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From The Study...

I mentioned in the sermon on worship this past Sunday that God wants to clean us up so, we can come before Him in a right frame of mind and heart. That's exactly what struck Isaiah when he sensed his filthiness before the Holy Presence of the Lord. When he confessed his sin and his sense of unworthiness before God, that prompted God to make it possible for Isaiah to continue in His Presence. God sent the seraph to him with the burning coal that seared the lips that had openly confessed their state of filth. Only through the pain of sacrifice could cleansing and forgiveness be granted. That is the story of our salvation in Christ Jesus who died and bled that our sin could be atoned for. Though our salvation is free; it is not cheap, but rather costly. God wants to help us remain consistent and clean, so we can stay in His Presence and continue His blessings. WE ARE THEN to strive to do the best we can with staying clean and pure by staying in and living out His Word. Perhaps the following story will help?

Soap is good for cleansing the outside of the body, but doesn't get below the skin into the heart. In 1837 a chemist names James Gamble and a candle maker named William Proctor started a little company in Cincinnati, Ohio to produce a better soap. Until that time, soap was harsh and smelly. They came up with a formula to make a pure white soap. For years the brand name was "White Soap." In 1870, a worker accidently left the machine mixing the ingredients on too long and an excessive amount of air got into the mixture. Not wanting to waste the ingredients, they poured it into molds and sold it. They started getting letters from people saying they liked the "floating soap." The company figured out the batch with too much air produced the first floating bar of soap! So, they changed the process to make White Soap Float. William's son Harley was running the company and he didn't like the brand name "White Soap." One Sunday in church, he heard his pastor read from Psalm 45:8 that says, "From palaces of ivory, the music of strings makes you glad." From that verse he renamed his soap, Ivory Soap.

For marketing purposes Proctor and Gamble asked independent chemists to analyze the ingredients of Ivory Soap. The result was only .56% of impurities were discovered. So, Harley Proctor proudly proclaimed Ivory Soap was 99.44% pure--he even had the phrase copyrighted. But truthfully, 99.44% pure isn't pure at all--it's impure. The meaning of the word pure means "unmixed." And 99.44% means mixed. It's *almost pure.*

God's requirement is that we be pure and holy--not *almost* pure. What if my wife asked me, "Jim, have you been faithful to me?" and I replied, "Honey, I've been faithful to you 95% of the time." Would there be peace in the valley??? Don't count on it!

Thank you, Lord, that the Lord Jesus alone can make us pure before the Father. Thank you that we don't have to clean ourselves up before we come before you- that would never be clean enough. Thank you that we can be washed in the blood of the Lamb and by faith be declared CLEAN. But help us, Lord, to strive to do and say the things that would indicate that we're doing our very best to be your representative to a watching world. Right worship gets us started as we enter Your Presence daily. Amen.

Your Pastor

This Week at NGBC

Sunday, January 29
8:00 am Worship Service
9:00 am Higher Ground
9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Worship Service
2:00 pm Wedding Shower
4:00 pm Handbells Rehearsal
5:00 pm AWANA- PJ Night
5:15 pm Christian Life Courses

Monday, January 30
7:00 pm College Connections

Tuesday, January 31
6:00 am Men's Ministry Devotional Breakfast

Wednesday, February 1
5:00 pm Family Supper
5:30 pm Children's Choirs
6:15 pm Adult Choir
Missions Connections

Thursday, February 2
9:30 am Explorers

Deacons in Service Jan. 29 - Feb. 4

Jim Gallagher 307-0615
Andy Holliday 392-1177

Menu for Wed., Feb 1st

Country Fried Steak w/ White Gravy, Rice, Green Beans, Salad, Dessert, Tea

Volunteers Sunday, Jan. 29

Check-In Desk Angel Sims
Bed Babies Ellen Mitchell
1-Year-Olds Roxanna Dees
2-Year-Olds Mike & Theresa Hunt
3-& 4-Year-Olds Mignon & Trey Hodges

Pastor Prayer Leader Sunday, Jan 29th

Gary McDonald

Our Church's Financial Notes

Weekly Budget Needs
$ 27,963.43

Report for January 22

Budget Receipts	$ 17,490.25
Forward by Faith	675.00
Other Designated	814.01
Total Receipts	$ 18,979.26

Budget Needs to Date
1/22/12
$ 111,853.72

Received to Date
$ 95,433.53

Current Balance Due on Loan
$1,194,925.03

Sunday School Attendance Report January 22, 2012

Members: 392 Visitors: 18
Total: 410

Ladies' Choir
Sunday, January 29
10:30am service
Meet in the choir room at 10:15am.
ALL ladies are invited!!!

Vacation Bible School
Amazing Wonders Aviation
May 29-June 2, 2012

If you would like to serve during the week of VBS in any way, please contact **Lisia**!

St. Jude Recycled Card Project

Lydia Sunday School class is collecting used greeting cards. Please deposit the front of your greeting cards with no writing on the back in the mail slot in the hallway or give to Barbara Biggers.

Centri-Kid Summer Camp
July 23-27, 2012
For children who have completed 3rd-6th grades.
$100 deposit due by
Sunday, February 5

Centrifuge Summer Camp
July 2-7, 2012
For youth who have completed 7th grade-College.
$100 deposit due by
Wednesday, February 1

Souper Bowl Sunday
February 6
After 10:30am Worship Service
In the Fellowship Hall
An offering will be collected for World Hunger

2012 Sportsman's Banquet
Thursday, February 16
With special guest: John Croyle
Doors open at 5:30pm - $5.00 donation requested
Door prizes through the evening.
Grand Door Prize: Bayou Classic Ceramic Grill (Value:$800)

Be Sure to bring your favorite Wild Game dish!

Awana®

Sunday, January 29th
5:00pm - 7:00pm
In the Fellowship Hall
Theme: PJ Night

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a shower for
Mary Austin Tribble
on
Sunday, February 5
1:30pm to 3:00pm
In the church parlor

Wedding Shower

You are invited to a shower for
Emily Irwin Broadway
on
Sunday, January 29
2:00pm to 3:30pm
In the church parlor

The shower is being hosted by Dixie Roberson, Melanie Farmer, Sandra Stout, Charlene Johnson, Theressa Holliman and Kim Harden

NGBC is blessed with wonderful facilities which are often used by church members and various groups in our community. To avoid scheduling conflicts when requesting use of the NGBC building and grounds, please contact **Patricia Ethridge** (453-2801) to obtain proper forms and place your event on the church calendar. There are **fees** associated with use of our facilities and the church office requests a minimum **7 days notice** to make reservations or place any event on the church calendar.