

# The Church of Christ MESSENGER

Journeying together through the trials of life, with no less than our very most, to eternity!

## Philippi: A Church To Be Thankful For

by Jeff Asher

"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ" (Phil. 1:3-6).

One of the greatest joys an evangelist has is a church for which he can be truly thankful. It is a great encouragement to a preacher to know there are brethren who will come to his aid in times of distress or persecution. It renews the spirit to feel the weight of the daily burdens lightened by the helping hands of loving saints of like precious faith.

### Zealous To Support Paul

The Philippian brethren were ardent supporters of the apostle from the first day (Phil. 1:5). How different they were from the Corinthians from whom Paul received nothing though he gave them his all (2 Cor. 11:7-10; 12:14-17). These brethren supported Paul in Philippi (Acts 16:15), at Thessalonica (Phil. 4:16), in Achaia at Athens and Corinth (Phil. 4:15; Acts 17:13-16) and in the imperial prison at Rome (Phil. 1:7; 4:14-19). They supported Paul out of there "deep poverty" while undergoing a "great trial of affliction" (2 Cor. 8:2). Evangelists ought to be grateful for what they receive from the brethren.

While what the evangelist receives is earned (2 Cor. 11:8), it is no less a matter of generosity and sacrifice on the part of the brethren. They work, they earn and they have bills, needs and wants. Yet, they give. They could have more for themselves if they gave less, but their commitment to Christ is greater than their desires for additional comforts and pleasures (Phil. 1:6; 4:10; 2 Cor. 9:8-11).

### Worked By His Side

The Philippians did not just "throw money" at Paul, Luke or Timothy expecting "so much preach for so much pay." No, the Philippians were "yokefellows," "fellow laborers," "fellow soldiers" and "companions in labor" with Paul (Phil. 2:25; 4:3). These brethren had actually helped in the work of evangelizing. Lydia opened her house and received the church (Acts 16:40). Epaphroditus was an evangelist, as well as their messenger who risked his life to carry a gift to Paul (Phil. 2:25). Clement was a teacher of the gospel (Phil. 1:1; 4:1-2). Euodias and Syntyche were served as well (cf. Rom. 16:1-2).

Too many "in the pew" are under the impression that preachers are hired to do their evangelism. There are quite a few preachers under the impression that their sole responsibility is to "fill the pulpit." The evangelist and the church are in fellowship together in the great work of evangelism. The church shares in the financial needs of the preacher, but also in the work. Elders and deacons have a responsibility to teach and preach the word (1 Tim. 5:17; Acts 21:8) and to train others in that work (1 Tim. 3:10; Titus 1:9-10).

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- 01 John 6.22-40
- 02 Esther 1.1-22
- 03 Esther 2.1-23
- 04 Esther 3.1-15
- 05 Esther 4.1-17
- 06 2 Peter 1.1-21
- 07 2 Peter 2.1-22
- 08 2 Peter 3.1-18
- 09 2 Samuel 18.1-18
- 10 2 Samuel 18.19-19.8
- 11 Isaiah 54.1-17
- 12 John 6.41-59
- 13 Esther 5.1-14
- 14 Esther 6.1-7.10
- 15 Galatians 4.1-20

- 16 Ephesians 5.1-21
- 17 1 Kings 1.1-21
- 18 1 Kings 1.22-42
- 19 1 Kings 1.43-2.12
- 20 1 Kings 3.1-15
- 21 1 Kings 8.1-21
- 22 Psalm 84.1-12
- 23 Ephesians 6.10-24
- 24 Luke 22.14-30
- 25 John 6.60-7.9
- 26 John 7.10-31
- 27 Esther 8.1-17
- 28 Esther 9.1-19
- 29 Mark 6.14-29
- 30 James 1.1-11

August daily Bible reading

## Prayers & Praise

Do you have someone to remember in our prayers? Or something you are rejoicing about? Please share

Prayers for those who will be travelling over the summer.

