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We Approach God

Welcome & Announcements
Praise Singing
"How Great Thou Art" Hymn #111
"Blessed Be Your Name"
"In Christ Alone"

Congregational Prayer

We Hear God's Word

Children's Message – Joel Ruis

Message – Do What is Good Scripture – Titus 3:1, 3:8, & 3:14

We Respond to God

Prayer

"Cornerstone"

Blessing



Sermon Notes: Titus Chapter 3 - Do What Is Good

Key Scripture: Titus 3:1, 3:8, & 3:14

<u>Mark 4:24-25</u> - 24 Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. 25 To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them." (NLT)

ANCHOR TO WHAT IS GOOD (Ch. 1)

Titus 1:8 ...must love what is good.

Titus 1:16b ...worthless for doing anything good.

TEACH THEM WHAT IS GOOD (Ch. 2)

Titus 2:3 ...teach what is good.

Titus 2:5 ...do good.

Titus 2:7 - In everything set them an example by doing what is good.

Titus 2:14 ...eager to do what is good.

TAKE THE LEAD IN DOING WHAT IS GOOD (Ch. 3)

Titus 3:1 - Remind the people... to be ready to do whatever is good,

Titus 3:8 - stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good.

Titus 3:14 ... Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good,

WHAT IS GOOD? (2 Primary Greek words)

agathós – inherently (intrinsically) *good*; as to the believer, (*agathós*) describes what *originates from God* and is *empowered* by Him in their life, through faith

kalós – attractively good; good that inspires (motivates) others to embrace what is lovely (beautiful, praiseworthy); i.e. well done so as to be winsome (appealing).

Application:

1. Answer this question honestly before God: What area of my life do I most need to grow to be the example God is calling me to be. (If you don't think you need to grow in any area, you are deceived.)

2. Do the last thing that you felt God was leading you to do, that you didn't do.

Greek Word Study Chapter by Chapter

Chapter 1

Speaking of Elders - $\bf 8$ Rather, he must be hospitable, one who loves what is good $\bf 5358$ philágathos (from $\bf 5384$ /phílos, "a friend" and $\bf 18$ /agathós, "inherently good") – properly, personal affection for what is intrinsically good, referring to "a lover (friend) of what God loves."

Speaking of False Teachers - 16 ...unfit for doing anything good.

18 agathós – inherently (intrinsically) good; as to the believer, <u>18</u> (agathós) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith **2570** kalós – attractively good; good that inspires (motivates) others to embrace what is lovely (beautiful, praiseworthy); i.e. well done so as to be winsome (appealing).

Chapter 2

Then Paul moves on in chapter 2 to instruct Titus to teach the people in the church what is means to live according to what is good -

Older Women - 3 ...to teach what is good.

2567 kalodidáskalos (from <u>2570</u> /kalós, "attractively good" and <u>1320</u> /didáskalos, "a teacher") – properly, a teacher sharing what is honorable and noble – literally, "a teacher of winsome goodness."

Younger women - 5 ...to do good,

18 agath'os – inherently (intrinsically) good; as to the believer, $\underline{18}$ (agath'os) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith.

<u>Example Titus must set</u> - **7** In everything set them an example **by doing what is good**.

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And at the end of chapter 2 he says the fruit of this (establishing leaders and teaching) will be a people who are God's very own

14 ...eager to do what is good.

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Chapter 3

Remind the people - $1 \dots$ to be ready to do whatever is good,

18 agathós – inherently (intrinsically) good; as to the believer, <u>18</u> (agathós) describes what originates from God and is empowered by Him in their life, through faith.

3:8 - ...devote themselves to doing what is good.

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Titus 3:14 - ... Our people must learn to devote themselves to doing what is good,

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Upcoming Events

May 30 9:30am – Pastor Doug

May 31 Memorial Day – Office Closed

June 1 8:00am – Prayer Meeting

6:00pm – Deacon Meeting

6:30pm - Women's Mission Circle - Bible Study #7

7:00pm – Elder Meeting – If you would like to discuss baptism or membership,

please contact Pastor Kevin.

June 4 5:00pm – Women's Ministry Team Retreat

June 6 9:30am – Pastor Kevin, Communion, Senior Recognition

Who May Participate In Communion?

"We welcome all those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, but who nevertheless trust that their sins are pardoned and that their remaining weakness is covered by the suffering and death of Christ, and who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and to lead a better life. Hypocrites and those who are unrepentant, however, eat and drink judgment on themselves." (Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 81; 1 Cor. 10:19-22; 11:26-32)

Paul challenges believers to participate in communion in a manner that is sincere and authentic. He writes to the church in Corinth...

"Eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in the right way. Don't do it in a way that isn't worthy of him. If you do, you will be guilty. You'll be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone should take a careful look at themselves before they eat the bread and drink from the cup." (1 Cor. 11:27-28 NIRV)

So, we welcome any who are trusting in Jesus to forgive their sins to participate in the Lord's Supper. If your child understands the above statement they too are welcome to the table. As well we want to urge those who trust Jesus to join with us in ministry as active confessing members. Check out "Discovering Membership" online or at the information table.

Youth News

Summer Bible Study starts June 7th! Middle School 6-7pm, High School 7-8pm.

Bulletin Board News

Offering may be placed in one of the three white offering boxes located in the lobby. Upcoming benevolent schedule: 5/30 Audio Scriptures, 6/6 Missionary Salary, 6/13 Bible League International, 6/20 Missionary Salary.

Congrats to Dorothy Mills as she celebrates her 89th birthday on June 3rd.

Congrats to Paul & Audrey Elenius as they celebrate their 66th wedding anniversary on June 3rd.

AMEN articles are due today.

Opportunities to Get Involved

TOMORROW is the last day to register Vacation Bible School for all 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders is June 21-25! Register at https://forms.gle/2sRFtPbFdP4UdZcY9. We have volunteer opportunities, donation requests, and music CD's available at the Children & Families Resource Center (across from the elevator). Any questions, please contact Adrea.

Summer JAM – All 3 year olds – incoming 5th graders are invited to join us for Summer JAM (Jesus and Me) during the service every 2nd Sunday of June, July & August. Kids will be invited to the basement before the sermon starts for games, activities or crafts focused around a Bible lesson just for kids (split into PreK & elementary groups).

P - praise R - repent A - ask Y - yield

Praise: Today, we celebrate the freedom we have because of your grace and the sacrifice of many who have given their lives. It is because of your example of laying down your life for us, that others have stood, and we now worship freely.

Repent: Lord, we confess that we have taken freedom for granted, lived selfishly, and lacked appreciation for your grace and the sacrifice of others. Forgive us for allowing this self-centered culture to influence our own hearts and minds.

Ask: Father, instill gratefulness in our hearts that we may praise You and honor those who have given their lives. •May our community, nation and world find hope in Jesus as we obey Your call to speak truth in love. •Grant our consistory wisdom and discernment as we move to affiliate with a new denomination. •Guide the leaders of the RCA and ARC to honor you in all that goes on. •Bless the students, parents, teachers, and administrators as they finish the school year. •Bring Your hope,

peace, and healing to those listed below.

Yield: We surrender our hearts to You. You are our Lord and Master, and we will obey Your Word. Amen.

Healing: Friends and family with cancer, undergoing treatment, hospitalized, recovering from surgery or illness: Betty Benson, Harlan Bossenbroek, Randy Bruins, Josie Buiter, Betty Daane, Dusty Deming, Paul Elenius, Alvin Harmsen, Sharon Harmsen, Dave Rumley, Dale Schultz, Azyrah Ter Beest, Carl VanderKooi, Jake Vande Zande, Ron Vande Zande, and Silas Willey.

THIS WEEK... Pray for healing for those that had surgery this past week: Randy Bruins, Alvin Harmsen, Roxy Schouten, and Scott Van De List.

Military Personnel:

Aaron Zeatlow, stationed in New Mexico; Sebastian Hoenisch, stationed in the San Diego, grandson of Larry & Gloria Mulder; Mitch Miller, (former youth group student) Marine deployed to the Middle East Shut-ins: Members in assisted living, nursing homes or those confined to their home: Anchor Communities (Brandon): Dale Kastein Barrett House: Lowell Glewen Christian Home: Gladys Kastein, Helen Straks, Junice Vande Zande, Kay Vande Zande Christian Homestead: Warren Vande Zande Evergreen: Glen Loomans Home: Margaret Hoekstra, Dayton Ter Beest Maple Meadows: Arlene Henning Marvin's Manor: Eleanor Loomans

Missionaries: Bob Abel – Remember Nhu, Steve & Amanda Bialy – Converge, Chris Briggs – CCCD, Mandy Kimes – His House Christian Fellowship, Andy Lickel – InterVarsity, Jersey & Preston Sheldon – Overland Missions, Randy & Wanda Potratz – SIM, Scott Ritzema – Youth for Christ