



“The Sower”

January 24, 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



GUEST SPEAKER: Ty Nichol, who preaches regularly for the Kemp church, is teaching the class and bringing the morning message. I am to be speaking in his place at Kemp.



IN OUR PRAYERS: Continue to remember Paul, Lester, Inez, Donna (having chemo treatments), Linda, Linda's nephew (having chemo treatments), Mary's mother, my niece (Paula), Sammie's niece, Doris's niece (Diane, in hospital), Charles Moore (Tex.), Lewis & Mary Carter (Fla.), our service men and women, and our nation's and world's leaders as peace is sought.

OUR HIDING PLACE

“You are my hiding place: you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” (Psa. 32:7)

Out of the attacks of evil come the victories of God and the victory chants of God's people. Let's find our strength and protection in our holy God! Let's make God our hiding place, our source of security, and our hope in time of trouble.”

--Lantern, Highway church, Sullivan, IL

ATTITUDE

A little boy was overheard talking to himself as he strutted through the backyard, wearing his baseball cap and toting a ball and bat. “I'm the greatest hitter in the world,” he announced. Then he tossed the ball into the air, swung at it, and missed. “Strike one?” he yelled. Undaunted, he picked up the ball and said again, “I'm the greatest hitter in the world!” He tossed the ball into the air. When it came down, he swung again and missed. “Strike two!” he cried.

The boy then paused a moment to examine his bat and ball carefully. He spat on his hands and rubbed them together. He straightened his cap and said once more, “I'm the greatest hitter in the world?” Again he tossed the ball up in the air and swung at it. He missed. “Strike three!” the boy exclaimed. “I'm the greatest pitcher in the world!”

Your attitude determines how circumstances impact your life. The little boy's circumstances hadn't changed, but his optimistic attitude prompted him to give an encouraging meaning to what had happened.

What difficult time are you going through right now? Can you do something to change it? If you can, don't wait another day—make the needed changes. If you can't change the circumstance, however, change your attitude—you'll discover that circumstances won't have the last word.

Paul said, “Not that I speak in respect of what: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. I can do all things in him that strengthens me” (Philippians 4:13). -Tom Moore

THINK THIS OVER

Suppose we are in great need and someone comes to our aid. A man gives us a job, provides a place for us to live, gives us a car to drive, and supplies us with a family to support us in lonely times. Then after being supplied everything, he calls us one day, and we tell him we don't have time to come. What kind of relationship can we have with each other? God provides a better life for us than any man can provide. He supplies us with life, breath, and all things we need for life and godliness. When He calls us to honor Him as our Father, do we have the time and the energy? We have time to use His blessings, but no time to pray, study, or worship together? It is a sad life when we have time to love the things we have, and not the one who has provided all things. Let's think that over.

--David Grubb, sent by Paul Kent

OUR PERSPECTIVE OF TIME

Pretty soon it will be 4708! Yep, that's right. On February 10 the calendar will read 4708....ummm...if you live in China. It's 1431 in the Islamic world. Did you know that it's the 21st of Tevet of 5770 according to the Jewish peoples? Did you know that our calendar wasn't adopted until 1752. The Gregorian Calendar that is now what we take for granted has only been in effect for us for 258 years!

Did you know that the abbreviation A.D. means *Anno Domini* and is Medieval Latin? Anno Domini means "in the year of our Lord" and is sometimes used fully as Anno Domini Nostri Iesu, which means "In the year of our Lord Jesus Christ." This system of dating seems to be created around the 6th century by Dionysius Exiguus.

God created time even though God is eternal. God meant for us to understand what days, weeks, months, and years are. God wanted us as mankind to develop history so that continuing generations would be able to learn from past generations and more importantly how God acted during those past generations.

God certainly chooses to act in step with human history, so much so that mankind in part has even dated the past by the incarnation. "When the fullness of time came...God brought forth His Son...." --Ty Nichol

IT'S A BABY!

With the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision in Roe v. Wade to legalize abortion coming up this week (January 22—another "day that shall live in infamy") I started going through a file folder with material collected on the subject, and came across many items of interest. I will share a couple of the shortest ones.

One was a statement in an article from the *Fundamentalist Journal*, April '87 concerning the conversion of an abortionist, Dr. Joseph Randall, who from 1973 to 1983 had aborted 32,000 babies. He stated, "The profession was debating whether the baby was a human being at a certain stage of pregnancy, but I said that's just a lot of garbage. It's a baby from conception. I realized that it was a baby all the time. We *all* knew that...."

The other is from the Northern Kentucky chapter of the Right-to-Life Movement, reporting the following incident, involving a fourth-grade teacher in a public school who conducted a primary election in her class. "Her pupils were asked to nominate candidates for the office of president of the United States." Several candidates were suggested by the class. Then one little girl nominated Ellen McCormack. It raised the question, "Who's Ellen McCormack?" The girl replied, "She's the anti-abortion candidate." One pupil asked, "What's abortion?" She said, "That's when a mother kills her baby before it's born." One astonished little boy asked, "Does she shoot it?" The teacher then intervened and briefly explained abortion. The names of candidates were put on the board. The election was held the next day. Ellen McCormack, the pro-life candidate, received 100 percent of the votes.

Thirty seven years have passed, and at least 50 million unborn babies have been sacrificed on the altar of political expediency. After all of the efforts to deny the evident fact that each "fetus" is more than a glob of tissue or an extension of the woman's body—It's a baby! Even children can figure that one out.
-Ron

YOUR TAX DOLLARS AT WORK

I learned yesterday that our tax dollars are at work in enabling Planned Parenthood, the world's largest abortion-provider, to obtain a 78,000 square foot building in Houston, Texas, which will be used for what some appropriately are calling an "abortion mega-mart," a huge abortion clinic. This will be the largest abortion clinic in the United States, an entire wing of which will be dedicated solely to late-term abortions. The Senate, under the guise of "health care reform", reportedly authorized the largest expansion of taxpayer-funding for Planned Parenthood in decades, routing taxpayer dollars to Planned Parenthood as an "essential community provider." In addition, it subsidizes insurance plans covering elective abortions. Some say that under the category of "preventive care" it could require all healthcare plans to cover abortions. I don't like to sound too political, but is it any wonder why Planned Parenthood has been so supportive of a government take-over of the insurance industry?
--Ron