

Church of Christ

3361 West State Street, Fremont, OH 43420

Worship Services

Sunday Bible Study	10:00 am
Sunday Worship	10:45 am
Sunday Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

Classes for all ages

July 19, 2020

Sunday Morning

Speaker: Ted Bowen

No Sunday Evening Worship

Preachers: Ted Bowen and Sean Rizor

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

1. Learn the truth (Hear) (John 8:32; 17:17; Rom 10:14-18)
2. Believe in Christ (John 8:24; 20:31; Heb 11:6)
3. Repent of all sins (Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30; Rom 2:4; 2 Cor 7:9,10)
4. Confess faith in Christ (Rom 10:10; Acts 17:30; Matt 16:16)
5. Be baptized into Christ for remission of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16)
6. Live faithfully (Revelation 2:10)

Birthdays

- 3 Mack Stanley
- 19 Judson Appelhans
- 27 Connie Rowan
- 29 Heidi Frantz
- 31 T.J. Smith

Anniversaries

- 20 Jim & Jean Adkins

7 THINGS TO REMEMBER DURING THE LORD'S SUPPER!

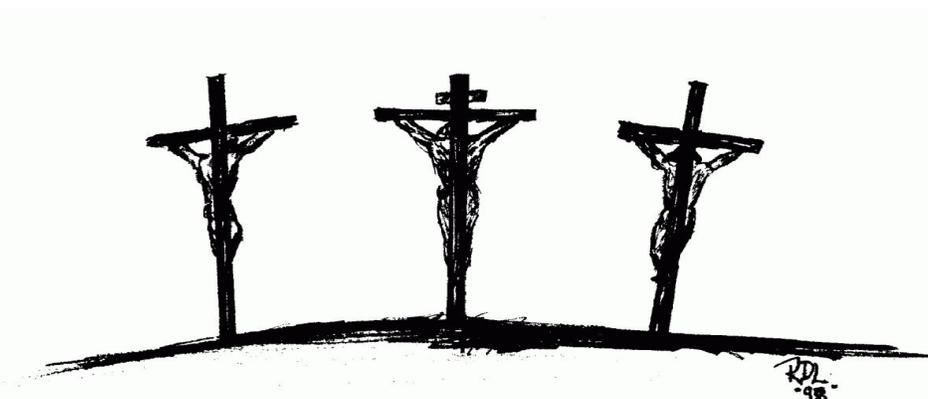
- 1 LORD. "There is one Lord." (Ephesians 4:5)
- 2 THIEVES. "There were also 2 others, criminals, led with Him to be put to death."
(Luke 23:32)
- 3 CROSSES. (Luke 23:39-43; Ephesians 1:7)
- 4 PARTS of HIS GARMENTS. "Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier, a part, and also the tunic." (John 19:23)
- 5 WOUNDS. His head was crowned with thorns. His back was scourged.
His side was cut open. His hands were pierced. His feet were pierced. (John 19-20)
- 6 HOURS of AGONY. Christ was crucified at the 3rd hour and died at the 9th hour.
(Mark 15:25-37)
- 7 SAYINGS of The CROSS. (Matthew 27:46; Luke 23:34, 43-46; John 19:26-30)

Prayer List

Kaitlin Baker
Gen Stanley
Nora Wiseman
Mary Feasel
Isaac Advey
Jean Adkins
Tracey Briggs
Jamie Hall
Kaitlyn Hall
Ashley Hall
Janet Baker
Nick Hall
Tina Smith

Soldiers Serving Abroad

Cody Lyons
Mercedes Speck



Buried Talents

Ryan Goodwin

12/22/19 - Bible Study

“For it is just like a man about to go on a journey, who called his own servants, and entrusted his possessions to them. And to one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability” (Matthew 25:14-15).

Like the gifted men here, we are entrusted by God with various talents and ministries, each individually unique and valuable. The very fact that a word like “entrusted” is used tells us that our abilities are tools given to us by God with an expectation of return. He has invested talents in each of us, and wants to see His investment produce fruit.

Having this kind of attitude helps us remember that whatever gifts we have, they are actually part of God’s wealth; that is, they are His possessions. I will not keep these items for eternity, but I must return them to my Master with a record of selflessness. Somewhere in the Kingdom of God this talent of mine is needed – if I am only willing to squander it, waste it, or bury it, my talent will be revoked. Have you ever noticed, in a practical sense, that when you are using somebody’s money or property, you use it more carefully than your own? I think if we view our blessings as God’s property, we will also show a greater sensitivity to our true mission in life, which is serving Him (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14) and sharing with others (Ephesians 4:28, 1 Timothy 6:18f).

“To one he gave five, to another two, and to another one…” Everybody has talents in this parable – nobody is considered useless at the beginning of the journey. The master determines to give everybody a fair chance at making some kind of produce, or income, from his possessions. This should be comforting to us, especially since we live in an age when the natural tendency of people is to judge and exclude others. Rather than being picky about his workers, the master has divided his wealth among all of his servants. There is, of course, wisdom in the idea of diversification, even in a spiritual sense. *“And He gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some pastors and teachers… From whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by that which every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love” (Ephesians 4:11-16).* *“And let not many of you be teachers…” (James 3:1).*

Remember that there is nothing shameful about having only one talent, and neither is there anything to boast of if one is blessed with five (2 Corinthians 10:17). God gives to each of us as many gifts as are appropriate, whatever we can handle.

“According to his own ability…” God never expects or demands too much of us and neither are we ever given a gift that is beyond our ability to handle, control, and utilize effectively.

“Immediately, the one who had received the five talents went and traded with them, and gained five more talents…”
(Matthew 25:16-17).

“Immediately…” It is interesting to see that the first two servants do not wait to begin using their talents. There is an earnestness that is admirable in the way that they *“immediately”* go out and start working. Unfortunately, many of us tend to be lackadaisical about our God-given duties, placing them on the back burner along with failed hobbies, social functions we neglect, and people we do not care for. We give first priority to our own activities, and then give our leftovers to God. But how would the master have responded in this story if the servants had allowed their master’s possessions to sit at the bottom of a “to-do” pile, collecting dust? Worse yet, how would the master have responded if they had used the talents for their own purposes, supposing that they would have enough time to cover their tracks and make up the money along the way? The fact that they immediately began working shows that they understood the value of every moment (Ephesians 5:16). These first two servants knew that a moment wasted was one that could never be reclaimed.

<http://eastshelby.com/resources/articles/2019/12/22/buried-talents>