

This week at Mission Bell

Monday, August 28, 2017

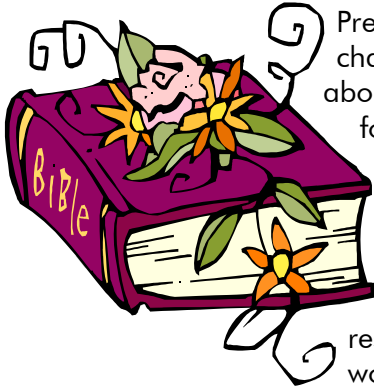
Pastor's Pontification

Someone asked me, "What's your stand on the Conference's approach to social issues"? My thoughtful response is, "God's call upon my heart is to preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ and His saving grace". God has blessed my decision to accept His call.

With all that happening in our nation's capital, another person asked me, "What do you make of this country's political situation"? My response is, "You might want to ask that question to someone who is more intimately involved in political analysis. As for me, I have enough on my plate just being concerned about the spiritual well-being of our faith community.

Oh, and lest you think I have my head in the sand, I have an opinion on much of what is happening around me.....social, political and historical. But really, my call is singularly focused. Romans 10:14 reads, "How, then, can they call on the One that they have not believed in? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him without someone preaching to them?"

Preaching the Good News of God saving grace is a full-time and challenging responsibility. Notice, that Roman's is not speaking about me specifically, rather about each of us who say we are followers of Jesus Christ. We are called to preach it!



A wonderful and gifted Bible teacher by the name of Mary Masey, when asked about the biblical approach to contemporary issues would respond with, "What does The Word of God say about the issue"? And she would follow that with, "If the Bible is silent on the issue, so are we". If you assume from her response that she was not informed on contemporary issues, you would be mistaken. Mary was well educated academically and

Scripturally. She spent the years after retiring as a public school librarian engaged in daily study of the Scriptures (3-4 hours a day). She was not trying to establish her place among Bible scholars, she simply loved the Lord and was eager to be led by the Holy Spirit in understanding The Word.

I suspicion that those called to preach the Good News often get sidetracked with social and political issues that are not Spirit-led in nature. May God inform our thinking and keep us ever in His care!

What's Happening This Week

Birthdays: Barb O'Donnell 9/3

Tuesday, August 29 Vitality Task Force Meeting 6:30 pm Ironworks Restaurant

Dinner Group Potluck

Dinner Group is tentatively scheduling a kick off potluck for September 10 at 12:30. All members of the Dinner Group are invited and you are welcome to bring guests. If you are not currently signed up for Dinner Group and would like to enjoy the fellowship of dining with other members of the church, there are sign up forms in the Narthex, or give your name and number/email address to Connie Haines.

Potluck

Everyone brings something to the table



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Worship begins at 10 am

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