

WELCOME

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IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US, YOU ARE OUR HONORED GUEST!

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The Clean Manger

Wilson Patterson

Proverbs 14:4 says, "Where no oxen are, the manger is clean, But much revenue comes by the strength of the ox." This proverb offers us two options. Clean manger and no revenue or dirty manger with revenue. What does this mean? Simply put, if we want to commit to God and work for him, we will have to get our hands dirty. Perhaps you have a "clean manger" life. You live a comfortable life with your nice job, car, and house. You dress up your family in their best clothes every Sunday for worship service, but outside of that you

don't put any work in for the Lord. Maybe you don't want to dirty up your life with the commitment, stress, responsibilities, sacrifices, and discomfort that comes with being a Christian. You may have a clean, picture perfect, life with a clean manger, but you are spiritually bankrupt. You are not bearing fruit for God, you are not seeking a relationship with Him, you are not laying up treasures in heaven. Jesus sacrificed His life to save us from our sins. We are saved by having faith in Him. If we trust and love God, we will keep His

commandments. Even if that means, making our lives a little more "dirtier". We constantly spread the gospel even if that means carrying an eternal responsibility on our shoulders. We stand up for our beliefs even if that means being looked down on by others. We build up His body, even if that means giving up our pride and time to serve others. Serving God is hard work, but there is much revenue. Jesus pays the greatest debt of sin for us. He gave His pure life for us; we will give up our life for Him, even if that means giving up our "clean manger."

SUN AM

Call to Worship

Song Leader

David Hehner

Scripture Reading

Robert Miller

The Lord's Supper & Giving

Wes Oliver

Opening Prayer

Mike Carr

Sermon

Dylan Cunningham

Closing Prayer

Ian Conrad

SUN PM

Song Leader

Daryl Price

Scripture Reading

Aiden Renfrow

Opening Prayer

Rodney McGaughey

Sermon

Wes Oliver

The Lord's Supper & Giving

Alan Embry

Closing Prayer

Ben Vogeler

WED PM, 2/28

Song Leader

Wilson Patterson

Closing Prayer

Spencer Cook

Invitation

Dylan Cunningham

Prayer Requests

- Roger Ainley's father, Robert Ainley, passed away
- David and Leah Morrison had their baby girl, Eowyn Alexandria
- Darriel Clark had his gallbladder removed
- Thomas Lindsey is having a scope done Monday due to ongoing GI issues
- Justine Haynes' grandmother, Suzie Hardin, had hip revision surgery
- Becky Laird's uncle, Chuck Wilhelm, passed away
- Joey's dad, Shelby Elms had double bypass surgery
- Jacob Harper, who has been visiting with Kayla Windom, was baptized
- Dale, Jillian, and Reagan Dye
- Colbren, Emilee, and Maeve Inglis
- Quin Moseley had an ultrasound and her tumor is shrinking
- CG Haley's mother, Neva Haley, continues to struggle with her health and she has now developed dementia
- Mark Woodward's tests came back showing no cancer at this time but he is still very sick and worried about his kidneys
- Heather Dowdy's mom is in the ICU and has a long road ahead with recovery and care
- Jimmy Ligon's mom, Christine
- L.R.'s mother, Shirley Kennon
- Expecting mothers

In Need of Cards, Visits or Prayers:

- Jean Webster
- Barbra Vance
- Darriel and Marilyn Clark
- Mary Cash
- Lavon Whitaker
- W.D. Anderson
- Doris Martin
- Don & Jeanette Miller
- Debbie Lanphear
- Gary Cassibry
- Ezra Hunt
- John Bunch
- Paula Page
- Jonathan Holden
- Quin Mosley



As One Who Had Authority (Mark 1:21-28, Pt. 1)

Erik Borlaug

Have you ever heard someone speak or teach in such a unique way that it caught your attention? In a much grander way, Jesus had this impact on listeners. What made His teaching so distinct? Look at Mark 1:21-22, " 21 And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. 22 And they were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes."

Even though Jesus was a carpenter (Mark 6:3), He is teaching in a synagogue (like a Jewish church). It was customary for respected Jewish males to teach in these settings. His teaching caused people to be "astonished" and the reason is because He taught as one who had "authority." What does this mean? Perhaps it means that Jesus was

confident when He spoke. However, one can easily imagine others teaching confidently, so there must be more going on.

The Old Testament prophets often preached, saying, "thus says the LORD!" Jesus' preaching does not make statements like this. Rather, He speaks as if He is the authority (cf. Matthew 5:21-48). He will say "truly, truly, I say to you..." around 26 times in John's Gospel.

Imagine growing up hearing lessons in the Synagogue all your life. Whenever you have heard others teach, they have referred to the authority of Scriptures and "thus says the LORD" and to the respected wisdom handed down through the Jewish traditions. Nobody you have ever heard has presumed upon himself to be the authority... until you first hear Jesus the

carpenter on a Saturday.

What were the people thinking in the synagogue that day? At first, I think I would be skeptical and want to know more. It is in this same context where Jesus' words will cast a demon out of a man (vs. 23-28). We will say more about that in the next articles. For now, consider the authority to which you submit. Consider the reaction people had to Jesus' preaching – it was astonishing because He taught as One who had authority.

The main reactions to Jesus in the Gospels were either hatred or worship. If we are indifferent, it is partly because we haven't paid attention to how He taught. Are you paying attention? He has authority over your life. You will either love it or hate it when you see it.

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL

Listen to all class recordings online at westendchurch.com

ADULT CLASSES

Auditorium

Sun AM

In His Image

Matt Finley
Nate Holton

Wed PM

The Church

Erik Borlaug

Back Classrooms

Sun AM (B-7)

Big Words of Bible

Travis Renfrow

YOUNGER CLASSES

Sun AM & Wed PM

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Middle School

9 Months - 6th Grade

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What Is Your Anchor?

Jim Holton

We live in a world where many people are “adrift”. They have nothing they have “anchored” themselves to in defining who and what they are. This is true for people of all ages. In Psalms 62, David writes about God being his “rock and salvation” and that David will not be greatly moved. David also states in verse 7, “In God is my salvation and my glory; The rock of my strength, And my refuge, is in God.”

As a Christian, is your rock, salvation, strength and refuge in God? God alone can give us the anchoring needed in this life to prepare us for eternity. Today, so many people are “adrift” and being “moved” through social media, “world thinking and doing” and the influence of others instead of God. David continues in verse 8, “Trust in Him at all times, you people; Pour out your heart

before Him; God is a refuge for us.” Too many times people are “pouring out their heart” on social media instead of trusting in and following God. God expects us to count on Him and His mercy. David closes in verse 12 with, “Also to You, O Lord, belongs mercy; For you render to each one according to his work.” What is your work? Who/what is your God? What is your anchor? God knows, do you?

WEEKLY VERSE

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart
And do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He will make your paths straight."

Proverbs 3:5-6