

Family Information

Food Pantry

The food Pantry is in need of the following: **jelly**, toothpaste, tooth brushes, pancake mix, pancake syrup, powdered milk (in 1 qt packages), hot cereal.

Offering Envelopes

The 2005 offering envelopes are available on the table in the foyer. If you do not have envelopes and would like to have them, see Brian Arnold or Pam Estep.

More Words To Ponder...

God isn't interested in us being famous in the world's eyes, but in us being faithful in His eyes. Kent Crockett

Anything you love more, fear more, or serve more than God is an idol. Adrian Rogers

The way of this world is to praise dead saints and persecute living ones. Nathaniel Howe

To bring up a child the way he should go, you have to go that way yourself. Old Union Reminder

We do not avoid concord and peace, but to have peace with man we will not be at war with God. John Jewel

If you check out the life of Jesus, you will discover what made Him perfect. He did not attain a state of perfection by carrying around in His pocket a list of rules and regulations, or by seeking to conform to the cultural mores of His time. He was perfect because He never made a move without His Father. Tom Skinner

Communion Servers For January

John Appiah	James Asiedu
Jonas Bosompen	Steve Carver
Steve Fuller	Alex Apoku
Agabus Poku	Stephen Simms

For The Month Of January

Announcements: Chivington
Visitors Table: Adams
Greeter: Lindsay
Foyer Duty: J Evans

Northland Life Groups

Location	Contact Ph.	Leader	Type	Meets
Butlers Home	(614) 890-7721	Tom Barnhardt	Spiritual Grwth/Seeker	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm.
Browns Home	(614) 885-1988	Perry Coate	Spiritual Growth	Every other Monday at 7:30 pm.
Church Building	(614) 475-0161	Roy Estep	Personal Support	1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th Weds 10:30 am.
Smiths Home	(614) 898-7987	Billie Thorne	Personal Support	Every other Tuesday at 6:30 pm.
Chivingtons Home	(614) 823-5596	Kevin C.	Young Adult	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6 pm.
McDaniel Home	(614) 785-1321	Jason M.	Young Married	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 7 pm.
Northland Annex	(614) 523-3734	Troy Blair	Teens	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 5:30 pm.
Allen Home	(614) 764-8542	Wilbur Allen	Spiritual Growth	2nd, 3rd, 4th Sunday at 6:00 pm

Elders:

Wilbur Allen
Tom Barnhardt
Frank Chappell
Roy Estep
Ray Thorne

Evangelists:

Ron Adams
Tom Barnhardt

Youth

Minister:

Troy Blair

Deacons:

Brian Arnold
John Bradley
Lynn Champney
Kevin Chivington
Darrell Estep
Jack Evans
Mike Evans
Lou Lawrence
John Lindsay
Jack Mauersberg
Beryl McMasters
Mark Morris

Contributions

Last Week	\$10012
Average	\$

Russia	\$306
Average	\$

Youth	\$225
Average	\$

Attendance

Sunday Class	
Sunday Worship	273
Weds	135

Services

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service	10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening	5:30 p.m.
Wednesday Evening	7:00 p.m.

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January

13 Christian Women's Fellowship Meeting
16 50's Plus "Eat Out Sunday"
17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
19 50's Plus Meeting

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Are You Happy

Not many people are, you know. Not really. It seems people always want more, want better, or just "want" in general and think this will make them happy.

If you aren't happy, what would it take to make you happy? Maybe financial security? A better career? How about loyal friends or guaranteed good health? Perhaps a stable, supportive marriage would make you happy, or children whose lifestyle reflects the way you tried to teach them.

Sorry, but none of the above can be guaranteed. Besides, a man named Solomon, who lived long ago, had anything and everything a person could wish for and, do you know his conclusion? He said, "All is vanity, and a striving after the wind" (Ecc. 1:2). Solomon knew a lot about vanity. The word itself appears in his book of Ecclesiastes 34 times.

Vanity means, "emptiness, or unsatisfactory". Solomon knew real happiness was not in things. He said they were vain and empty.

Jesus gives the answer to true happiness. He says the way to save your life is to lose it and that true fulfillment is to be found in service (Matt. 16:25).

Happiness is in you. It is not in your circumstances, not in your possessions, not in your friends or family, but in your values, your priorities, your commitments, and in the security of present and eternal fellowship with God.

Romans 8:1 says, "There is therefore no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit."

Make up your mind to obtain happiness. It can be found.

The Monterey Exhorter
(Monterey Church of Christ)

*"Meaningless! Meaningless!" says the Teacher.
Utterly meaningless! Everything is meaningless."
Ecclesiastes 1:2*

*"For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but
whoever loses his life for me will find it."
Matthew 16:25*

*"Therefore, there is now no condemnation for
those who are in Christ Jesus..."
Romans 8:1*

THE SECRET OF SUCCESS

The Sermon on the Mount has been called “the constitution of the Christian faith.” In that famous discourse Jesus reveals that knowing God, obeying God, seeing God, and becoming like God forms the foundation upon which spiritual life is built.

