

Foundations News

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | FOUNDATIONS BIBLE CHURCH | DECEMBER 2024



**Foundations Women are looking for
Volunteers to call bingo at Parker
Oaks the 1st, 3rd and 5th Fridays of
every month at 2 pm**

Annual Meeting will be coming up in January - please start working on your reports- they will need to be submitted to the office (Jeanette) by January 2nd. You may email them to baptist@bevcomm.net or deliver them to the church office (if you plan to type your report, please email if you can!). Thank you!

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*Preparing people for
Wholeness in Jesus through
The Word of God.*

*Readying the remnant
For the rapture.*



- December Anniversaries**
- 16 -- John & Elizabeth Schavey
 - 20 – Travis & Rebekah Cyphers
 - 23 – Mitch and Laurie Jenkins

- December Birthdays**
- 01 -- Cathy Lunbery
 - 02 -- Kelyn Morrison
 - 09 – Leland Sypnieski
 - 11 -- Derek Michaelis
 - 14 -- Tyler Nepp
 - 16 – Beckham Sebesta
 - 20 – Trenton Jorgensen
 - 23 – Douglas Jenkins
 - 24 – Debbie Herrmann
 - 26 – Addison Cyphers

Wise Men Still Seek Him

Practice dates & times

We will try to keep 30 - 45 minutes

Wed. Dec. 4th - 7:30 pm

Sun. Dec. 8th - during fellowship

Wed. Dec. 11th - 7:30 pm

Sun. Dec. 15th - during fellowship

Wed. Dec. 18th - 7:30 pm

Sun. Dec. 22nd - during fellowship

we will get costumes & set ready

**If you're unable to attend practices,
Please let them know ASAP so they
can fill your spot.**

- Upcoming Events**
- Dec. 3rd - **NO CED Meeting**
 - Dec. 4th - **Play practice 7:30 pm**
 - Dec. 5th - Women's Bible Study
 - Dec. 8th - Time for Prayer
- **Play practice during fellowship**
 - Dec. 10th - Stewardship Meeting
 - Dec. 11th - **Play practice 7:30 pm**
 - Dec. 15th - Foundations Women
- **Play practice during fellowship**
 - Dec. 17th - Spiritual Ministry Team Meeting
 - Dec. 18th - **Play practice 7:30 pm**
 - Dec. 19th - Women's Bible Study
 - Dec. 21st - Men's Breakfast
 - Dec. 22nd - **Final play practice during fellowship**
- **No Movie Night**
 - Dec. 24th - **Candlelight Service 5 pm**
 - Dec. 27th - **Newsletter Deadline**

- Fellowship Hall Servers**
- Dec. 1st - Potluck
 - Dec. 8th - Ronda Cooper & Sharon Fowler
 - Dec. 15th - Brian & Carrie Jacobsen
 - Dec. 22nd - Happy Birthday Jesus
 - Dec. 29th - All share leftover goodies

Pastor's Pen

Luke 6

²⁴ "But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ "Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. "Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. ²⁶ "Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.

In recent days, as you all are aware, and as I pointed out on Sunday, November 17th, 2024 during one of our Prophecy Point's, it is no secret that some things have crept into the church (as whole, not our congregation in particular)... it is known as the New Age Religion – though it is really the same Old Age Paganism. Today, not only is it known as New Age, it is also known as Luciferian Belief. I plan to do a much more in-depth Prophecy Point on it in the days ahead, but for now I have just four points to make.

When I look at the Scriptures, specifically the passage above, I noticed a trend that started centuries ago, when the Pharisees, Sadducees and Essenes (all sects of Judaism) embraced false prophets and false teachings. They were influenced not only by Solomon, due to the influence of the women he married and had as concubines, but also by Babylonian religious teachings and the nations religions surrounding them. I mean, Jeremiah was taking the false prophets and priests head on about these things, as God commanded.

In that same vein, when Jesus was laying out the woes in the passage above, and of course elsewhere in Scripture – false teachings and prophets exploit others with the intentions of gain to make this life rich.

Also, they use their eloquent speeches and find sounding arguments about being fulfilled – I can't help but notice the idea of those who are full now will be hungry later.... The idea of a full life, fulfilling the life we want easily is a figure of speech – those full of their desires and full of themselves.

Note the laugh now – weep later statement Jesus makes. Interestingly – this echoes only listening to positive things, and I can't

help but think of those who always say “don't listen to the haters”.... I mean, what if God sent “the haters” in our lives to humble us – like Paul had a hateful messenger of Satan sent by the LORD to keep him from being prideful.

