

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
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Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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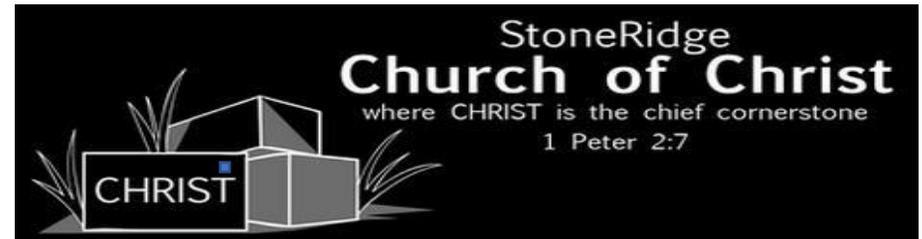
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Truth and Tragedy

Tragic happenings have a way of waking us up.

A terrorist attack reminds us to place our security in the Lord and not in the devices and achievements of men.

A sudden death of someone we love reminds us that eternity is not far from any of us and we should make the most of every day.

A sudden death of a child reminds us to cherish our own children.

A marital breakup reminds us not to take our own relationships for granted.

A lost job makes us appreciate a job we took for granted or complained about.

It would be nice if we never needed these "wake-up calls", but unfortunately, we do. These painful times sometimes seem like the only way God can get our attention. C.S. Lewis referred to pain as God's megaphone.

This last year has been filled with tragedy. Loved ones died. Christians argued over what to do about meeting in person. Churches lost their own. People drifted apart. Makes one wonder if the masks we wore during this pandemic revealed the masks we wore of devotion and intimacy.

As "normalcy" returns, let's not get back to normal. Ask the following questions:

What worked during this last year? Why?

What didn't work during this last year? Why?

Do we need to rekindle the fire?

How can we not take for granted any more people? Why did we beforehand?

How can we not take for granted any more assembling together? How did that happen that we got stale?

Who do we need to reach out to?

How can we spend more time together to build stronger bonds?

Add your own questions please and answers.

The cross was a tragedy that turned into a blessing because God was behind it all (Acts 2:22-24). This reversal of pain into gain resulted in God's people doing ... yes, that is how I want to say it. They were "doing" because they were "being" transformed from their own tragedies into God's "workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works" (Eph.2:10). -Perry Hall

Three Reasons Suicide Fails

Here are a few reasons why suicide is never the answer:

1. Suicide cannot undo what we did in the past.
 - But repentance can undo our guilt.
 2. Suicide doesn't provide a solution for the problem(s) we have.
 - But understanding that God and others love us does.
 3. Suicide creates a false impression that my issues are more important than me.
 - But godly people are waiting, hoping, and wanting to help with any issues.
- In each of these Jesus is the solution.

If you are suffering from a mental illness, psychiatric experts have discovered that something more than just medication helps. In fact, coupled with (if needed), but more powerful and therapeutic than medication, is realizing mental issues often come from "unresolved issues". Who can help give you the strength to resolve both inner and outer conflicts? Again, the answer is Jesus. What scripture would I supply for proof? Read the gospels and see Jesus, maybe for the first time, as the solution for your life.

Faith is not about everything turning out okay. Faith is about being okay no matter now things turn out.

There may be a wrong way to do the right thing, but there is never a right way to do the wrong thing.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK**Madonna Vines** is now at home recovering from heart surgery... **Joyce Riley** is the have open-heart surgery on November 5. She is scheduled for 5 bypasses at St. Bernard Hospital. **Editha Kern** is now at Encompass Rehab and will be there a few more days. **Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... Remember our shutins: **Gail Brooks** at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice car)...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home...**Editha Kern** at Liberty Park Assisted Living... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.

GROUP MEETING. Group 2 will meet on November 13 at 5:30 pm at the home of Scott and Sandra Stubblefield.

What Do You Put First?

“But seek you first the kingdom of God and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

WHAT DO YOU PUT FIRST? IS IT **GOD** OR . . .

	FAMILY	PLEASURE
	FRIENDS	WORLDLY ORGANIZATIONS
	BUSINESS	POLITICAL PARTY
	EDUCATION	COUNTRY
	ACCUMULATION OF WEALTH	EASE AND CONVENIENCE

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Live your life so that you are an example and not a warning.



Jesus said that you must confess him before men in order to be saved. “Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven” (Matt 10:32,33).

Is this a contradiction? Not a contradiction. It just means both faith and confession are essential.

Jesus said that you must repent of your sins in order to be saved. “I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Lk 13:3).

Jesus said that you must be baptized in order to be saved. “Verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (Jn 3:5).

What Jesus Said

Jesus said that you must believe on him in order to be saved. “I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins” (John 8:24).

Are any of these contradictory? No, the same Jesus said all of them are essential. We surely wouldn't accuse the Savior of the world of contradiction. If he would have added the word “only” or

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“alone” to any of them, then we would have a contradiction, because that would have only required that

***one thing and would forbid adding anything to it. A hint:
Jesus knew what he was doing!***

Jesus instructed his apostles saying, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved. He that believeth not shall be damned" (Mk 16:15,16). Are you saved? The way He said to do it? Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing blood? Are you a disciple of Jesus?

You can be! -db

You must give some time to your fellow men. Even if it's a little thing, do something for those who have need of help, something for which you get no pay but the privilege of doing it." Albert Schweitzer