Beth's sister Anne as she battles with cancer

Freda's sister Judy and brother Jim who are battling with cancer

Brian & Elaine's granddaughter who fell and broke her arm

Bob's health

Kevin Lobart's health concerns

Our search for a preacher



Thanks to Ondrej Paika (See Matthew 14:24-33) 01-04-2008  
**PETER FINDS HIS FAITH TO BE MUCH STRONGER IN THE WINTER**

### News/Announcements

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### Sunday meeting times

10:30- doors open  
 11AM-Worship service  
 4702 56 Ave, Lloydminster, AB

### Midweek

see you in the fall!  
 find us on the web  
 www.lloydchurch.org

	Song leader	Communion	Message	Opening prayer/ announcements	Closing prayer
July 29th	Kevin	Kevin & Brian		Kevin	Brian
August 5th	Kevin	Brian & Kevin		Kevin	Brian
August 12th	Kevin	Kevin & Brian	Bob Norris	Kevin	Brian
August 19th	Kevin	Brian & Kevin	Kevin	Kevin	Brian
August 26th	Kevin	Sean & Kevin	Evered Butler	Sean	Brian

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### Not Ashamed of Paul

When Paul wrote the church at Philippi his popularity was greatly diminished. He was in prison in Rome (Phil. 1:7) deserted by some of his former companions and alone (2 Tim. 4:9-17). The sect of the circumcision continued to harass Paul (Phil. 1:15-18). Their desire was to destroy him if possible. They made false charges against him and misrepresented his doctrine (Gal. 5:10-12; Phil. 3:18-19; Rom. 3:8). Some of the brethren were turning away from Paul (2 Tim. 1:15). However, the Philippians were remaining steadfast in their former love (Phil. 1:7; 4:14). They unashamedly acknowledged their debt to Paul as the herald of their salvation (Phil. 2:17).

There will be times when an unpopular stand must be taken because it is the right place to stand (Gal. 2:11-12). Men of influence and importance will try and persuade you to do otherwise for the sake of your influence (Gal. 2:6). Weak brethren will tremble because they fear being "labeled" (Acts 28:22). Former stalwarts will cave into pressure because the majority is against you (Gal. 2:13).

When we are ashamed of those who faithfully stand for Christ, we reveal that we are ashamed of the Lord (2 Tim. 1:8). The Lord needs churches today that will support preachers who choose to suffer rather than to practice compromise. We need brethren who will sacrifice to see that those who are standing for the truth have their needs met abundantly. Elders that fear God more than they fear men—leading saints to hold up the hands of the righteous in defense of the faith.

### A Good Church

Philippi was certainly a church to be thankful for—evangelistic, sacrificial and loyal. What more could one want in a congregation of God's people? Is this church such a body of believers? Are we all working? Have we sacrificed for truth? Will we stand when the time comes? This week I hope you can receive the life God has planned for you and enjoy it to the fullest and not just at its fastest!

## Bible Wordsearch

**Parables of the Wedding and the Tower**

Puzzle #163

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.

Luke 14:15-30

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ANGRY  
BANQUET  
BLESSED  
BLIND  
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BROTHERS  
CERTAIN  
CHILDREN  
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ESTIMATE  
EXCUSES  
FATHER  
FEAST  
FIELD  
FINISH  
FOLLOW  
GOD

GREAT  
GUESTS  
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HOUSE  
INVITED  
JESUS  
JUST  
KINGDOM  
LAME  
LANES  
MASTER  
MONEY  
ORDERED  
OWNER  
OXEN  
POOR  
READY  
ROADS  
SISTERS  
STREETS  
TABLE  
TASTE  
TOWER

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Psalm 30

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### News & Notes

- Sean and Winona will be away until the August 19th. Please contact Kevin 306 821 2335 or Brian 306 307 7293 with any questions
- No potluck this month
- building reno's will be back to full swing later in August with all hands on deck.
- the preacher search is still on so please keep that in your prayers, there has been a few applications and we pray that God will bring who we need.
- October 12-14: Harvest Fellowship 2018, Weyburn church of Christ, Keynote speaker: Jay Bailey, Family Resemblance: Attributes of God and His Children.. see poster on back bulletin board