My final thought is of Jesus expressing the issue of everyone speaking well of a person – like the Ancient Israelites did of the false prophets; while they spoke ill of and killed the true prophets of God. How many times did God send prophets with a message about sin, repentance, returning to Him and then He would not bring the judgment they all agreed to as part of the covenant. There is nothing wrong with compliments, seeing a well love preacher or teacher praised – but, if you're preaching and teaching what God says to, there is no way those who have itching ears will be happy about it.

So – considering all this said, a practical and biblical summary becomes clear:

Watch out for teaching and teachers, preachers and speakers that promise and proclaim all good and no bad, the richest and most fulfilling life awaits you – and you can have it now, surround yourself with only counsel that props you up and never confronts you, and those messages and messengers (influencers) that seek to influence and gain an audience that only praises and speaks well of them.

Remember, Jesus said “See that no one leads you astray”....

Prayerfully and Discerningly Submitted,

Pastor Daren Lee Barnett

Newsletter Article by

Makayla Nepp, Spiritual Ministry Team Member

I came across this bible teaching in my bible reading and thought it was very good. I wanted to share it with you all. I am copying it down word for word. None of this is my own. I hope you enjoy it, chew and digest what is written here.

2 Corinthians 5:10 - "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil."

This is titled, "The Judgement Seat of Christ."

"In Greek, the word for the amount of ground covered by one foot-*bema*, a single pace (*Acts 7:5*)- ultimately referred to the step leading up to a raised platform and then the platform itself. Such platforms were common in biblical times, just as they are in ours. It is simply convenient for the one who is speaking to stand higher than those spoken to, as when Ezra the scribe mounted a raised platform to read the Law to the assembled postexilic Israelites in Jerusalem.

By NT times, *bema* was also used to refer to a throne-a seat for royalty higher than one's subjects - as in the throne of Herod (*Acts 12:21*). But with royalty came royal pronouncements and judgements, and *bema* became the word for "judgement seat." That is how it occurs most frequently in the NT. Pontius Pilate sat on a "judgement seat" when judging Christ (*Matt 27:19*), and the apostle Paul stood before various Roman officials in courts of judgement (*Acts 18:12; 25:6*).

When it came time for Paul to choose an image to represent Christ's evaluation of His followers' lives at the end of the age, *bema* was the obvious choice: "For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil" (*2 Cor 5:10*; see also *Rom. 14:10*: "For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God").

The phrase "good or evil" in 5:10 could lead one to think this judgement will be the basis of salvation - the "good" being saved, the "evil" unsaved. **But salvation is not its purpose.** Because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Rom 3:23*), **no amount of good deeds can qualify a person for salvation.** The reality of our sin since the Fall means that no effort, no matter how virtuous, will earn us merit toward salvation in God's eyes. **Rather, this judgement is a believer's judgment, where Christ assesses their earthly works to determine rewards for faithfulness.**

First Corinthians 3:11-15 is the clearest passage in the NT on Christ's judgment of believers. While Paul does not mention the judgement seat in this passage, it is certainly what he had in mind. Paul was addressing division in the church at Corinth-cliques of believers were following different leaders. Each leader is important, Paul writes, but God provides the results-"each will receive his wages according to his labor" (*1Cor 3:8*). But the primary criterion for rewards is whether the work was done in the name of Jesus for the building up of the local church.

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When Christ evaluates what believers have "constructed" with their lives, it will survive the fire of judgement if built with spiritual "gold, silver, [and] precious stones," but it will be consumed if built of "wood, hay, [or] straw" (1 Cor 3:12). Work done for Christ and His glory will be rewarded; that which is revealed to have been not for Christ but for oneself will "suffer loss." The Christian will be saved, but their work will be destroyed along with the hope of rewards (1 Cor 3:14-15).

More than one kind of crown to be given to believers for their service is mentioned in the NT: an "imperishable" crown (1 Cor 9:25), a "crown of righteousness" (2 Tim 4:8), a "crown of life" (James 1:12), and a "crown of glory" (1 Peter 5:4). Christ even issued a warning to the church in Philadelphia to remain strong in the faith "so that no one may seize [their] crown" (Rev 3:11). There is reason to believe that those crowns will ultimately be returned to Christ as a way of honoring His glory and power (Rev 4:10,11).

Just as there will be degrees of punishment for those who have rejected God (Luke 12:47, 48), so it appears there will be degrees of reward for those who have served Christ faithfully (Luke 19:16-19). **The most important aspect of the doctrine of rewards is that what we do in this life will impact the life beyond: "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap" (Gal 6:7).** The promise of rewards tells us that " in due season we will reap, if we do not give up" (Gal 6:9). "

