



Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 AM

Worship 10:30 AM

Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday

Bible Study 1:30 PM

7:00 PM

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For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)

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Pleasing God

While Jesus traversed the earth, it was His goal to please His Father in all things. Jesus came to do the will of the Father and nothing or no one could steer Jesus off the course. When it comes to pleasing our Father, we need to develop the same resolve as our Lord. Peter penned, *“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that we should follow his steps”* (2 Pet. 2:21). How can we please the Father like Jesus pleased Him?

We must first understand our mission. Jesus told his disciples, on one occasion, *“I have meat to eat that ye know not of. My meat is to do the will of him that sent me, and to finish his work”* (John 4:32,34). While Jesus’ disciples were at a nearby town trying to purchase food, Jesus was having a spiritual conversation with a woman at Jacob’s well. He intrigued her so, that she went back to her village and told the inhabitants that she had found a man who told her all things she had ever done. We must understand it is our mission to help influence people to find the Messiah and to encourage them to tell others about Him.

Next, we must be willing to obey the Father at all costs. The cost for Jesus was His very life. He determined no matter how difficult the task became, He was going to obey God. Paul said about Jesus, *“And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and become obedient unto death, even the death of the cross”* (Phil. 2:8). Although Jesus prayed for the cup of suffering to pass, He knew it was the Father’s will and that He must fulfill it.

Lastly, we must overcome criticism. Jesus was criticized by all, yet He stayed focused on His mission of pleasing His Father. People will criticize

us for pleasing God, but pay the small, insignificant talk no mind. We have a greater work to do on this earth just like our brother Jesus. May we always please our Father like Jesus pleased Him.

–K.A. Pugh

Tattoos have become very popular in our society, but sometimes an individual wants them removed. I saw the following advertisement for doing so. *“Tattoos Erased. It is affordable. There is minimal discomfort. Tattoos scar the human body for life.”* They can be removed, but I am not sure how effective it is. It might also be affordable, but it still costs.

Sin scars the soul of man. Though sin may cause scars that affects us, the consequences of sin can be removed, but at great cost. It cost our Lord and Savior His life. To us, however, it is free, because He paid the cost, which we could not pay ourselves.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Ps 103:11-12 ESV

You were forgiven when you were baptized into Christ (Acts 2:38). Rejoice that God does not continually bring your sins to your attention, but has blotted out those transgressions, leaving you a clean slate. Give thanks to God. -TLM

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