



May 7, 2023

Pastor Note:

In life, it is important to regularly remind yourself of the important. On my left hand, the third finger past my thumb, I wear a ring. It reminds me that I am married, that I belong to one woman, that I have no business living like a bachelor, and that I am commanded by God to love her, treat her with honor, bring out the best in her, and bless her.

When thinking about the important, the only proper and wise starting point is God because of all the important in life, He is the most important. Beginning anywhere and with anything or anyone else puts everything out of kilter, it is not wise, **“The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding”** Proverbs 9:10 (NASB). Consider the following important truths regarding God:

God is.

“In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth”
Genesis 1:1 (NASB).

“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God” John 1:1 (NASB).

God is one.

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!”
Deuteronomy 6:4 (NASB)

“There is ... one Spirit, ... one Lord, ... one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all” Ephesians 4:4-6 (NASB).

God is spirit.

“God is spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth” John 4:24 (NASB).

“He who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone possesses immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no man has seen or can see. To Him *be* honor and eternal dominion! Amen” 1 Timothy 6:15-16 (NASB).

God is Father, Son (Jesus Christ), and Holy Spirit.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing

them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit” Matthew 28:19 (NASB).

God is self-existent, eternal, singular, sovereign, omnipresent, invisible, transcendent, knowable, personal, loving, and relational. That’s quite a mouthful, though not exhaustive, of important truth about God.

Many stumble on God being Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, because scripture (the Bible) is unequivocally clear that God is one. But scripture (keep in mind that the Bible is God’s revelation, His written word to us) is just as clear that God has eternally existed as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

In practical terms, the reality of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, helps us to enter and live in a personal and loving relationship with God. Every time a sinner is saved it is because the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit have worked together to make it possible. The Father gave His Son, the Son gave Himself, and it is the Holy Spirit’s power that brings a spiritually dead sinner back to life (John 3).

Besides the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit working in unison to save us, they are also working together to grow and mature us after we are saved (Salvation begins at the point of conversion, but it does not end there). Part of maturing in Christ is understanding that God wants to work His will and purposes in and through us, to have us take part in His redemptive plan, and to join Him in His love for the whole world. In this, our relationship with God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is absolutely essential, **“Jesus came up and spoke to His disciples, saying, ‘All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ‘Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age”** Matthew 28:18-20 (NASB).

Daily, pursue an ever-growing, worshipping, and serving relationship with the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

To God be all glory. Love you, Pastor Hans



Lord Hear Our Prayers

Sermon Notes:

PRAYER REQUEST

Health: Karen Souza, Shirley Wolfenbarger, Mabel Mayes, JoEllen, Rickie Jeffers, Willis Parrish, John King, The Family of Genevieve Alldrin, De-Leta for the passing of her Grandson Travis, Family and Friends, Our Church's Ministries

SALVATION

Nick, Greg, David, Phillip, Luke, Skip, Demetrius McCray, Farney, John Boykin, Peter, Mariah Ellis, Jimmy, Shyrlee Stagner, Dan, Josiah, Amanda, Jim

Military And Those Serving

Michael Berger, Austin Downing, Mike Sharland, Noah Martin, Rebekah Wilhelmy, John Michael Chavez, Chris Kelly, Austin Kroeker, Dylan Werner, Brian Sula, Michael Thomasson, Thomas Hoffman, Joel Thelen, Clayton Brown, Jonathan Grinols, Joshua Grabowski, Christopher Sula

CARD & FLOWER MINISTRY

If you know of anyone who is ill or hospitalized, please let us know by calling: **Lynnette Barrera** – (559)400-1862 and/or an e-mail to: **BATTprayer@yahoo.com**

Prayers:

Ministry Opportunity

The position of **Children's Ministry Leader** is vacant and in need of a qualified individual or team to lead our children's Bible School department. If you are interested and would like more information send an email to

skfrei@gmail.com

to receive the qualifications and responsibilities information.

Church: please pray for leadership wisdom, discernment, and clarity

Thank you,

Susie Frei, Bible School Director

****Kids Care Church****

If you are a church member who **loves children** and would like to **serve** once a month in our Sunday morning **kids' church**-- we have reserved you a spot!

Please contact Susie Frei by phone 209-247-9234 or email skfrei@gmail.com

May Announcements

Upcoming Events

- Men's Gathering - Tuesdays @ 6:00 P.M.
- **Wednesday Night Bible Study for all ages - 7:00 P.M.**
- Food Ministry - 1st Wed. & 3rd Tues. @ 9:00 AM - 11:00 A.M.
- Church Board Meeting - May 8th (following the 4th "Church That Cares Well Meeting at 6 PM)
- Mother's Day - May 14th
- Communion Sunday - May 28th
- **Deacon Board Meeting every 4th Sunday after service**

Fellowship Time Snacks
were provided
By - **Dan's Class**

Thank you

Next week Beverly's class & The Youth are up!!

MEMBERSHIP!!!

If you are interested in Church Membership, please see the sign -up sheet in the foyer.

A Bit of
Humor
Corner



"Your father's back in church again. I think it was all those times he cried out to God when you wrote home for money."
© 1992 Ed Sullivan (A Gift of Laughter)

Giving

April 30, 2023

Offering:
\$5,858.00

Missions:
\$20.00

Facilities:
\$50.00

Annie Armstrong:
\$113.00

Attendance:
92

Weekly Events

Sunday School/Small Groups:

9:00 AM

Sunday Morning Worship Service:

10:30 AM

Sunday Evening Worship Service:

6:00 PM

Tuesday: Men's Gathering: 6:00 PM

1st Wednesday & 3rd Tuesday

Food Ministry:

9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Wednesday:

Women's Bible Study - 10:00 AM
Bible Study/Small Group - 7:00 PM
Grief Share - 6:30 PM (On Hiatus)

Thursday: Chicken Foot - 1:00 PM

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1 Timothy 6:18



May 8th - May 7th 14

DAY 1 - Acts 21
(Proverbs 8)

DAY 4 - Acts 24
(Proverbs 11)

DAY 2 - Acts 22
(Proverbs 9)

DAY 5 - Acts 25
(Proverbs 12)

DAY 3 - Acts 23
(Proverbs 10)

DAY 6 - (Proverbs 13)
DAY 7 - (Proverbs 14)

Welcome all of you who are guests with us today. Our desire is for you to relax and be blessed by worship, God's Word, and fellowship. We, the members, have committed ourselves to underwrite the church financially. We do not expect you to contribute to the offering, but you are free to participate. We would like to get to know you and for you to know us better.