



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

The prophet-like words of A.W. Tozer heavily influenced evangelicalism in the mid 1900's (as they do still today). One of his more famous writings is entitled "The Incredible Christian." Here is an excerpt of Tozer's description and explanation of the incredible lives that Christians have in Christ:

The Christian believes that in Christ he has died, yet he is more alive than before and he fully expects to live forever. He walks on earth while seated in heaven and though born on earth he finds that after his conversion, he is not at home here. Like the nighthawk, which in the air is the essence of grace and beauty, but on the ground is awkward and ugly, so the Christian appears at his best in the heavenly places, but does not fit well into the ways of the very society into which he was born.

The Christian soon learns that if he would be victorious as a son of heaven among men on earth he must not follow the common pattern of mankind, but rather the contrary. That he may be safe he puts himself in jeopardy, he loses his life to save it and is in danger of losing it if he attempts to preserve it. He goes down to get up. If he refuses to go down he is already down, but when he starts down he is on his way up.

He is strongest when he is weakest and weakest when he is strong. Though poor he has the power to make others rich, but when he becomes rich his ability to enrich others vanishes. He has the most after he has given most away and has least when he possesses most.

He may be and often is highest when he feels lowest and most sinless when he is most conscious of sin. He is wisest when he knows that he knows not and knows least when he has acquired the greatest amount of knowledge. He sometimes does most by doing nothing and goes furthest when standing still. In heaviness he manages to rejoice and keeps his heart glad even in sorrow.

The paradoxical character of the Christian is revealed constantly. For instance, he believes that he is saved now, nevertheless he expects to be saved later and looks forward joyfully to future salvation. He fears God but is not afraid of Him. In God's presence he feels overwhelmed and undone yet there is nowhere he would rather be than in that presence. He knows that he has been cleansed from his sin, yet he is painfully conscious that in his flesh dwells no good thing.

He loves supremely One whom he has never seen, and though himself poor and lowly he talks familiarly with One who is King of all Kings and Lord of all lords and is aware of no incongruity in so doing. He feels that he is in his own right altogether less than nothing, yet he believes without question that he is the apple of God's eye and that for him the Eternal Son became flesh and died on the cross of shame.

He cheerfully expects before long to enter that bright world above, but is in no hurry to leave this world and is quite willing to await the summons of his Heavenly Father. And he is unable to understand why the critical unbeliever should condemn him for this: it all seems so natural and right in the circumstances that he sees nothing inconsistent about it.

(A.W. Tozer, That Incredible Christian, p.13)

The Christian life is a profound paradox. Or, to put it another way, Christians are ordinary people in the hands of the extraordinary God!

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #6):

Genesis 20-23; Judges 1-6; Psalm 15-17; Job 11-12; Isaiah 29-33; Matthew 14-16; Romans 11-12

Recommended Reading:

"That Incredible Christian" by A.W. Tozer

Calendar of
Events:

February 7

The Sanctuary Play
Group

February 10

Men's Breakfast

February 15

SAM's Potluck

Luncheon

February 17

Women's Breakfast

February 21

AWANA Grand
Prix

Looking Ahead....

Men's Retreat, May 4-6

For prayer requests,
email Amy Woodruff
at prayer@sbcnb.org
or call 541-404-0547

We're on the Web!

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "On the Christian Life" by John Calvin
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "The Murder of Jesus"
w/Pastor David

8:15-9:30pm "Zechariah"

w/Pastor Josh

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"

Begins February 8th

w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "The Murder of Jesus"

w/Pastor David

Adult Group Studies

Sundays ~

6:30-7:30pm "The Lord's Prayer"

Begins February 11th

At the Woodruff's Home (541-756-3311)

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

7:00-9:00pm At Skyline

w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"

w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Not By Sight"

w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am "Isaiah, the Lord Saves"

w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am "Live Out His Love"

w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm "Romans"

w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "A Woman of Wisdom, Proverbs"

w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

6:30-8:00pm "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"

w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Connect & Encourage.....

"The Sanctuary" Play & Fellowship Time ~ February 7th, 9am

Moms & little ones are invited to come enjoy a time of fellowship and play in the Sanctuary on the first Wednesday of every month from 9:00am to 11:30am. Everyone is welcome with little ones from birth to age 5! Contact Anna Kintigh with questions 541-914-8013.

Men's Breakfast ~ February 10th, 8:30am

Walking in the truth. Men, that is what we do as we follow Christ in our marriages, with our children, in our jobs, etc. That is our life. Join us at 8:30am, as we continue to learn together to walk in the truth!

SAM's Potluck Luncheon ~ February 15th, Noon

For those ages 55 and up, please join us for our SAM's potluck luncheon in the Fireside Room. We don't want to miss you - if you need a ride, contact the church office at least 24 hours in advance and we will arrange a ride for you.

Children's Ministries.....

Save the date:

June 25 – 28 9am to Noon

Vacation Bible School

Open to children 3 years old (potty-trained) through 5th Grade

July 30 - August 3

Big G Summer Camp

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:



- Summer Sunday School Teachers and Helpers (this is our greatest area of need)
- 2nd Service Nursery Helpers (once a month)
- 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School Teacher (twice a month during second service)
- Awana helpers (Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8 pm – Summers off)
- Vacation Bible School Pre-School Director and Co-Director and leaders and helpers for other areas of VBS.

See Loy for more information. Training available.



Youth Ministries.....

Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8pm.