

Shore Lines of the Northfield Church of Christ

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All Services Streaming/Available on YouTube

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Sunday Morning Bible Study @ 9:30AM

(Auditorium only)

Sunday Morning Worship Service @ 10:30AM

Sunday Evening Service @ 6:00PM

(YouTube Only!)

-Evening lesson is entitled "HUMILITY"

Wednesday Bible study @ 7:00PM via ZOOM!

(No In person study at this time!!!)

(Need to request Zoom meeting info from Steve Robertson)

If You Are High Risk or Feeling ill, PLEASE STAY AT HOME!
We are not requiring mask due to the mandate being lifted!

The Blame Game: Stop Blaming Others

When I was growing up my parents forced me to take responsibility for my actions. Yes, occasionally I tried to blame my two older brothers—but at the end of the day I was forced to look in the mirror and admit I was the one at fault.



Who is to blame?

It was my fault the dogs had not been fed. It was my fault the refrigerator door was left open. It was my fault the grass had not been cut. It was under their roof that I learned the importance of “*owning*” my mistakes and errors.

Lately, it feels like I’m surrounded by individuals who missed that life lesson. It seems that everything is everyone else’s fault. Even when someone makes a blatant mistake on their own, it is still the fault of someone else.

I fear this lack of responsibility has been fed by parents who defend their children no matter what the situation. Because of course their precious little angel could never do anything wrong. Yes, they hit the boy at school, but really it was the little boy’s fault—and besides, that little boy had it coming. In fact, the only reason their precious little angel got in trouble was because of that mean teacher that doesn’t really like their child. You know, the

teacher that really shouldn’t be teaching because of the way he or she talks to the students. (Insert eye roll here.)

Parents, you are not doing your child any favors by covering for them or making excuses for them every time they make a mistake. What you are doing is creating a human who believes their bad behaviors are everyone else’s fault – which may be why so many of our modern-day children struggle with the concept of sin.

Deep down they don’t believe they need to repent for anything, because after all, it’s everyone else’s fault. In fact, they are not totally convinced they need the blood of Jesus, because they are pretty good people on their own. Think about what happens when this mindset moves into the workplace or a future marriage. It doesn’t take long for disaster to strike.

I am so thankful Jesus Christ did not do what so many are doing today. Instead of blaming everyone else (something He had every right to do), He freely went to the cross and gave His life.

Young people, it’s time to stop blaming others and own up to your mistakes and faults. No, you are not perfect. And yes, you need to learn to say (and mean) the words, “I’m sorry.” Otherwise, your walk with the Lord is going to be a challenge.

Posted by [Brad Harrub](#)

SERVING TODAY

Song Leader: *Bro Lee Christensen*

Announcements: *Bro Mike Walsh*

Opening Prayer: *Bro Bill Wills*

Communion: *Bro Ron Clevenger*

Sermon: *Bro Mark Seim*

Closing Prayer: *Bro Bart Diguglielmo*

Worship Order

Call to Worship (*Himno*)

Announcements

Opening Prayer (*Oracion*)

Hymn (*Himno*)

Lord's Supper (*Santa Cena*)

Hymn (*Himno*)

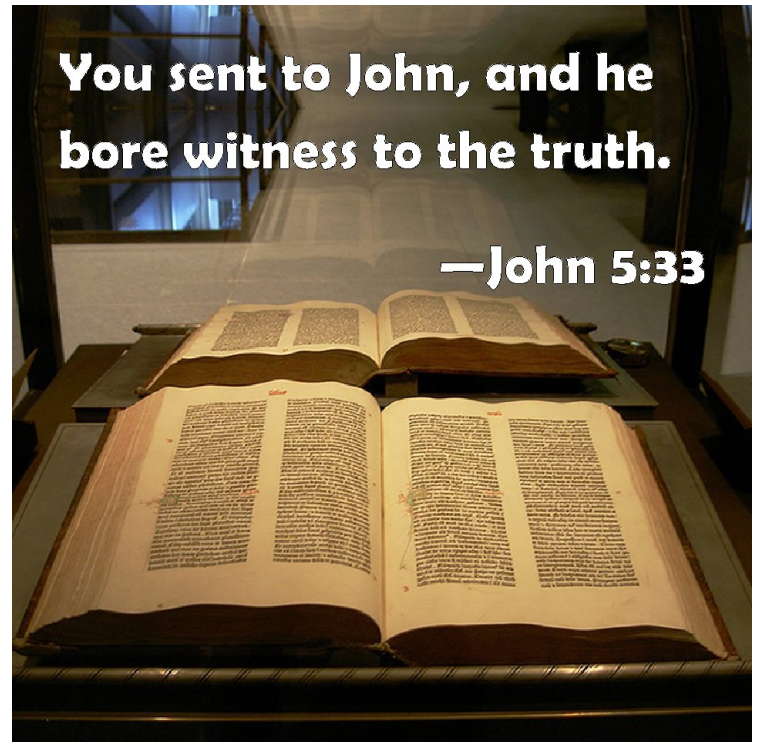
Reading- *John 5:33-37*

Sermon- TYMB...*The Father's Testimony Through Signs*

Invitational Hymn (*Himno*)

Closing Hymn (*Himno*)

Closing Prayer (*Oracion*)



CONGREGATIONAL NOTES

• **Sunday AM Adult Bible Class**

- 🕒 Bill Wills leading Sunday AM Bible Study; "*The Simon Peter Principles*" by Keith Hodges.

