



“The Sower” February 14, 2010



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Times of Worship

Bible Classes-----9:30 am
Morning Worship-10:30 am
Evening Worship—6:00 p
Wed. Bible Study---1:30 pm

WELCOME to today's Bible class and/or worship assembly. If you are a **VISITOR**, we especially appreciate your decision to meet with us. It is our hope that you will return at every opportunity.

Have you checked our web site lately?
(www.arthurchurchofchrist.com)

Be sure to visit the “Apologetics Press” link, now in both English and Spanish. Also newly added: Sermon Outlines and “Family Minutes” (Dale

SERMONS



“**LOVE LETTERS**” will be the morning lesson today. The evening message will be, “**The Heights of Spiritual Longing**,” with Psalms 61:2-3 as the text.

THE NURSING HOME SERVICE
will be Tuesday at 6:00 p.m.



Continue to remember Paul, Donna, Lester, Woody, Linda, Inez, Lyla, Rodger, Mary's mother, Linda's nephew, Doris's niece, my niece, Charles Moore (Tex.), and Lewis & Mary Carter (Fla.). Too, we learned this week that Doris's sister Louise, in Indiana, has been diagnosed with cancer. Also remember our service men and women, and our nation's and world's leaders as they seek a way for peace.

IMPOSSIBLE SILENCE

Should a person keep his religion to himself? Do you consider it “bad form” to talk about religion?

Most of us at one time or another have had to deal with someone who used little tack in their approach. To put it mildly, they were obnoxious! So perhaps then and there we decided that from now on we would be silent about our Christianity.

If that has been our choice, we have made a big mistake. Why? Because that's incompatible with being a Christian. We have our marching orders from Jesus, and that involves teaching all nations—something the early Christians did with enthusiasm. Being silent was not, and is not, an option (Matthew 28:18-20).

The apostles had to deal with authorities who told them “*not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.*” Obey man or God? That was the question. God said speak; man said be silent. Do you remember their response? “*But Peter and John answered them, ‘Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge; for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard’*” (Acts 4:19-20).

We should be thankful for their decision. H.G. Wells once said, “The trouble with so many people is that the voice of their neighbors sounds louder in their ears than the voice of God.”

Remember the conduct of the early Christians when they were being persecuted for their faith. They were scattered abroad, but they were not silent. They “*went about preaching the word*” (Acts 8:4). We, too, need to understand that we are associated with God in a divine purpose, and “*we cannot but speak the things we have seen and heard.*”

--John Gipson, Little Rock, Ark.

EVERYDAY BLESSINGS

Missionary Benjamin Weir was held hostage in Lebanon and imprisoned under miserable conditions for sixteen months.

In his first interview after his release, he was asked how he spent his time and how he dealt with the boredom and despair. His answer

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stunned the reporters. He simply said, "Counting my blessings."

"Blessings?" they responded.

"Yes," he explained. Some days I got to take a shower. Sometimes there were some vegetables in my food. And I could always be thankful for the love of my family."

We can understand why the reporters were astonished. It's hard for most of us to be consistently thankful for the commonplace blessings that make life pleasant and comfortable—the unfailing supply of our daily needs, the provision of food and shelter, the companionship of friends and families. There are times when we may even forget the wonderful mercies of God's redeeming grace.

Paul and Silas, though they were beaten, thrown into prison, and placed in stocks, were still "singing Hymns unto God" (Acts 16:25). May we learn from them, and from Benjamin Weir, to count our blessings no matter what our circumstances. We have many reasons to rejoice.

*Are you ever burdened with a load of
care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are
called to bear"
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt
will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go
by. -Oatman*

A faithful man shall abound with blessings."—Proverbs 28:20

--Logansport (IN) Lifelines

NONE DARE CALL IT GENOCIDE

Dennis Howard told EWTN television network on the day of the March For Life in Washington D.C. that legalized abortion is the equivalent of 260 Haiti disasters on American soil. The death toll from abortion in the U.S. is over 52 million. One of the differences is that Haiti is the result of a natural disaster. Abortion is manmade.

Another difference is that we search for the victims in Haiti and rush assistance to those injured from the earthquake. The victims of abortion are not worthy of sympathy or attention because they are the product of a "woman's right to choose." This year's March For Life featured a line of women carrying signs that said, "I regret my abortion." They represented the ""Silent No More" awareness campaign,.

As the pro-lifers...marched toward the Supreme Court, they passed by the gigantic

display of pictures from the Genocide Awareness Project, some of them of aborted babies. Many of the people new to the march were transfixed by the images of bloody and dismembered bodies. They stared in disbelief. Imagine if the major media were to show these images.

As shocking as the photos are, the figures are almost as startling. In the interview with EWTN correspondent Damon Owens, Dennis Howard of the Movement For a Better America described the financial impact of abortion through the depletion of human resources. The loss of over 52 million people has meant a loss of \$38.5 trillion in GDP. It's almost as if a nuclear war had occurred on U.S. soil, he said. The result will be increased financial pressure and higher taxes on those under 40 years of age to pay for government, including the costs associated with those getting old....

The above is a portion of an article by Cliff Kincaid in the Jan. 26, '10 NewsWith-Views.com website. It is extremely disturbing to me that many politicians are intent on all of us paying for this genocide through proposed "health care reform" and tax dollars going to the largest abortion provider—Planned Parenthood.



"Where 2 or 3 are gathered together..."

One of the greatest blessings we have as Christians is the privilege to read the Word of God. We are reading the very thoughts of Almighty God. We must count it as a "love letter" from God.

Jesus left us to go back to Heaven at the Ascension, but he left us the Holy Spirit who inspired the Holy Scriptures.

So, let's be found reading the Bible more and more this year. -- Larry Miles