

SPENCER CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ in Central Wisconsin

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Join us Wednesday night
7 p.m.
There is nothing more
important that studying God's
word!

WELCOME VISITORS!

We would like to offer you a free Bible correspondence course or any other tracts or literature you may see in the foyer. If we can help you or answer any questions you may have, please let us know!

PRAYERS NEEDED:

- Doyle Moore, Deanna's nephew
 - Linda Nulph, Rhonda's mom
 - Those traveling - Many will be traveling over the next couple of weeks.
 - Nicole Sparling - pregnancy
 - Our shut-in's; our missionaries, our elders and deacons
 - Those traveling
- Please keep those with on-going health issues in your prayers: Jerry Weichert, Yvonne Morrow, Jeri Oppermann, Morgan Gorst

PLEASE EMAIL PRAYER REQUESTS TO RHONDA

LAST WEEK'S
CONTRIBUTION
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LIGHT in the
DARKNESS



OUR LEADERSHIP

ELDERS:

- Duane Anderson 715-659-2327
- Russ Draeger 715-600-3983
- Gary Nieman 715-897-2248

DEACONS:

- Dan Anderson 715-659-4530
- Mark Anderson 715-3053283
- Clint Nieman 715-650-7988
- Don Nieman 715-659-4574
- John Petras 715-897-5882

SERVING	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SCRIPTURE	Todd	Elmer
ANNOUNCE/PRAYER	Rusty	Rusty
SONG LEADER	Paul	Ty
PRESIDING	John	Don
SERVING	Mark A.	Paul
SERVING	Dan	Keith
SERVING	Tanner	Todd
CLOSING PRAYER	Don	Duane
SPEAKING	Rusty	Mark R

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED??

- Hear the Gospel
Romans 10:17
- Believe in Jesus
John 3:16
- Repent of your sins
Acts 2:38
- Confess Christ as Lord
Romans 10:9-10
- Be Baptized (Immersed)
1 Peter 3:21
- Remain faithful
Rev. 2:10

Thanks to John and Jen for hosting last night's devo!

WHAT'S GOING ON.....

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

- Preacher trying out** -Dec 30 - Stephane/Annik Maillet & family
- 5th SUNDAY CONTRIBUTION** - Dec. 30
- NEW YEAR'S EVE FELLOWSHIP**-Details to follow
- FHU LECTURESHIP** February 3-See Gary if you are interested.
- SPRING BREAK CAMPAIGN/VBS - week of March 24**

Differing Paths

Often, when traveling through the Appalachians, I have noted the markers indicating the Eastern Continental Divide. This line denotes the watershed between streams that feed into the Atlantic Ocean and those that feed into the Gulf of Mexico. Two drops of rain, falling only inches apart on the ground, will end up separated by hundreds of miles before they reach the end of their journeys.

As we consider, personally, the choices we make day by day, we should recall the words of our Lord, “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much.” (Luke 16:10) The small things in our lives can well lead to big changes, either for good or for evil. This principle extends to congregations, as well.

Frequently, an emphasis on doctrinal exactness is greeted with a roll of the eyes. Why should we, after all, be concerned over small departures here and there? Isn't it just nit-picking to question everything that doesn't measure up to the truths we understand from Scripture?

We should be concerned about apostasy, even in the smallest measure, because it is a step down a path which will end in destruction. Every heresy that has divided the church began with a small departure from the truth, which lead to greater and greater departures over time.

Our fellowship must stand firm on the inerrancy of Scripture, the total truth and authority of God's word. We must stand firm in attempting to understand and follow the pattern of faith and practice outlined in the Bible. Most centrally, we must stand firm in teaching the exclusive truth of God's way of salvation through Jesus Christ. Even the slightest deviation in our commitment to these basic truths will plunge the church quickly into all manner of false teaching.

When Christian teachers and preachers depart from a complete confidence in Scripture, they stand in danger of losing their faith altogether. When congregations begin introducing unauthorized elements into the worship and work of the church, there is no end to the changes which will occur. When the church begins fellowshiping outsiders as if they were members of the Lord's church, soon the very heart of the gospel is laid aside. Constant vigilance is needed to keep the Lord's church true to the Lord's way.

—Gregory Alan Tidwell
Editor, the Gospel Advocate

Seek first
the **KINGDOM**
and
✠ **HIS**
RIGHTEOUSNESS
and *all* these things shall be added
unto you.
Matthew 6:33