



“And this is the commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.” 1 John 4: 21

Sunday – May 28, 2017

Heart to Heart...

We are coming quickly upon our summer series “*Faith – Gaining God’s Approval*” which begins on Wednesday, June 7. I hope you are prayerful for this series and your heart of faith is preparing to gain insight. If I may kindly say, our desire and want, or our lack of want, to gain in study of God’s word reveals much about our spiritual condition and drive. To live by faith is the driving force in our life to reach upward knowing our time on this earth is short. We need to strive for the spiritual as it is eternal.

Here is how our class will work this summer. We will meet in the auditorium as normal at 7:00 PM. We will sing two songs of praise to our God and dismiss the children to go to class. The adult class will remain in the auditorium. Teachers of the younger children need to know they will have a little more time for their classes as we will give those speaking ample time to share with us their study to help us grow. If you haven’t picked up the schedule, please do so on the foyer round table. Each lesson will be recorded.

One of the things that has already been mentioned to me is why I am not speaking. I allowed each one to fill in their time and I planned to take the dates that were left. There were no dates left! But you do hear me enough and this will give you an opportunity to hear from the heart and faith of others. Each week before one of the speakers arrives, I will put a brief bio of them in the bulletin to help you know them a little better and we won’t take up any of their time by having to introduce them.

I want to encourage each of us to grow in our devotion to the Lord. Too many times our love for the Lord gets side-tracked by the things in the world or we are too tired after a long day. Did you know that your physical wellbeing is tied to your spiritual side? That’s why Jesus would often slip off to pray all night. That’s why we are told that we need to be renewed in the spirit of our mind. That is why study and worship is so vital! It’s easy to develop a habit of not assembling for study or worship. Once we were actively moving and we slip a little here and there until we just stop coming. What caused you to change? We need to answer that. As we move through life and our desire for the better spiritual things dwindles, we will slowly lose something spiritual and there is the possibility it can’t be regained. One day you discover there is no fire burning! There is a daily battle in the spiritual world for your soul and you are the only one that can attend to it. We need to honestly assess our hearts before the Lord.

Pray for the church. Pray for our elders. Pray for our deacons. Pray for our preachers. Pray for our classes and teachers. Pray, pray, pray! May the Lord bless each of you as we continue our march to an eternal home. Think about it!!!

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