

Musings From His Word

Luke 5:16 - But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places (wilderness) and prayed.

Oh that my prayer life would emulate that of my Savior!

- ✓ Jesus prayed often. Not when it was convenient, or once in a while or only in a pinch. Jesus had regular communion with God, the Father.
- ✓ Jesus purposely chose deserted areas, gardens, and remote places to go off by himself to pray. In the Greek, the word for lonely places (or *wilderness in the KJV*) means deserted places, lonely regions or an uncultivated region fit for pasturage.
- ✓ Jesus spent quiet, quality time with God by himself in order to be refreshed, revived, and uplifted. It was during these times that He was fed and recharged for his ministry.

Luke 8:14 - And that which fell among thorns are they, which, when they have heard, go forth, and are choked with **cares** and **riches** and **pleasures of this life**, and bring no fruit to perfection.



Jesus was speaking of seed (*the Word of God*) that was sown among the thorns. We hear it and take it in on Sunday but during the week His Word is choked out by:

- **Cares:** to be drawn in different directions or distracted.
- **Riches:** wealth or abundance of external possessions (or *making a living*)
- **Pleasures of this life:** pleasure or desires for pleasure in the course of life.

Fruit on a tree is **expected** to ripen. Babies in the womb are **expected** to mature. Children are **expected** to grow up. If we, as Christians, allow **cares**, **riches** or **pleasures** to distract us, we won't mature as **expected** and we will **not** produce fruit for His kingdom.

Are YOU Saved?

Many people struggle with the question, "*What does it mean to be saved?*" First of all, being saved is more than just having knowledge of who Jesus is, or accepting the fact that Jesus is alive, or that God sent him into the world to die for our sins.

You cannot be saved until you first confess (agree with God) that you are a sinner, lost, on your way to hell, and you are in need of a Savior.

Romans 3:23, For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God. **Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Salvation takes place the very moment that you accept or embrace Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, totally trusting in the complete and finished work of Jesus as full payment for your past, present, and future sins. **Romans 10:9-10**.

What does it mean to be saved?

- To be **forgiven** of your sins.
- To be **justified** by God through faith in Jesus (declared righteous, not guilty).
- To **receive the free gift** of eternal life offered to us through Jesus Christ.
- To **experience the new birth** (ye **must be born again**, become a child of God).
- To have a **personal**, intimate relationship with the Lord Jesus.
- To be **delivered** from the penalty of sin (which is death, eternal separation from God).
- To be **taken out** of the kingdom of darkness and **put into** the kingdom of His light.
- To **have a hope** that goes beyond the grave, (because He lives, I too will live with Him for all eternity).

My Friend, Are YOU Saved?



*Winning the Lost,
Discipling the Saved!*

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Welcome!

We are **delighted** to have you in our services today. If you are visiting for the first time, **please** fill out the visitor's card and place it in the offering plate.

Today:

Call to Worship

Announcements / Welcome / Offering

Verse Memorization Challenge

"Thy Word" - Special Music

Worship in Music



Church Planting in Germany

The Boyd Family
Mark Leslie

Missionaries Mark & Leslie Boyd

To learn more visit their website at:
www.boysineurope.com/markandleslie/

ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays/Anniversaries:

None

February Greeter:



Karen Leopold

Nursery Schedule:

Today

Next Sunday



Sandy Wilder



Nancy Wissink

Fellowship Treats:

Next Sunday - Gary & Karen Leopold

Ushers This Week:



Bill Amsberry



Gary Leopold



Perry Stevens

Ushers Next Week:

Perry Stevens, Bill Amsberry, Steve Roberts

Feb. 18 - Valentines Banquet - 6 PM



Pizza Ranch, Indianola.

\$9.53 (tax included) includes:

All you can eat pizza, fried chicken, salad bar, dessert bar, and beverages.

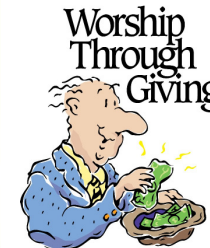
Let the Elders know you are coming or sign up on the sheet passed around weekly.

Invite friends and family!

Mark Your Calendars

Morning Worship 10 AM

- **Thursday:** Choir practice – 6:30 PM
- **Friday:** Bible Study at the Leopold's, 6:30 PM
- **Saturday:** Church Workday 8 AM



Last Week's General Fund Offering: \$665.00

This Weeks Bible Readings

Matthew 26 - Mark 2

Ps. 16-18; Prov. 6; Is. 21-24; Ex. 1-10



We will be taking a **Special Offering** on **February 12** for **Mike Hyde** who has been doing dry wall and electric work in the Church helping us prepare our facility for certain upcoming ministry. Let's show **Mike** how much we appreciate him!

This Weeks Memory Verse

"All **Scripture** is given by inspiration of God, and is **profitable** for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be **perfect, thoroughly** furnished unto **all** good works."

2 Timothy 3:16-17