

## The Blood That Saves... and Offends

*"When Christ came... he did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood."* - Hebrews 9:11-12

LIKE THE CROSS, the Gospel, God's Word, and Christ himself, the *blood of Christ* is something that both attracts and repels. It gets our attention but offends our sensibilities. Blood is something we cover and clean up. It is the essence of our physical life, but the sight of it makes many feel sick.

Yet the saving blood of Christ applied to my life is a cure for my sin-sick soul. It means I don't have to keep desperately looking over and over for something or someone to sacrifice for my sin. It means I am freed from self-loathing and a guilty conscience. Standing clean and forgiven, my lying and blaming are no longer needed. I'm free to follow Christ's higher path.

My bogus, bloodless version of the gospel would have Jesus as a distant doting uncle who offers a few limp suggestions for a happy heavenly life whose one word of nice advice is, "Enjoy." My weak and beggarly gospel will not save.

The true saving Gospel is Jesus as the Son of God and Lord of my life who gave his life-blood to save me from my selfishness and sin, whose word to me is, "repent, serve, and love." He is a roughhewn Savior, powerfully alive who still bears the blood-stained marks of suffering; who knows every trial we have experienced and more.

To leave out the blood of Christ is to leave us forever lost. Jesus is not a nice savior who saves nice people. He is the sinless Son of God who poured out his life to save hopeless sinners like me. The high and proud will take a pass and so be condemned. The penitent will humbly turn to him and be forever saved.

There is no bloodless Gospel because Christ's blood is the point of power that once and for all took away our sin. Thank God!

*Mark*

**TODAY: Chinese Luncheon at "Peking Wok":** (Rt. 38 & Ark Rd. in Mount Laurel) The Luncheon will be at 1:00PM. Everyone is invited! Cost is \$14 each. Please settle up with Tony Sr. this morning ***before*** we leave for the luncheon.

### **VBS Dates: July 12-15**

- Sunday, **June 28**, Final **VBS Planning** Meeting
- Wed PM, **July 1 & 8**, **Door Stuffing** with Fliers
- Sunday, **July 5**, "**Dressed-to-Serve**" **Sunday**
- Friday, **July 10**, **VBS Decorating** & Prep

**High School Graduation Celebration:** We will be having pizza and cake for our High School Grads after Worship **NEXT SUNDAY**, June 14<sup>th</sup>. Come celebrate the graduations of Sarah Powers, Tiana Nuñez, Tim Lum, & Jeremy Cook.

**Also...Congratulations to Our College Graduates**  
**Mark Fabi** graduated **May 9<sup>th</sup>** with a degree in Criminal Justice. **Anna Fabi** graduates **June 13<sup>th</sup>** with a degree in Business.

**Hollye Swinehart is serving** this summer in Thailand at an orphanage. Keep her in prayer as she serves Christ!

**Haircuts for Missions:** will be Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup>.

**Youth Group:** Saturday, June 13 will be bowling at "30 Strikes Lanes" in Stratford, N.J. Meet in front of the bowling Alley at 6:45pm for bowling 7-9pm. Bring a few dollars for snacks and arcade games if wanted.

**Vivian is Home** recuperating from her heart bypass surgery. See Veronica Price if you want to help with meals.

**Volunteers for June:** Communion Prep: **Juanita B.**, Donuts: **Azilles**, Bagels: **Kristin C.** Nursery: **Sandra M., Renée, Margaret, Alexia, Norma, Stephanie, Sandie F., & Julie.**

**Men's Meeting, June 28<sup>th</sup>** Our men and boys (12 and up) are invited to converge in the auditorium for an afternoon of music, devotion, worship, and inspiration, Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> after Worship, 1:30-4:30 PM. The topic is: "**Momentous Moments of Men...** and their massive effect." Questions? See Bill Ceraso.

**Today's Worship Leaders**

**Worship Leader:** Gerry Hogan  
**Welcome & Scripture:** Chet Churchill (Psalm 115:1-9)  
**Opening Prayer:** Carl Smith  
**Lord's Supper:** Bret Goen, Tony Jr., Josh Henderson, Logan  
**Scripture Reading:** Ben Churchill (2 Peter 3:3-7)  
**Announcements & Prayer:** Tony Ceraso Jr.

**Nursery: Sandra M. & Renée** Next Week-Margaret & Alexia  
**Pink Cleaning Team:** June 10-13 **Donna & Howard** Coordinate

**OUTREACH/MINISTRY**

Mark Finn – Preacher  
 Church Office- (856) 854-0197

**Worship Total..... 148**  
 Bible Class..... 86  
 Wed PM..... 42

**ELDERS:**

Rick Boyle (856) 986-4876  
 Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276  
 Bret Goen (856) 996-5267  
 Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179  
 Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969

**Contribution ..... \$2,687**  
**Budget Goal.....\$4,260**

Daily Bible Readers: 27



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"Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain** of what we do not see." (Hebrews 11:1)

