

FAMILY NEWS

DECEMBER 10, 2017

Madrid
CHURCH OF CHRIST

"PUT ON THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD" (EPH 6:11)

WELCOME GUESTS!

If you are visiting with us and have any questions about what you have seen or heard today, please fill out a visitor's card or ask to talk to one of our shepherds. Our desire is to give you a biblical answer about the things that we believe and practice.

THIS WEEK'S READING:

- 12/11 – 1 John 1-2; Psalm 36
- 12/12 – 1 John 3-4; Psalm 37
- 12/13 – 1 John 5, 2 John; Psalm 38
- 12/14 – 3 John, Jude; Psalm 39
- 12/15 – Rev 1-3; Psalm 40
- 12/16 – Rev 4-6; Psalm 41
- 12/17 – Rev 7-9; Psalm 42

ASSEMBLY TIMES:

SUNDAY

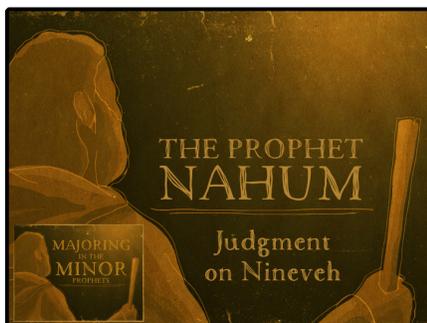
Sermon 9:00 am
Bible Classes 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes 7:00 pm

TODAY'S SCHEDULE:

9AM



11AM



Jesus "gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works" (Titus 2:14).

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **Ladies:** You get to choose what class book the adult class will study on Wednesdays during the 3rd quarter of 2018. Let the elders know any ideas you may have.
- **Future events to plan for:**
 - 12/31: Song service at 9AM.
 - Congregational meeting in January. Date TBD.

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:

- **INTERCEDE FOR:**
 - Larry - issue he has been having with the nerve in his face. Will be having a procedure on Tuesday morning
 - Franki - issue with high blood pressure
 - Erb & Jan - Erb getting treatments
 - Jim & Janis Anderson - comfort for Jim and strength for Janis
 - Sam Davidson - God would continue to work in him and heal him
 - Sandy - lung/breathing issues
 - Margaret - fell and fractured her shoulder. Getting physical therapy now
 - Alicia and baby
 - Bart - breathing/asthma issues
 - Evangelists we support in U.S. and Africa
 - Sarah Johnson - wisdom in making decisions about the future
 - Our shepherds as they put together plans for next year
- **THANKSGIVING FOR:**
 - Sam's treatments finishing
 - Work of our shepherds

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TODAY'S INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Hearts on Fire

Fueling Our Zeal With Diligence

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Our Definition of Zeal:

Zeal is “having a burning desire to please God which leads us to action - to love and serve others with courage, diligence, and wisdom.”

Today we are going to talk about how we can be more diligent in our service to the Lord Jesus. If we are not growing in diligence, our zeal for the Lord will not last.

A diligent Christian is one who is striving to _____, _____, and _____ give his/herself to the Lord's work.

I. Zealous Christians Reject _____.

A. Laziness is a great enemy to zeal.

1. Proverbs 10:4; 13:4
2. Hebrews 6:9-12
 - a. Diligence gives us assurance of the hope God has given us. Laziness removes our confidence.
3. Romans 12:11
 - a. We must have enthusiasm and excitement in doing what is right.

II. Zealous Christians Look for _____ To Serve.

A. Our desire to be productive for the Lord is seen in how much we look outside of ourselves to meet the needs of others.

1. Philippians 2:3-4
2. Also consider Titus 3:14

B. Be like Jesus in meeting the needs of others. There is not a reason for us to be bored!

III. Zealous Christians Work With _____ in Mind.

A. Christians think long-term — into eternity!

1. 2 Peter 3:14-15
2. Diligent Christians are not _____.

B. 2 Peter 1:9-11

Conclusion

- A. Does 1 Corinthians 15:58 describe what your life looks like?
- B. Can we help you to be more diligent in your service to the Lord?

THINKING THROUGH TODAY'S LESSON:

- Can you enter your name below?
 - _____ is steadfast, immovable, & always abounding in the Lord's work?
- Are there things that you are allowing to cause you to lack diligence for spiritual things?
 - Laziness?
 - Selfishness?
 - A sin you are struggling with?
 - Spiritual procrastination?
- Does the fact that you have received God's mercy lead you to “make every effort” to make your calling and election sure and to be found w/o spot or blemish?

MY NOTES: