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From the Pulpit

Pastor's Message

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Spring into Action!

Did you know God has a purpose for each and every one of us? The Bible tells us He does!

The Bible tells us our **first purpose** is to **Glorify God**. **I Cor 10:31** "whatsoever ye do, do all to the Glory of God". Jesus' purpose was to Glorify God (see **John 12:28, 17:1, Matt 5:16**). The apostle Paul also saw this as his purpose (**Rom 15:6, I Cor 6:20**) as did Peter (**1 Peter 5:11**), **Jude 25**, John (**Rev 1:6**) and the Israeli remnant (**Rev 11:13**).

Our purpose is to glorify God for He *alone* is worthy (**Rev 4:11, 5:12**). Why should we glorify God? He created us (**Rev 4:11**) and He saved us (**Rev 5:12**).

Our **second purpose** is to conform to Christlikeness. **Romans 8:29** says "He (God) also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of His Son". To conform to Christlikeness was the purpose of the apostle Paul.

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Saved by Grace

A Testimony

I have lived in isolation most of my life because to let anyone know the secrets of my past would be too much too bear. I had to protect myself at all costs—no one could really know the truth. Satan loves it when we isolate ourselves and we think we are alone because it is then he can destroy any hope we may have of anything ever changing. The Bible says "*Hope deferred makes the heart sick.*" Proverbs 13:12. This confirms that God, Who Himself is hope, is deeply interested in bringing us to a place of hope in order that we might walk in health and wholeness and have abundant life. This place of isolation is where the enemy speaks his lies to us. But Jesus said in John 8:32 "*And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.*"

When I started to learn His word, believe His word and what it said about me, how He felt about me -- I was deeply loved -- it was then I began to really believe.

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Our Purpose:

The collective worship of God, the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel, and the mutual building up of believers in the faith.

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Paul writes in **Eph 4:15** “to grow up into Him, even Christ”. Why should we conform to Christ’s image? It is the **PURPOSE** of Him that saved us (see **Rom 8:28,29**).

So how do we grow up in Him? **1 Pet 2:2** “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word (Bible) that yet may grow thereby”.

You can only grow into Christlikeness when you spend time with God in the Word of God.

Several scriptures instruct us to read the Bible.

Deu 31:11
Isa 34:16
Luke 4:16
Eph 3:4
Col 3:16, 4:1
1 Thess 5:27
2 Tim 4:13
Rev 1:3

Spring is a time to sprout new growth. Spring into action by discovering your God-given purpose and let Him lead you in the way. Open your heart to the truth of His Word today and you will grow under His patient care.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.

Call to Worship

Sunday 10:00 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
7:00 p.m. Evening Service

Wednesday 3:00 p.m. Olympians
7:00 p.m. Prayer and Praise Service

Our duty is not to see through one another, but to see one another through.

Please Pray for Our Missionaries

Jane Appelo – retired missionary to the Jews

Dick and Hae Ja Brosseau – Church Planters in Florida

Paul and Ellen Brown – Africa Inland Mission International

Chris and Barbara Deemer – College Missionaries in Oneonta

Dave and Sue Linton – Teaching Missionaries in the Far East

Dave and Vera Penz – Missionaries to Native Americans in Alaska

Jeff and Laura Wilson – Missionaries in Africa

CareNet Pregnancy Center – Physical and Spiritual Pregnancy Counseling

John and Linda Maynard – Word of Life Mission

Memory Verse

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”

Matt 5:16

Additional Memory verses;
Matt 5:17 Eph 2:10

Free places to go on the ‘net

Make your time on-line worthwhile. Check out www.Biblegateway.com. You can search for words, specific scripture references and more in 61 different translations.

www.ibs.org brings you to the International Bible Society. You can learn all about the greatest Love Letter ever written!

See www.CrossWalk.com and www.Bible.org for Bible study resources and more.

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The Lord knew how to set me free from my past and that is why He allowed my life of pretending to come to an end. I felt like such a failure. It was out of God's great love for me that He allowed this season of my life to begin. I knew I needed help. I found that forgiveness is the key to walking in freedom. Moving forward in a new direction was scary and totally new to me. Unforgiveness hurts us. The Lord has proved He is faithful over and over and continues to hold me and heal me today. Forgiveness for me sometimes took a moment by moment decision to give it to Him and each time it brought me closer and closer to the freedom I wanted so badly.

The Lord has always had a plan for me, to bring me out of where I was although I could not always see it — Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

He has a plan for you, too! Seek and you will find.

When you want to be fruitful, call John 15

Bible Trivia Questions (answers from last issue)

- 1) What's the difference between the terms **rapture** and **Second Coming**?
The rapture is when we meet Jesus *in the clouds* (1 Thess 4:16-17). The second coming is when Jesus *returns to Earth* (Zech 14:4).
- 2) What did David tell Goliath he was going to do with him and why? David said he would strike Goliath and remove his head (conquer him) so that all the Earth will know there is a God in Israel (1 Sam 17:45-47).
- 3) What was Jesus' definition of Eternal Life? Eternity is not merely living forever, but living forever experiencing God! (John 17:1-5)

Kid's Zone-

Birth of Christ

DOWN

- 1 Who were tending their flocks by night
- 2 Who announced the birth of Christ to the shepherds
- 3 The wise men bowed down to Jesus to _____ him
- 4 Jesus was born in this town
- 6 "The _____ of peace" - one of the titles of Jesus
- 8 mother of Jesus
- 9 Jesus was born in a _____
- 10 The shepherds were in the _____ when they saw an angel

ACROSS

- 1 The wise men followed a _____ that led them to Jesus
- 5 human father of Jesus
- 7 There was no _____ at the inn for Jesus
- 9 one of the gifts of the three wise men
- 11 Jesus could not stay at the _____ because it was full
- 12 and on earth _____, goodwill toward men (Luke 2:14)

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Prayer Requests

Building Project Committee
– Pray for wisdom and clarity of God's will.

Cliff Combs

Doris Gay

Ryan, Jake and Elaine Schuurman's grandson

God's Simple Plan of Salvation

God says in order to go to Heaven, you must be born again (**John 3:7**) First, you must realize you are a sinner (**Romans 3:23**). Because you are a sinner, you are condemned to death (**Romans 6:23**) But God loves you so much, He gave His son to be sin *for* us (**Romans 5:8**). So repent (**Acts 17:30**) and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ (**Acts 13:30-31**). Follow **Romans 10:13**, call upon the name of the Lord and you shall be saved!

**Pastor Miller's recommended Radio
Bible Preachers and Teachers**

WJIV 101.9 FM

David Jeremiah (7 am & 6:30 pm M-F, 8 pm Sun)

Ravi Zacharius (Sun 9:00 pm)

Our Thinking vs God's Promise

We think; "we are all alone".

God says, "I will never leave you or forsake you." Hebrews 13:56

Ways to Share Your Faith

The Great Commission is to share the Good News (see **Matthew 28:18-20**).

Be creative and find a way to share your faith with the lost that share your life!

Give someone a Bible Tract

Send a note of encouragement

Just don't keep it to yourself! It really is a matter of life or death. 😊

Coming Events

- "Spring" Church Clean-up and Repair Day
- April 14: Good Friday Service (with Communion) 7:00 p.m.
- April 16: Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. service with Breakfast & 11:00 a.m. service
- April 23: Community Singers' Easter Concert at Mt. Markham 7:00 (no evening service)
- May 7: Sunday Service with the Brosseau's

A Free Gift for You!

The greatest gift known to man is the gift of Grace. It's yours for the taking. All you have to do is reach out for it. The benefits are out of this world!

Want to learn more? See Pastor Miller.

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