

Welcome Visitors!

We are so glad you came to worship God with us this morning! You are our honored guests! If you have any questions or are looking for a church home, then please feel free to talk to us!

You should have received a Visitor's Card when you came in, Please fill it out on both sides and drop the large portion into the collection basket as it comes by! The small portion is yours to keep. Thanks again for being a part of our service today!

-The North Beach Family

Upcoming Events

September 12

Group Meetings

September 21

Children's Bible Story Reading

September 26

4th Sunday evening Q&A

Scheduled Servants for September 19th

PLEASE: If you are unable to fulfill your responsibilities next week, contact Russ Ward or Joe Lucas.

Duty	AM	PM
1st Prayer	Russ Ward	Tim McCarthy
Scripture	Greg Sells	Joe Shipp
Song Leader	Tom Rutledge	Aaron Lumpkin
Lord's Table	M. Sparkman, A. Phillips, J. Roskin, D. Radke, J. Tumlinson, S. Baxley, D. Nickerson, D. Harrison	J. McCarthy, N. Gorick
2nd Prayer	John Knight	Larry Weatherholt
Closing Prayer	David Bockmiller	Tyler Ward
Building Lock-up	Tom Rutledge, Rusty Moore	

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Our Meeting Times

Sunday: 9 am Bible Class
10 am Worship
5 pm Worship
Wednesday: 7:00pm Bible Class

North Beach Bulletin

"...make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Philippians 2:2

September 12, 2010

GOOD, CLEAN GODLESSNESS

Gary Henry

"For when they say, 'Peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape"
(1 Thessalonians 5:3).

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "GODLY" LIFE AND ONE THAT IS "GODLESS"? Are the godly those who live "good, clean lives," and the godless all the rest: the drunkards and the prostitutes, the thieves and the murderers? If we ourselves are among those with "good, clean lives," it's especially tempting to define godliness as the living of a decent, respectable life. But isn't more involved in godliness than the maintenance of moral decency? Might there not be such a thing as GOOD, CLEAN GODLESSNESS?

It is a mistake to think of godliness in purely negative terms. Godly people certainly do not lie, steal, murder, etc., but godliness is more than the mere absence of these things. To be godly, we must not only refrain from what is evil, we must actively do that which is good. Jesus' statement was worded positively: "Whatever you want men to DO to you, DO also to them" (Matthew 7:12). Sins of "omission" are no less serious than those of "commission."

But it would be possible to do many of the things God desires us to do, actively and positively, and still not be godly persons. In a society that maintains fairly decent moral standards, it is likely that many people will choose to live respectable lives, at least outwardly. But the very

GROUP MEETINGS RESUME TODAY

Group #1 at the Rodriguezes' home
Group #2 at the Fanchers' home
Group #3 at the Fords' home
Group #4 at Aaron Lumpkin's home

TODAY'S SERMONS:

morning:
"The Biblical Pattern of New Testament Christianity, Part 2"

evening:
Parables of Jesus: The Two Builders

respectability of these lives may mask the self-will and self-sufficiency of those who live them. Godliness means that we do what we do “as to the Lord” (Colossians 3:23), and there is a considerable distance between the life of self-governed goodness and the life of God-governed faith.

The radical claims of God upon our HEARTS will one day come as a surprise to those who have been living “good, clean lives” on their own. “For when they say, ‘Peace and safety!’ then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman . . .” While we are celebrating lives in which it seems we hardly needed God’s help at all, the King whom we’ve left out of our calculations will be revealed in His glory.

“Nothing blinds the mind to the claims of Jesus Christ more effectually than a good, clean-living, upright life based on self-realization. For a thing to be satanic does not mean that it is abominable and immoral. The satanically managed man is moral, upright, proud, and individual; he is absolutely self-governed and has no need of God” (Oswald Chambers).

Thursday Bible Study
resumes this week from
the summer break.
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Topic: 2 Peter

Kids' Corner

In which New Testament passage can we find these words?

PASSAGE:

K N E W P K R Y F L
P D E C L A R E K A
H E A V E N T E R W
Y M O D E P A R T L
L O R D M R M M O E
E N D G E O Y Y E S
F S Y H D P T O C S
C K T G R H N Y N N
M A N Y G E I N R E
F I S I H S H F M S
K N M T O Y P D M S

CAST	DECLARE	DEMONS
DEPART	ENTER	EVERYONE
FATHER	HEAVEN	KINGDOM
KNEW	LAWLESSNESS	LORD
MANY	MIGHTY	NAME
NEVER	PROPHECY	THEN

BIBLE DRILL:
Older children’s
Bible Drill this evening
after the assembly.

“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”
(James 5:16b)

Let us remember in our prayers this week:

Dawn Baum	Sherry Tumlinson’s sister
Billy McDoniel	
Christine George	Jaden and Grayson Head
Linda Bockmiller	Robert Douglas (Louise Gray’s brother)
Sonia Rainwater	
Lori Bockmiller’s mother	

Shauna Radke’s uncle,
J.C. Droke,
passed away recently.
Our condolences go out to
Shauna and her family.

Police & Fire:
Mark Gray
John Knight
Joe Shipp
Tyler Ward
Clayton Baxley

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Transportation Needs
Some of our members need rides to
the assemblies. Please contact the
elders for opportunities to serve.

Scripture Readings

a.m. <i>Acts 11:27-30</i>	p.m. <i>Matthew 7:21-23</i>
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**Steven Baxley’s
office hours this week:**
Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m.-2 p.m.
other times by appointment

Q&A: Questions for the fourth Sunday sermon in
September can be sent to Steven by e-mail or you
can leave them in his box in the church office.



Sermon Recordings
If you would like a CD of today’s sermons (or any past
sermons, including Gospel Meetings), please fill in the
information on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. David
Eckhardt will make sure you get what you request.