It’s only as we learn to trust God that we can be trustworthy in our relationships with our fellows; it is only as we meet our responsibilities to God that we will consistently meet our responsibilities to others; it is only as we love God that we will have what it takes to love those whom He expects us to love.

The Sermon on the Mount also contains practical guidelines for personal conduct, and for managing our relationships. However, it’s highly important that we recognize this fact: we cannot hope to experience successful spiritual living by merely learning the formulas here outlined nor by conforming behaviorally to other ethical or doctrinal lists found in the Bible.

Spiritual life is more than prescribed rules and rituals, it is more than a plan, or a formula. Christian philosophy and ethics do not work simply because they are better quality than the philosophy and ethics devised by men. Spiritual demands cannot be met on a humanistic basis.

Which is to say, that what God requires of us, only He can equip us to perform. No amount of human compassion or will or devotion to duty can prepare us to live and to serve in a manner and to the extent that He asks of us.

The secret ingredient is, as Paul said, “Christ in you, the hope of glory.” In the interest of successful, vital spiritual living, nothing will substitute for an ever deepening, increasingly intimate, personal relationship with God, through yielding to the motivating and empowering influence of the Spirit of His Son residing within us!

Ruel D. Catlett, in *The Lord’s Way*

Words To Ponder...

He has not said, “He who is fallen shall rise, and he who was turned away shall return .” Has he not said, “He who is fallen shall rise, and he who was turned away shall return?” He it is, most assuredly, who “will have mercy rather than sacrifice.” The heavens and the angels who are there rejoice at human repentance. Look at you now, sinner, be of good heart! You see where it is that you are a cause of joy.

Tertullian

God is called not only a mourning or down or daybreak, he will come to us as an early and later rain to earth. We accept Christ as an early rain when the foundations of the faith are laid within us, and we shall take him as a late rain when after the crop is ripened we grasp eternal fruits and store them up in the Master’s barn.

Jerome of Bethalem

MOUNT ZION & MOUNT ESAU THE BOOK OF OBADIAH

Week Two: Israel & Edom

Israel and Edom, the two countries with which Obadiah is concerned, are the nations descended from the twin brothers Jacob and Esau, whose turbulent relationship with each other is described in the book of Genesis (see Genesis 25:19-34, 27-28, 32-33). Though twins, and alike in certain respects, they had many differences in terms of their external personalities and, more importantly, in their attitudes towards God. Though both became the fathers of nations, they were often a bad and discouraging example in their relationship as brothers.

In a number of respects, Jacob and Esau parallel many human relationships throughout time. Though all humans were meant to consider themselves as part of the same family, this ideal has never been realized for even a short time. More specifically, we can see in Jacob and Esau some parallels to the relationship between Christians and the world. Even within the church, problems can arise that involve rivalries such as the one in which these brothers and their descendants indulged. All of these parallels give us reasons to be especially attentive to the lessons that Obadiah teaches.

Edom was a small but solid kingdom that lasted for many centuries. Its territory was in the mountains beyond the southern tip of the Dead Sea. To the west and northwest was Israel (or, in the Divided Kingdom era, Judah). To Edom's northeast was Moab, and to the east and south were the desert lands of Arabia (or, earlier in Edom's history, the Midianites). With its territory set in mountains that were not easily accessible, and with most of its borders covered by natural barriers to invasion, Edom often remained secure even when its neighbors underwent attack.

The history of Edom can be pieced together from a number of different sources, including the Old Testament. The kingdom ended in 553 BC, when the Babylonians apparently invaded Edom, deposed its rulers, ended Edom's independence forever, and deported many Edomites. All of this is similar to what Babylon had done with Judah and other countries. Over the years that followed, the process of resettling Edom's territory continued. Nomadic tribes from Arabia became the dominant group in the area, and by the 4th century BC the remaining descendants of Edom had been thoroughly dispersed.

Edom never again became a nation. Some individual families of Edom's descendants did survive, and by the time of Jesus Christ the remaining descendants of Edom were called Idumeans. It is interesting to note that the line of Herods were Idumeans, and thus, in a sense, for a time the ancient rivalry between Edom and Israel took on a new and different form.

But unlike Israel, Edom was never restored as a nation. God disciplined both nations firmly, but unbelieving Edom was disciplined once for all, while believing Israel was disciplined for its spiritual growth and cleansing. So too, Christians do not escape the pains and anxieties of living in this world. But whereas the worldly often suffer without learning or gaining anything from it, God can always use our sufferings to teach us and to help us grow.

- Mark Garner

Be Continually In Prayer

Hospitalized - Ivana Osei-Sarpong is in Children’s hospital. Jodi Bridges is in University Hospital. Please be praying for them.

Please pray for Christi Bell and her children (they are a Tree of Life family). Her husband Scott passed away.

Kevin Chivington - Please pray for Margie Hipes brother-in-law, Damaino Corrento. He is in ICU in New Jersey.

Lauren Chivington - Please pray for her cousin, Mikey who is in Korea in the army.

Roan, Denise & Natalie Rickard - Thank God that their son, Daniel is home.

Antwon Fudge - Pray for me and my family.