



Announcements



Our Next 'Pillar' Event:



Variety Show Talent Night

Friday, February 9th ~ 6:30pm

You're invited to join us for this evening of great laughs – and even some real talent! Popcorn, Candy, Prizes – and fun for the whole family.



Weekly Events:



- The Gathering (Teens): Every Friday @ 6-8pm



- Adult Bible Study: Every Sunday @ 9:30am
Current series: "More Than A Name"



- Wednesday Service @ 7-8pm
+ 'The Den' (age 6-12) and 'Catalyst' (teens)



Coming Up Soon:

1/31 – Missionary Guests: The Skavdahls to Gabon, Africa
This Wednesday at 7pm! Join us in-person or live-stream

2/01 - Encouragement Ministry Meeting (Thursday, 6:30pm)
at Shinskie's home: 13609 E. Broadway, 99216

2/03 – Men's Breakfast (9:00am) and Ladies' Lunch (11:30am)
in the Connection building

2/10 – Robin Ring's Baby Shower (Saturday, 2:00pm)
Ladies, you're all invited! Hosted in the Connection Building



Vision Sunday - Sermon Notes



Vision for 2024

~ Ephesians 4:1-16 ~

The Text: Ephesians 4:1-16 – What's At Our Core?

4:1 – The Deep Urgency of a _____ Walk with Jesus.

"vocation" = klēsis = a calling, invitation, (especially to Salvation)

1 John 3:1 – "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God..."

4:2-3 – We're all _____ people... but we _____ each other!

"The church isn't a club for saints... it's a hospital for sinners!"

Staying a genuine church family will require serious effort!

Humility, Meekness (self control), Longsuffering, and Endeavoring!

4:4-6 – Our Unity must be around _____

"We can't just be united because we want to be united. There is no lasting unity around 'unity.' We need something much stronger to hold us together... true unity comes from being bound together by TRUTH."

4:7-10 – Our differences aren't a _____: they're a _____!

1 Corinthians 12:17-27 – "If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. And if they were all one member, where were the body? But now are they many members, yet but one body... Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular."

4:11-16 – The _____ of the Church

God gives preachers of the Truth

↳ The Preachers equip the saints with the truths for living

↳ The Saints do the work of the ministry

↳ The Ministry is to edify (build up) one another

↳ Building each other up to know the truths of Christ

↳ We know the Truth to walk in the Truth

If we want to _____ to be more like Jesus...
We must *learn* the **truth** about Him.

If we want to truly _____ for each other...
We must be held together by *shared truths*.

If we want to _____ lives _____ of our great Salvation...
We must *practice* the **truths** that make that possible.

Therefore...

Truth is at the **Core**

1) Truth is always under _____

→ Attacks from _____

People have always tried to twist the truth for their own wealth and power and convenience.

Matthew 15:9 – “But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men.” (see: **Philippians 1:15-16**, **Acts 8:19-20**)

→ Attacks from _____

People that hate Christ, will hate Christians. They tried to destroy Jesus... they'll try to destroy His followers.

John 15:18-20 – “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you... The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you”

→ Attacks from the _____ enemy

There is a very real spiritual battle – and our true enemies are those forces of spiritual wickedness.

Ephesians 6:11-12 – “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”

→ Perhaps *THE* chief attribute of our enemy is that he is a _____

John 8:44 – “Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it.”

2) The Church Must _____ Courageously for the Truth

John 8:31-32 – “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.”

We need the Truth! The *World* needs the Truth!

Proverbs 23:23 – “Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.”

3) We must be _____ about the _____ Doctrines

1 Timothy 4:16 – “Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee.”

“**Doctrine**” = *didaskalia* = teachings, precepts, instruction
‘The Bible Truths you need to know’

Beginning Next Sunday:



15 Essential Doctrines of the Christian Faith,
and how they change our daily life.

CORE Christian Truths for Living

- Your life, and _____ you live, matters.
- To _____ live the Christian life, we need our brothers and sisters in the Church....
- The Core work of the Church is to help each other know _____ and walk in the Truth.
- The Truth is always under _____: from within, and without and from the true enemy.
- Therefore, we must _____ the courageous _____ for Truth that was made by the Apostles and carried on down to us.
- This will require us to be _____ about *knowing* the essential doctrines of our Faith, and then *applying* them to our daily living.