

His Blessings Are Eternally Satisfying

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This Sunday I will partake of the Lord's Supper for the 3,819th time. I vividly remember the first time I sat at His table and meditated on all that Jesus had done for me. I have never tired of that time of meditation, and communion is even more moving now than it was that first time. There are some things that we must never count as ordinary and outdated. Consider these timeless, eternal truths that are part of our soul.

The worship of God must never grow old. I made a decision more than seventy years ago, and I never have to decide if I will worship God every Sunday. How can we not worship the one "in whom we live and move and have our being" (**Acts 17:28**)? Daniel reminded King Nebuchadnezzar that it is "God who holds your breath in His hand and owns all of you" (**Dan. 5:23**). It is Jehovah God who is responsible for every good and perfect gift that comes to us (**Jas. 1:17**). As long as I remember these truths, how could worshipping Him ever grow old!

Singing must never grow old. When we properly understand how God views our singing, we will understand this truth. Singing is not properly sounding "Do-Re-Mi" at the proper pitch. Singing is not focused on making sure we noticed whether a note gets a full beat or two beats. God says nothing about the quality of the vocal aspects of singing. He is concerned about the melody coming from our hearts, not the melody coming from our vocal cords (**Eph. 5:19**). The prophet Isaiah describes the hearts of those who truly worship God. "The ransomed of the Lord shall...come to Zion with singing, with everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness; sorrow and sighing shall flee away" (**Isa. 51:11**).

Listening to the proclamation of God's words should never grow old. I remember as a younger preacher how Franklin Camp listened to my preaching. He had at that time studied the Bible for six hours each day for the previous forty years. What could a young preacher like me say that he had never spent hours studying? Yet he listened to the truths I was talking about like it was the first time he had ever heard it. I preached for years with him in the audience. It was not my preaching that brought it about! He was one who hungered and thirsted to know all he could about righteousness. It was not my words, but His words that filled this older man's desire to know God's will.

Now think about it. What is there in a Christian's life that should ever grow old? This world has nothing to be compared to what God has given us that never grows old. Let me urge you to think soberly about the thoughts in this article. Let us never grow tired of all our God has given us!



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All the Churches of Christ greet you.

Romans 16:16

WELCOME!

Sunday

Bible Class- 9:30 a.m.

Worship- 10:30 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study-6:30 p.m. on Zoom

Today's Sermon: Favorable Year of the LORD

Scripture Reading: Luke 4:14-21

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / UPCOMING EVENTS...

- ❖ **Wednesday Evening Bible Class:** 6:30pm December 13, on Zoom, Arthur will resume the study from G.R.O.W. We will be in the 8th chapter on O (obey).
- ❖ **Ladies' Class** –Tuesday, December 19. We will complete our study of Micah. **There will be no class on the 26th because of the holidays.** We will resume on January 2.
- ❖ **Next Potluck & Bring-a-Friend Sunday** – January 21.
- ❖ **Next 5th Sunday Singing-** March 31 at Horseheads.



Steve Burger, Miki's friend and former neighbor, who we have been praying for since he was diagnosed with lung cancer, passed away on Wednesday from his illness. Please pray for Steve's wife Judy and for their two daughters and families for peace and comfort.

Sandy McFarland of Ithaca, NY, Dawn Cowles' older sister, passed away Friday evening at home. Sandy was 73 years old and leaves her two daughters Roberta and Lisa and their families. Please pray for comfort for the family and especially for Dawn, who is also dealing with breast cancer at this time, to be strengthened.

We have invited the neighbors to our potluck today! Please plan to stay for this special time of fellowship and sing carols with us too. We have much to celebrate!

PRAYERS

- **Please pray for Steve's brother Brian** who has prostate cancer. **Also, Steve's sister Deb, who has leukemia and has recently also been diagnosed with breast cancer.**
- Pray for **Darlene** as she seeks treatment for the pain in her throat and esophagus. Also pray for her and Doug as they sojourn in FL over the winter.
- **Dawn Cowles-** breast cancer- Pray for her surgery, which will hopefully take place in the new year, and chemo and possibly radiation following that.

Continue to pray for these people:

- **Monique (Miki's friend)-** gradual withdrawal from morphine pain killer
- **Dennis (Miki's brother-in-law in CA)-** stroke
- **Bonnie's brother Greg** upcoming hernia surgery.
- **Pat Gutherie-**he has lung cancer, stage 4, and his wife Robin.
- **Paulette-** Pain coming from her spine and affecting her hip and leg. Pray that this will improve with time.
- **Mike Walls**, frontal lobe dementia, and his wife Carrie
- **Sue Barry-** stage 4 breast cancer. (currently in remission)
- **Brian (Steve and Amy's neighbor's b-i-l)**, who was injured by a falling log and is in a rehab center near Albany.
- **Jim Sexton-** on Hospice care for esophageal cancer, and his wife Debbie.

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