• **Wednesday Bible Class**

- 🕒 Steve Robertson is leading a study in the book of Acts **VIA ZOOM**.
- 🕒 *You need to request meeting invite from Steve.*
- Food Bank is open and available to those in need. Please bring in non-perishable items to help keep it stocked.
- There is a portable clothing rack in the kitchen area in which you can bring in clothing you wish to share.



THE BIBLE TELLS US THAT 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 our sins to be added to the church (*Acts 2:38, 41, 47*)

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

That You Might Believe...

The Father's Testimony Through Signs

John 5:33-37

INTRODUCTION. Last week we considered human testimony such as that from John the Baptist, the early disciples, Peter and the others who believed. We even examined the testimony of those who didn't believe. Jesus Himself did not depend on human testimony alone as evidence of His claims. As we will see this morning, Jesus encouraged people to consider the **FATHER' testimony** as evidence of the work He did. We will also note and define the purpose of signs Jesus did to substantiate the claims He made.

I. The Purpose of Signs

(A) What Is a Sign

(B) The Purpose of Signs

(1) John 5:36, 20:30, 21:25

II. The Seven Signs Recorded in John' Gospel

(A) Turning Water into Wine

(1) John 2:1-11, John 1:3

(B) The Healing of the Nobleman' Son

(1) John 4:46-54, 8:34-36

(C) The Healing of the Lame Man

(1) John 5:1-9, 17-21

(D) The Feeding of the 5,000

(1) John 6:1-14; 35

(E) Walking on the Water

(1) John 6:16-21, 1:3

(F) The Healing of the Blind Man

(1) John 9:1-12, 8:12

(G) Raising Lazarus from the Dead

(1) John 11:39-44, 11:25

III. The Testimony by Witness of the Signs

(A) Nicodemus

(1) John 3:2

(B) The Multitude

(1) John 7:31

(C) His Enemies

(1) John 11:47

CONCLUSION: John stated his purpose in recording these "signs" of Jesus, including the one in which He showed Himself alive to Thomas. The reason for this is that we might believe in Jesus as the Son of God and have a life in His name. Jesus explained to us that the signs served as a testimony from the Father (John 5:36), that the Father sent Him and that He is everything He claimed to be. It is great to have this testimony through the signs He performed to bolster our faith.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

MAY THE LIFE I LIVE SPEAK FOR ME!!! Sit and think about that for a while as you go through your day. Does it trigger anything in your head? What does your daily life look like when you see someone needing help (Luke 10:25-37), when someone needed/needs something to eat (Matthew 25:31-40), when someone needs a kind word or just be someone they can lean on? Since when as a Christian or non-Christian you don't care about someone and how they are doing? Give someone a smile that may change their whole day. People know when you are genuine in how you treat them, so be careful because how you treat someone can come back to bite you or someone you care for in the worst way. Don't look someone in the face and turn around and betray them. Look what happened to Judas, he walked with Jesus, then betrayed him. Judas' fate (Acts 1:18-19). Love life, love all people despite how they treat you (Matthew 22:36-40). When you are on your death bed will people say your life spoke the words Jesus commanded us?



Preacher's Corner!

Javier and his family contracted Covid-19 this past week. Javier had the most serious case and as of now they are all at home, but still not feeling well. Our neighbor Dalene White is now at home recovering from a broken radius and ulna. After more observation, she may have to have reconstructive surgery. Let's keep all these folks in our prayers. Our Wednesday night Bible class will return to ZOOM until the Covid-19 settles down (INDETERMINATE). The Sunday evening sermon at 6PM via YOUTUBE will be on "HUMILITY". Let's be more careful during these trying times.

Mark

I talked with Javier on Friday and he is back in the hospital being treated for Covid.

Lee

PRAYER REQUESTS

CONTINUAL PRAYERS FOR HEALTH

- Javier, Miranda, & their family due to COVID-19.
- Terry Clevenger with health issue.
- Elsie Thompson (mental/emotional/spiritual strength) .
- Melida Arbaiza for better health.
- All our church family near and far who are suffering due to this pandemic.



FRIENDS and RELATIVES

- Debbie Shurig' sister Donna passed away on Thursday due to a car accident.
- Ron's mother & son Seth.
- Terri and Ron's neighbor (Rose & her daughter).
- Aimie's sisters' first pregnancy, her friend Tazz who has been diagnosed with liver cancer, for her mom to get peace, love, joy & forgiveness, & her friend Beatrice who is not doing well.
- Melida' friend Rosa is requesting prayers.

CONTINUAL CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

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

NEW JERSEY [COVID-19 Information Hub Link](#)