

Announcements!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: The Discipline of Personal Bible Study". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. The next cleaning day will be on February 28, so be sure and attend to help!

#161: Old Time Religion (Yellow Hymnal)

Chorus

Give me that old time religion, Give me that old time religion,
Give me that old time religion, It's good enough for me!

Verse One

It was good for Paul and Silas, It was good for Paul and Silas,
It was good for Paul and Silas, It's good enough for me! (Chorus)

Verse Two

It was good for the Hebrew Children, It was good for the Hebrew Children,
It was good for the Hebrew Children, It's good enough for me! (Chorus)

Verse Four

Makes me love everybody, Makes me love everybody,
Makes me love everybody, It's good enough for me! (Chorus)

Funnies: The Three Cowboys...

Three cowboys wandered into Indian sacred land. They got caught by the Indians and taken back to the Indian village. The Indians did not like white men trespassing their land so they brought upon the three cowboys the Indian chief. The chief told them " You caught me on a good day so I'm gonna give you an option: usually we kill intruders, but this time I'm gonna give you a chance. You will be able to choose a weapon, after you choose this weapon you will have one hour to get away. After that hour we are gonna chase you. If we catch you then we are gonna skin you then kill you and turn your skin into a canoe."

The first cowboy chooses a rifle. He then took off, when the hour was up the Indians went after him. Behind a tree, he shot at the Indian and killed a couple of them until he ran out of bullets. The Indians caught him skinned him then kill killed him then turned his skin into a canoe.

The second cowboy asked for a horse which at the time seemed like a good idea. He got his horse and went on his way. After an hour went by the Indian went after him. By this time he was pretty far away. The cowboy looked back with relief to check how far away he was. At the same time the horse was still going so he then got hit by a tree on top of his head that knocked him out. The Indians then caught up to him skinned him then kill killed him then turned his skin into a canoe.

The third cowboy was watching what was going on. The chief asked him what weapon he wanted. This cowboy asked for a fork. " A fork ! ", asked the chief. All the Indians where laughing. " Yes, a fork ", said the cowboy. He then started stabbing himself on the chest and said, " Ain't nobody turning me into a darn canoe."

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Mission Statement

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

Order of Services

Sunday School – 9:00 a.m.



Clothed And Ready:

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.” – Ephesians 6:11, KJV

Morning Worship Services – 10:30 a.m.

- Devotion Deacons & Congregation
- Morning Hymn: “Old Time Religion” Choir & Congregation
- Responsive Reading Pastor & Congregation
- Selection Choir & Congregation
- Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
- Tithes and Offerings Deacons
(Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)
- Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor
- Selections Choir & Congregation
- Sermon

Invitation to Christ

Benediction



Sermon Notes

Scripture: _____

Subject: _____

Notes: _____

Words of Wisdom:

Carrots, Eggs, And Coffee



A young woman went to her mother and told her about her life and how things were so hard for her. She did not know how she was going to make it and wanted to give up. She was tired of fighting and struggling. It seemed as one problem was solved, a new one arose. Her mother took her to the kitchen. She filled three pots with water and placed each on a high fire. Soon the pots came to boil. In the first she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and in the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them sit and boil, without saying a word.

In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She fished the carrots out and placed them in a bowl. She pulled the eggs out and placed them in a bowl. Then she ladled the coffee out and placed it in a bowl. Turning to her daughter, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," she replied.

Her mother brought her closer and asked her to feel the carrots. She did and noted that they were soft. The mother then asked the daughter to take an egg and break it. After pulling off the shell, she observed the hard boiled egg. Finally, the mother asked the daughter to sip the coffee. The daughter smiled as she tasted its rich aroma. The daughter then asked, "What does it mean, mother?"

Her mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity.. boiling water. Each reacted differently. The carrot went in strong, hard, and unrelenting. However, after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior, but after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water.

"Which are you?" she asked her daughter. "When adversity knocks on your door, how do you respond? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?"

Think of this: Which am I? Am I the carrot that seems strong, but with pain and adversity do I wilt and become soft and lose my strength?

Am I the egg that starts with a malleable heart, but changes with the heat? Did I have a fluid spirit, but after a death, a breakup, a financial hardship or some other trial, have I become hardened and stiff? Does my shell look the same, but on the inside am I bitter and tough with a stiff spirit and hardened heart?

Or am I like the coffee bean? The bean actually changes the hot water, the very circumstance that brings the pain. When the water gets hot, it releases the fragrance and flavor. If you are like the bean, when things are at their worst, you get better and change the situation around you. When the hour is the darkest and trials are their greatest, do you elevate yourself to another level? How do you handle adversity? Are you a carrot, an egg or a coffee bean?

Responsive Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6 (NIV)

- 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.
- 2 For by it the elders obtained a good report.
- 3 Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear.
- 4 By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.
- 5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God.
- 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.