SCHEDULED TO SERVE: March 26, 2023

Scriptural verse of the week: Ezra 8:23, "So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was intreated of us."

Inspirational Quote: "A true follower of Christ never speaks ill behind another's back but always to a persons front!"

MORNING

Song Leader Chase Praver: Bob S. Lord's Supper: Brian

Gary

Jared

Lesson: Bill Closing Prayer: Pat

EVENING

Song Leader: Brian Jim D. **Opening Prayer:** Lord's Supper: Brian Lesson: B ill Closing Prayer: Joe

Livestream: Marcus



(See Genesis 6-8)

NOAH PREPARES FOR ANOTHER HUGE DAY

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Sunday:

Bible Study:

9:30AM—10:15AM:

10:30 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

7:00 PM

Elders:

Jerry Riggenbach

Brian Miller

Deacons:

Joe Manz

Chase Steele

Preacher:

Bill Myers

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WHEN YOU FAST

"Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward" (Matt. 6:16).

Last Sunday I had told several people that I had been fasting. I did not do that for bragging purposes but to prepare for the sermon this day. I wanted to see how many would say, "You are not suppose to tell anyone!"

Don't be dismayed if you were one of them, for I love each and every one of you the same. The purpose was to show how we misinterpret Matthew 6:16-18. What was being condemned was the various things the Pharisees did to show others they were fasting (sad countenance, and painted faces). There is no reference to speaking nor telling others of you doing such.

As Christians, if someone was to asks us why we are not eating on a certain day, we have to reveal to them why? But not in a way that unveils a brag or spite for having to do such.

There are times when the doctor informs us to fast before a procedure. And when a death occurs, it is typical to fast out of depression. During the days of Christ, the Jews had many fasts..

The tenth of the fifth month a fast was held to commemorate the burning of the temple (Jer. 52:12, 13). And the Jews were to commanded to fast on the day of Atonement when the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies. And David himself spoke of his fasting: "And he said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept: for I said, Who can tell whether GOD will be gracious to me, that the child may live?" (2 Sam. 12:22).

So, then, don't be afraid a fast!

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SUNDAY MORNING SERMON LET'S TALK ABOUTFASTING

Let's get ready for our lectureship coming up in May!

- I. The References
- II. The Reasoning
- III. The Rewards

SUNDAY EVENING SERMON

NEARER MY GOD TO THEE

- I. The Cross
- II. The Wanderer
- III. The Mercy
- IV. The Flight

TRIVIA QUESTION

- 1. Which of the following disciples never saw a vision of the kingdom of God coming with power before they tasted of death?
- 2. Who was Caesar when Jesus was born?
- 3. Who did Paul instruct "to abide still at Ephesus...that thou mightest charge some that they teach no other doctrine, neither give heed to fables..."?

THE GOSPEL PLAN OF SALVATION

HEAR (Rom. 10:17)

BELIEVE (Jn. 3:16)

REPENT (Acts 2:38)

CONFESS (Rom. 10:9, 10)

BE BAPTIZED (Mk.

16:17; Gal. 3:27; Rom. 6:3-6, Acts 22:16)

LIVE FAITHFUL (Matt.

10:22; Rev. 2;10)

Those Who Need Our Prayers.

All those who have lost loved ones recently.

Jennifer & Avery, The India & Ivory Coast Missions, Our Friends at the Garden, Dan Vogel, Gloria & her sons (Kyle and Bobby), Dick & Jane Hufstedler, Teresa, Bill, Cheryl & Jim, Pam, Jerry, Donna, Larry Meadows and his wife Bernice, Dick Williamson, David, Alyssa, Amiya, Kathy P., and Elaine & Dave.

