

TRUE WISDOM & LIFE'S PROBLEMS

Ecclesiastes 9:1-18 So I reflected on all this and concluded that the righteous and the wise and what they do are in God's hands, but no one knows whether love or hate awaits them. ²All share a common destiny—the righteous and the wicked, the good and the bad, the clean and the unclean, those who offer sacrifices and those who do not. As it is with the good, so with the sinful; as it is with those who take oaths, so with those who are afraid to take them. ³This is the evil in everything that happens under the sun: The same destiny overtakes all. The hearts of people, moreover, are full of evil and there is madness in their hearts while they live, and afterward they join the dead. ⁴Anyone who is among the living has hope even a live dog is better off than a dead lion! ⁵For the living know that they will die, but the dead know nothing; they have no further reward, and even their name is forgotten. ⁶Their love, their hate and their jealousy have long since vanished; never again will they have a part in anything that happens under the sun. ⁷Go, eat your food with gladness, and drink your wine with a joyful heart, for God has already approved what you do. ⁸Always be clothed in white, and always anoint your head with oil. ⁹Enjoy life with your wife, whom you love, all the days of this meaningless life that God has given you under the sun—all your meaningless days. For this is your lot in life and in your toilsome labor under the sun. ¹⁰Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might, for in the realm of the dead, where you are going, there is neither working nor planning nor knowledge nor wisdom. ¹¹I have seen something else under the sun: The race is not to the swift or the battle to the strong, nor does food come to the wise or wealth to the brilliant or favor to the learned; but time and chance happen to them all. ¹²Moreover, no one knows when their hour will come: As fish are caught in a cruel net, or birds are taken in a snare, so people are trapped by evil times that fall unexpectedly upon them. Wisdom Better Than Folly ¹³I also saw under the sun this example of wisdom that greatly impressed me: ¹⁴There was once a small city with only a few people in it. And a powerful king came against it, surrounded it and built huge siege works against it. ¹⁵Now there lived in that city a man poor but wise, and he saved the city by his wisdom. But nobody remembered that poor man. ¹⁶So I said, "Wisdom is better than strength." But the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are no longer heeded. ¹⁷The quiet words of the wise are more to be heeded than the shouts of a ruler of fools. ¹⁸Wisdom is better than weapons of war, but one sinner destroys much good.

HOW DOES ONE BECOME A MEMBER OF THE CHURCH?

One does not "join" the church. **The Lord adds** to the church those who are being saved (Acts 2:47). To be saved, one must do the will of God (Matt. 7:21-23). The will of God as expressed by the New Testament, for the sinner outside the body of Christ must:

HEAR THE GOSPEL
Romans 10:17

BELIEVE IN CHRIST
John 8:24 Hebrews 11:6

REPENT OF THEIR SINS
Acts 17:30 & 26:20

CONFESS FAITH IN CHRIST
Matt. 10:32 Rom. 10:10

**BE BAPTIZED FOR THE
REMISSION OF SINS**
Mark 16:16 Acts 2:38 Acts 22:16

BE FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH
Rev. 2:10

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Sunday
11:00 A.M. and 6:00 P.M.

BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 10:00 A.M.
Wednesday 7:00 P.M.

SPANISH SERVICES

Sunday Worship 2:00 P.M.
Spanish Bible Study
Sunday 1:00 P.M.
Thursday 7:00 P.M.

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WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS

You are our honored guests. We hope your visit with us today will be rewarding and spiritually uplifting. In order that we may serve you better, please fill out a yellow visitor's card located on the back of each pew and drop in the collection plate.

NEWS and PRAYER REQUESTS

MICHAEL MORENO is home now, after being taken to emergency room for blood tests on Tuesday night. Multiple tests were conducted. Please keep Michael in prayer for good test results and to be rid of the medical issues he's had for a long time.

KATHY SMITH has suffered a lot of pain this week. She is still awaiting insurance approval for back surgery and for the pain patches. Please pray approval comes through soon as the pain is getting worse each day.

ADA GAGEN, 3 years old, has been battling to overcome the myriad of health issues she's enduring, *including dialysis everyday*. Please pray for her to have good health in her childhood.

DUANE & LENA TOLBERTSON Duane has had a good week for the most part. One day Lena & Kathy were not able to get him out of bed all day, slept much more than normal, vitals were not stable, requiring constant monitoring. He has been doing better since. **Lena** has been trying to get more rest & it has helped my hip and elbow. **KATHY**, Jan T. daughter, broke her arm a few weeks ago. Please pray that her pain subside and she has a complete recovery.

LOUISE, Tommy Thompson's sister, had a stroke a few weeks ago. Her health has declined and she is in ICU. Please keep her in prayer.

PRAY FOR EVERYONE INVOLVED IN CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

BONNIE & TERRY NEWMAN to both overcome their long lasting health issues
ESTHER MARTINEZ to have pain subside & have a full recovery on her Esophagus
KEN & RUTH ALTOM to have improved health. Give them a call: 760-420-6279
JOHN SULLIVAN to have better health on a daily basis.
MARILYN BURR to continue having wholeness and well-being.
BECKY GORMANY to bounce back from a nasty fall she had a few weeks ago.
SELENA, Mariela's granddaughter, to have her seizures kept to a minimum.
ARIANA CAMPOS to regain strength as she moves on from scary bout with cancer

****Send prayer requests, news & updates to: melcobulletin@yahoo.com
You can also text or call Fred S. 760-855-8880**

Joe Gormany can be reached on his cell phone at (928) 530-2158

COMING EVENTS

JOE GORMANY will deliver morning sermon: *"True Wisdom & Life's Problems"*

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE: Be back tonight @ 6:00 pm as **FRANCHOT RANDOLPH** will bring us an uplifting message.

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY: This week's study: Jonah 1:1-17, page 725 in The One Year Chronological Bible. The Wednesday Night Class members would like to encourage all of our Brothers & Sisters to come & be a part of the class. *There will NOT be a bible study on December 26, the day after Christmas.*

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 * BILINGUAL WORSHIP & POTLUCK

We will celebrate the end of the year with a combined morning service, followed by a potluck & fellowship.

GOSPEL SEMINAR * RAVEN STREET CoC * SUNDAY, DEC 16 is LAST DAY!

For more info, see flyer in foyer. The church is located at 748 Raven St., San Diego.

If you would like to send a condolences card to Eulamae Brooks, this her address:

Eulamae Brooks
637 David Circle
Placerville, CA 95667-3473

Melrose CoC sent a nice flower arrangement for his funeral and a Thank You card from Eulamae is posted on the board in foyer.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS MISSION WORK 2018 The ladies have collected \$105 to help the victims of the Paradise fire. They also gathered canned goods for donation to Brother Beno's Shelter. Our ladies have been very involved in mission work all year, giving back to our community. Their efforts are certainly to be commended!

ANNUAL CONGREGATION/ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING at 10:00 am on SATURDAY, JANUARY 5 in Fellowship Hall. This meeting is required by State of California. A quorum of our members must be present, so please set aside a couple of hours and make plans to attend. It's just once a year!

SAVE THE DATE:

24th ANNUAL MEN'S DAY @ CENTRAL CHURCH OF CHRIST in Oceanside
The event will be on **SATURDAY, JANUARY 19, 2019 * 7:30 am to 1:00 pm.**

LADIES DAY * 32nd CHURCH OF CHRIST * SAT. MARCH 30 * 9:00 - 12:00

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

16 Kenneth & Ruth Altom 22 Leroy & Ann Smith

19 Frederick & Gloria Schultz

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

2 Marilyn Burr