

**2021
Stronger Than Ever**

**“Filling the Heart”
Matt. 12:43-45**

Introduction

Jesus took the time to address the spiritual condition of some first century Jews (Matt. 12:38-45). Jesus used an example of a man who had an unclean spirit to describe the need to fill the heart of man (Matt. 12:43-45).

III. We must get rid of the evil in our hearts, but we must also replace it with good.

A. How do we fill the heart with good?

I. There is great danger when our hearts are empty.

A. The heart can harbor both good and bad (Matt. 12:35; 15:19).

B. Like a home, the heart can be cleansed (Heb. 10:22; 9:14; Acts 15:8- 9).

C. “Nature abhors a vacuum”-empty/unfilled spaces are unnatural.

1. If the heart is not filled with goodness, then the evil will likely return.

2. The condition will be worse than before (2 Pet. 2:20-22).

3. Consider the Corinthians (1 Cor. 6:11; 2 Cor. 12:20-21).

D. Our hearts can become hardened (Heb. 3:12-13; cf. 10:26-29).

II. How do we fill the heart with good?

A. Set first in your mind that God is the ruler of my life (1 Pet. 3:15; Rom 12:1-2)

B. Be careful about what you put into your mind (Col. 3:1-2; Phil 4:8)

C. Engage in good works (Eph. 2:20; 1 Pet. 2:1-2; Psa. 1:1-6; Matt. 5:16).

D. Choose our friends carefully (1 Cor. 15:33; Prov. 13:20).

Conclusion

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SCHEDULE

Sunday
Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday
Ladies Prayer Service 12:00 p.m.

Wednesday
Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS AND STAFF

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Bible Hour
Kim Bower

ELDER FOR October Dale Donaghe
LADIES COMMITTEE FOR October Cheryl Bliss

WEEK OF OCTOBER 24TH , 2021

Bible Class	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wed. Class	Offering
33	47	19	19	\$2255



OCTOBER 31ST 2021

Order Of Worship
Song Leader: Jimmy Williams

Welcome.....Dale Donaghe

879 Morning Has Broken
141 Father Of Mercies

Prayer.....Bob Donald

747 'Twas On That Hill

Lord's Supper.....Dave Gastellum

923 Give Thanks

Offering.....Mike Cottam

884 Teach Me Lord To Wait

Scripture Reading.....Jerry Hopkins

Morning Service...."Filling The Heart"with David House

456 No Tears In Heaven
249 How Precious Is The Book

Closing Prayer.....Eric Bliss

Evening Service.....5 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK	
Oct 31st	Morning Class @ 9:30 AM Worship @ 10:30 AM Evening Service @ 5 PM
3rd	Wednesday Evening Service @ 6:30 PM
6th	Men's Breakfast @ 8:30 AM Daylight Savings (<i>set your clocks back</i>)

FAREWELL PARTY

On November 14th after morning services, in lieu of our monthly potluck, we will be celebrating David & Kim Senior and the many years of service they have dedicated to this congregation and the surrounding community. They have been with us almost exclusively since 1973 and have served in many capacities, raised their children here and now are setting off to retire at the Delta, their home away from home that will now be their permanent home. We are so excited for them but will miss them terribly. Until we meet again! Lunch and dessert will be provided. Please stay and visit and wish them well on their new adventure!



NOVEMBER CALENDARS & THOSE WHO SERVE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE BACK TABLE

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

- Veda Battison** had a swallow test this past week. Please keep her in your prayers that the doctors can resolve this for her, and things will be easier. Please keep **Shawn B Johnson** in your prayers as well as she cares for her.
- Russell Capshaw** asked for prayers for his **Aunt Jo**, in Oklahoma. She is dealing with heart issues. Please keep her & the family in your prayers.
- Ethel Johnson** is traveling for another week or so. Please keep her in your prayers for safe passage.
- Ann Thompson** is traveling this weekend in LA @ her granddaughter's college parent weekend. Please keep her in your prayers for a safe return home.
- Eric Bliss** had shoulder surgery this past Friday. Please keep him in your prayers for a speedy recovery.
- Sharon Donaghe** came through her cataract surgery well and is recovering. Please keep her in your prayers.
- Lynn Nothstein's** son **Shane** had back surgery this past Tuesday. He came through well but is in some pain as to be expected. Please keep him & his wife **Kelsey** in your prayers.
- Please keep **Cliff Downing's** sister **Fran** in your prayers. She had to be placed on the ventilator again & has spiked a fever. She is struggling with yet another virus & other health issues. Please keep the family in your prayers as well.
- Jan Hayes'** daughter **Sherry** was diagnosed with Colitis. Please keep her in your prayers. She is feeling much better & now has a way forward.
- David Senior** asked for prayers for **Jim & Jeanie Lewis**, former members here. They both are suffering with COVID19 & its side effects.
- Loretta Bower** asked for prayers for **Dale Jones** and his parole board meeting that it go well. He is a friend of **Loretta's** friend & coveted the prayers as she has seen them work.
- Please keep **Dorothy & Bill** in your prayers. She continues to work toward her transplant.
- Please keep **Judith Scharnagel** in your prayers. She came home yesterday.

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Intelligence is knowing the right answer.
Wisdom is knowing when to say it.

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

*"I, wisdom, dwell together with prudence;
I possess knowledge and discretion. ~ Proverbs 8:12*

ENCOURAGING WORDS

Knowing Our Savior

A commonly used phrase in the religious world is, "Do you know the Lord as your personal Savior?" Have you been asked that question? The notion of knowing the Lord is certainly Biblical, but phrases and concepts are sometimes redefined to describe a concept not found in the Bible. For example, the word "baptism" has spread around the world to describe the sprinkling of water on an infant, but this concept is never found in the Bible!

There is that which the Bible says we can absolutely know. There is no room for doubt because the Bible speaks it clearly and precisely! Let's look at one of the many examples to be found in God's Word.

We Know That We Know Him

"Now by this we know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."

(1 John 2:3) Look at these words carefully. Not only is it possible for us to know the Lord, but we can also know that we know Him. The concept of knowing Him is not some vague, immeasurable idea. There is an absolutely certain way to check if we know Him. How do we know that we know Him? The Bible gives the evidence. It is not by some "born again" prayer that we remember people saying. It is not by some deep-seated feeling we have within us. Simply look at your response to what He has commanded, and if you are obeying them then you know Him and you can therefore know that you know.

We Can Know Far More Than We Realize

The phrase "we know" is found more than fifty times in the Bible and the apostle John uses it twenty-eight of those times. Aren't you glad that we can know Him? Aren't you glad that because of the Bible, you can know that you know Him?!

R. Senior