of them would take our nation? Social media has reflected the division in a land envisioned as being "one nation under God, indivisible…"

Is it possible that we have forgotten that "our citizenship is in heaven" (Phil. 3:20)? Those Old Testament saints understood this. Abraham left the luxury of an easy life in the city of Ur, and he and his family spent the rest of their lives in tents. By faith they saw the promises of God were in the future and "...embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth" (Heb. 11:13). "They desire a better, that is a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them" (Heb. 11:16). Is it possible that we have lost sight of this fundamental truth and that God is ashamed to be called our God? We must never forget our true citizenship.

Paul says that we are soldiers of the cross and our lives demand that "we must endure hardship" (2 Tim. 2:3). He then describes the focus every Christian must have. "No one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please Him who enlisted him as a soldier." Has the turmoil in our lives caused us to get entangled with worldly affairs?

How many Christians are there whose lives have centered on the election? Let me ask you a simple queston. Have your posts on social media and conversations with others talked more of the affairs of this world than on the souls of the lost? Are you still seeing souls rather than the political ideas they hold? Are you the one who has lost focus?

So, what do we need to do about all that is happening? Hear the words of Paul again about that which is *first of all* in these matters. "I exhort first of all that supplication, prayers, intercession and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority" (1 Tim. 2:1-2). Remember who the king was Paul had in mind—it was *Nero Caesar*!

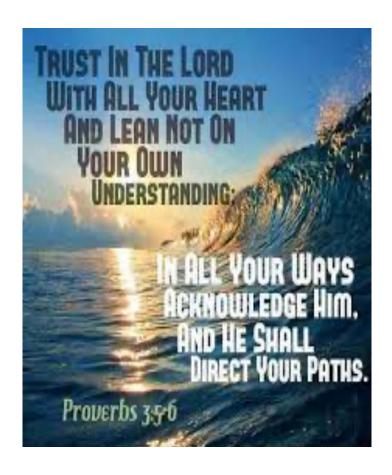
What should we pray about? "That we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Tim. 2:3). It makes no difference who won the election, we must pray for those in Washington—of both parties.

The next verse sums it all up. God "...desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." (1 Tim. 2:4)

This is heaven's focus on the world, and it must be ours. The destiny of our nation does not lie in converting others to our political persuasion, but in *converting them to Christ!* 

**January 24, 2021 Article**By Dan Jenkins





#### **SERVING TODAY**

Song Leader: Bro Lee Christensen

Announcements/YouTube: Bro Mike Walsh

**Opening Prayer:** Bro Derek Miller **Communion:** Bro Russell Weems

Sermon: Bro Bill Wills

Closing Prayer: Bro Bart Diguglielmo

#### **WORSHIP ORDER**

Call to Worship Announcements Opening Prayer

Hymn

**Lords Super (Santa Cena)** 

Hymn

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:1-7

Sermon Lesson: "What does Jesus Want from

US?

**Invitational Hymn** 

Hymn

**Closing Prayer** 

# CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

- Live streaming of our Sunday morning service is at 9:30 AM each Lord's Day and evening service is on You Tube at 6:00 PM. ZOOM Bible class is 6:30 PM each Wednesday evening. Everyone is invited to join in the word GOD.
- If you would like to receive a daily devotional via email each morning, contact Mark or Lee.
- The Food Bank is still functioning and you can bring in non-perishable items to keep it stocked.

# A Better Way

(Seek Christ, Know Peace)
By Allen Jones January 21, 2021 SGSCOC

It is not news to anyone that our world and country are dealing with conflict in all facets of life. All of our senses are being inundated with calls for confrontation instead of pleas for peace. As a whole, our thought process has become skewed when it comes to dealing with things we do not understand or do not agree with. The world is in need of true rest and a Shepherd. Leading up to The Sermon On The Mount, we see Jesus proclaiming His message. He is teaching truth, healing physical, emotional, and spiritual infirmities. Jesus' combined ministry met people's physical needs while transforming their heart.

Matthew 5:1-12 begins with Jesus opening His mouth and teaching the keys to true success with an eternal focus.

And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain, and when He was seated His disciples came to Him. Then He opened His mouth and taught them, saying:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn.

For they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,

For they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness,

For they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,

For they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,

For they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,

For they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, For theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

As we follow Christ, may we look at His example, draw those around us to reconciliation and not rebellion. In all our ways, may it be said when we seek Christ, we know peace. A better way exists. Christ is leading the way, may we follow!

# AMEN!

# THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Search your heart and ask yourself how you really feel about your neighbor or the person you see on Sunday mornings. Do you smile in their face and talk behind their back? Have you been around them for so long that what they do or say is okay? Do you look at your neighbor as yourself? (MATTHEW 22:35-40 and ACTS 10:34). What will you say to GOD when you face him at the judgment? Because we all look different, come from different places and experience different things, we all want the same as TRUE Christians!!!

# **SCRIPTURES OF THE WEEK**

## Ephesians 5:8

For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord; walk as children of Light.

#### Matthew 5:13-14

(13) Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt has lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? It is henceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men (14) Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

#### **PREACHERS CORNER**

Due to the COVID pandemic, Jane and I will not be in attendance at the morning service, but will attending virtually via the livestream. Please keep all of those who have been affected, either directly or non-directly by this 10 month ordeal. It has certainly a test of our patience, resilience, and faith, but we look forward to better days ahead, and the assurance that the Lord continues to guide our way. Despite the altering of our everyday activities, prayer, Bible reading and being helpful to each other should not be hindered. The Wednesday night ZOOM class on Ezekiel started well and looks to be both interesting and fruitful. The lesson of the Sunday evening worship via You Tube will be "Great Or Less."

...Love...mark...Phil.4:11

HAPPY JANUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES



# PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO WERE NOT MENTIONED IN THE BULLETIN OR WHO YOU MAY KNOW WHO NEED PRAYERS!!!

#### **OUR MEMBERS:**

Jared and Natalie as they continue to recover from COVID

## **FRIENDS & RELATIVES**:

- Pat & Lee's friend Sue who's mother passed away early Saturday morning.
- Allan Crabb has been diagnosed with pneumonia. He is in Mainland hospital.
- Keep Mark and Jane's friend Pat in your prayers.
- Jane's sister (Marty) and her husband (Charley) as they continue to recover from Covid-19.
- Keep MJ's friend Pat in your prayers.
- Bill's (B-I-L) Bruce has a spot on his lungs it might be cancer.
- Melida's oldest son and his family contracted the virus along with her brother's family.

### **CONGREGATION CONTINUAL PRAYERS:**

- Zambia (Continued Relief)
- Cape May Courthouse Church of Christ
- D.R.- Ministry (Growth)
- · El Salvador Church of Christ

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