From the Pastor's Pen...

December 11, 2018

Moses was up on Mt. Sinai receiving the Ten Commandments from God. In Exodus 34:29 Scripture tells us that when Moses came down the mountain "the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God." In Acts 4:13, speaking of Peter and John, the Scripture says the people "recognized they had been with Jesus." I don't want to read anything into these verses, but they do bring a question to mind. Can anyone tell that I have been with Jesus? Is there enough of Him on the inside to show on the outside?

Is it common for me to talk about the Lord and His Word? Do others see and hear me pray? Have I made the things of God a high priority in my schedule? Do I love the things He loves? Do I hate the things He hates? Do I operate each day under the controlling influence of the Holy Spirit?

My prayer for all of us this Christmas is that others would be able to tell that we have been with Jesus!

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

JJ Cory's Column...

<u>Christmas Music Program</u> "Prince of Heaven" Sunday, December 16th at 6:00pm

The worship choir will be presenting this year's Christmas musical this Sunday night, Dec. 16, at 6:00pm. We invite and encourage all of you to come and worship along with us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus. If you've never been to our Christmas musical before, this is the perfect year to start a new tradition, and if you are already enjoying coming to our Christmas programs, this is the perfect year to invite and bring your family, friends, and neighbors! Let's really pack the sanctuary this year as we worship together.

Also, as we roll into the new year, the choir will begin working on new music. This is the perfect time to join us on Wednesday nights at 7:30. There's always room for you in the choir and I know the group would love to welcome some newcomers.

Singing His Praises! Bro. Cory

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Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge 52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

December2-8Luke 2:10December9-15Matthew 1:21December16-22Isaiah 9:6December23-29Luke 2:11Dec.30-Jan. 5Luke 2:14

Thanks so much to the hospitality committee for their hard work Sunday night at the potluck dinner. It was a great night of fellowship.

Bridal Shower for Christen Harville Sunday, December 16th @ 2:00p.m. in the fellowship hall. Christen is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Belk.

> Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 19 @ 6:00 Adults are welcome. Please dress warmly.

Gifts for the family Christmas tree are due this SUNDAY, DECEMBER 16.

Love in Christ, Katey

Caleb's Connections...

John 4:8-10

"Again, the devil took Him [Jesus] to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. And he said to Him, 'All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.' Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the LORD your God and Him only shall you serve."

So often these verses are used to teach how to resist sin and temptation. Although this is an incredibly good application, I feel that it misses the point of this piece of scripture. These verses serve the same purpose as any other, to point to the Christ as the salvation of the world. These verses do this better than almost any others! In this passage, we see Jesus face temptation from Satan himself. Jesus responds in the best possible way! As the second Adam is taunted and tempted by Satan, He succeeds where the other failed. In the middle of temptation, He refuses to submit to any other god but the God above! Praise God that Jesus succeeded where Adam failed!

Prayer Requests

 Pray a prayer of praise to God, thanking Him that Jesus didn't fall to temptation, and was the perfect sacrifice

Announcements:

Youth Christmas Party – Dec. 19^{th} @ 6:30pm in the youth room

From what's on my heart,

The Record Speaks

<u>December 9, 2018</u>	
Sunday School Attendance	111
Guests	8
November Sunday School Avg. Attendance	100
November Income	\$21,656.87
November Expense	\$20,676.47

The Lord's Additions

<u>September 1, 2018 – August 31, 2019</u>	
By Letter	2
By Baptism	2
By Statement	
Total	4

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Christmas Caroling Wednesday, December 19th at 6:00p.m. Parents/Adults needed

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December 12, 2018