



LIVING — IN — SODOM

RESTORATION
CHURCH of CHRIST

AUGUST 15, 2021 -SIX SINS OF SODOM: PRIDE; GLUTTONY; LAZINESS; NEGLIGENCE OF POOR/NEEDY; HAUGHTINESS; AND AN "ABOMINATION"

COMMUNION: We serve the Lord's Super each Sunday as was the pattern of the New Testament Church. Immersed believers are encouraged to partake to remember what Jesus did for them on the cross.

INVITATION: If you desire to make a decision for Christ today, come forward during the closing. Someone will greet you and lead you each step of the way. Call Faron if you want to set up an appointment to talk.

YOUTH CHURCH – Grades 1-6 – Youth Center

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Begins at 10 AM – Social Hall

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY – 7 PM – Social Hall

MEN'S DISCIPLESHIP GROUP – A group of men meet in the youth center each Monday night. We would love to have you join us. John Taormina is leading this group. Please contact him with questions: 724-472-7788 or jtptpkmba@gmail.com.

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

TEACHERS NEEDED – Nursery (0-2) and Pre-School (3-5) needs teachers. We are preparing to start KidMin soon. Will you help in this ministry? If you are interested at all, please see Jessica Wallace today. She can answer any questions. **We Need Help!**

**PRAY FOR MORE LABORERS
OF THE HARVEST**

FRIEND SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 12TH



On Sunday September 12th we are asking you to invite your friends to church. The sermon will deal with friendship and we want you to take this opportunity to express how much your friends mean to you by inviting them to share in the service with us.

HOMECOMING SUNDAY CELEBRATING 8 YEARS OF MINISTRY ON SEPTEMBER 19TH

Carry-In Dinner On
Homecoming Sunday

Bring some food and we will make connections by breaking bread together!



GET CONNECTED

	8/22/2021	8/29/2021	9/05/2021	FRIEND SUNDAY	HOMECOMING
Front Door Greeters	Gloria Leonard	Sierra Erklila	Becky Lissoto	Joan Black	Sue Toal
Worship Center Greeters	Joan Black	Ty Miley	Lynn Thomas	Marci Wix	Ashley Toal
Youth Church	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks	Lara Franks
PowerPoint	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze	Kathy Hanze
Video Recording	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace	Nathan Wallace
Communion Preparation	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Pat Stavish Danielle Lardo	Gloria Leonard	Gloria Leonard	Gloria Leonard
Communion Meditation	Josh Freeman	Jim Donaldson	Jim Thomas	Joe Hadden	Bob Wix
Cleaning Team This Week	Karen Cox	Lynn Thomas	Trinity Kutchmark	Coleen Glozzer	Barb Schultz
Nursery	Lynda Wiseman	Rebecca Lisotto	Sierra Erklila	Cindi Freeman	Jessica Wallace

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42



AN UPSIDE-DOWN



WORLD

Our world is so upside down. From the time a child enters school, he is confronted with the reality that if you are not cute, handsome, athletic, or beautiful, you may not succeed. If you are not more intelligent than others, you might fail. If you are not wealthy, your chances of advancement may be pretty limited. If you are not athletic, you may not be popular among other students.

Beauty, brains, money and athleticism are areas with such an exaggerated measure of the worth of an individual. We become so accustomed to it in our youth that we often do not realize it is happening in our adult lives too. Little changes in those years one becomes an adult.

Christians should beware as the years of time pass that they do not incorporate the same measuring rod. Truly those four things do not show a person's real worth. The reason many use these things as the measure of a person is because man looks on the outward appearance. The Bible reminds us that the Lord looks on the heart--- what is on the inside (**1 Samuel 16:7**).

The words of Paul show us who mean the most to God. "*For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called*" (**1 Corinthians 1:26**). Those called of God are not selected simply because of their fleshly values, which actually are worthless. They are chosen because of something much deeper than the surface features.

When Jesus came, He sought to bring every man to Himself. All men were invited, but not all responded to His invitation. Who did respond? Read these words carefully. "*The common people heard Him gladly*" (**Mark 12:37**). Who are those common people? Not the beautiful, the intellectuals, the wealthy or the athletes. All men are called, but the majority of those do not respond. So very few of those "mighty" in this world follow Jesus, but the "common" people do.

James, the Lord's brother, reminds us of this in his epistle. "*Listen, my beloved brethren: Has not God chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him*" (**James 2:5**)? The world is so upside down, isn't it? We honor the "mighty" in our society when in reality God does just the opposite. It's the common people that reach for God and find favor in His eyes.

So how do you feel about yourself? Those ideas you learned in your youth that you have carried into adulthood are just wrong. As a Christian you learn to develop the depth of the inside and not focus on the outside so much. The Messianic prophet proclaimed that when the Messiah came, He would replace ashes with beauty (**Isaiah 61:3**). Those worldly individuals see one as ugly and not impressive, God sees as one that becomes the beautiful bride of Christ. Those whom the world sees as ignorant have more understanding than their worldly teachers (**Psalms 119:99**). Those viewed as poor have a treasure that far surpasses all the worldly wealth (**Matthew 16:26**).

Those who never excelled in any athletic event during their education will triumphantly receive a crown when they finish their spiritual race (**2 Timothy 4:7-8**).

Aren't you glad you see the world right side up! -FF

Finally, brethren, whatever things are **true**, whatever things are **noble**, whatever things are **just**, whatever things are **pure**, whatever things are **lovely**, whatever things are of **good report**, if there is any **virtue** and if there is anything **praiseworthy**—**meditate on these things**. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you"
(Philippians 4:8-9)

BARNABUS WEEK – Our week of revival is fast approaching. Will you help us out by adding this week to your prayer list. We need you to **pray for our attendance** (we ask that your family make the commitment to be here each evening). We need you to pray for **those coming to minister to us**. The Dave Melton Family Singers will be leading our worship and sharing in special music. David Jones is a powerful preacher of the Word of God. Pray that his messages will be inspiring and will speak to open hearts and the music will draw us closer to God. Lastly, pray for God to **bring a great harvest** from this meeting. Please pray for these needs as this week approaches. This is BARNABUS WEEK because we want this to be a great encouragement to the Lord's Church. Please help us make this a great week!

You will love the singing and the preaching. It is some of the best this side of Heaven.

BARNABAS WEEK
REVIVAL MEETING
RESTORATION 1040 East Windhaven Road
CHURCH of CHRIST Pittsburgh, PA 15205
October 31 - November 3
@ 7 PM
Each Evening
Any Questions?
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The Dave Melton Family Singers
David Jones
Evangelist