

SCRIPTURE & SERMON NOTES

Matthew 5:1-12a

¹ Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, ² and he began to teach them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

⁸ Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. ⁹ Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven ..."

TITLE: "Satisfaction Guaranteed"

TEXT: Matthew 5:6

SERIES: Sermon On the Mount: "Blessed to Be a Blessing"

I. YOU ARE BLESSED WHEN YOU DESIRE TRUE RIGHTEOUSNESS.

II. YOU ARE BLESSED BECAUSE YOU FEEL HUNGER PANGS FROM THE LACK OF PERSONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS.

III. YOU ARE BLESSED BECAUSE THIS HUNGER DRIVES YOU TO THE SOURCE OF TRUE SATISFACTION.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why do we tend to be satisfied with partial personal righteousness?
2. What causes the believer to hunger and thirst for righteousness?
3. There is continual tension between what you desire to be as a Christian and what you see yourself to be in actuality. What does this tension produce within you?
4. You are justified. You are being sanctified. You will be satisfied. What does this mean?

Next Week:

Title: "Check Your Reflexes"

Text: Matthew 5:7

Preacher: Pastor John Rantal

Series: Sermon On the Mount:

"Blessed to Be a Blessing"

ACTIVITIES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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| SUNDAY | Evening Communion Service — Fellowship Hall | 6:30 p.m. |
| TUESDAY | North Texas Presbytery Meeting — PCPC | |
| | Ladies' Evening Bible Study — WIC Rm | 6:30 p.m. |
| WEDNESDAY | Adult Choir Rehearsal | 6:45 p.m. |
| | Deacons Meeting | 7:00 p.m. |
| THURSDAY | Ladies' Small Group — Bonnie Wells' home | 9:30 a.m. |
| | National Day of Prayer — Sanctuary | 12:00 p.m. |
| | VBS Planning Meeting — Fellowship Hall | 6:30 p.m. |
| | Session Meeting — CE Rm205 | 7:00 p.m. |

The church activity calendar is available on-line at www.tnpc.org/calendar.

WORSHIP SERVICE

EVENING COMMUNION SERVICE — Will be celebrated this evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Please join us for this beautiful time of worship and fellowship.

NURSERY IS PROVIDED DURING Sunday School and the Worship service for all children age three and under. Classrooms are located on the first floor of the Education Building.

TNPC-FM-89.0 FM — A limited number of receivers are available at the sound booth.

TAPES OR CDS of each Sunday's sermon are available for a \$1 donation. You may sign up for them in the narthex. Please pay for your tapes or CDs in the box provided near the sign-up sheet. Tapes and CDs for visitors may be picked up by the sign-up sheet.

LIFECHANGE OFFERING — This special offering for our missionaries will be collected next Sunday. Remember to bring your banks for the worship service. Thank you for your continuing support of this ministry.

THIS WEEK

MAY CRIERS — Please check your church mail box for the May Crier newsletter.

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY — Please verify your contact information for the new Directory Spring 2010. You can mark your updates in one of the three directory notebooks in the narthex or complete a blue entry form.

New attendees welcome!

WEDNESDAY ALL-CHURCH NIGHT — Last Wednesday was our final WACN of the season. We will have a summer break and then start up again in the Fall!

VBS PLANNING MEETING — VBS is almost here!

If you can help with VBS this year, we encourage you to attend a meeting on Thursday, May 6 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Come catch the vision of VBS this year and see what God has in store for you! Child care will be provided. Please contact Michelle Turner at (972) 491-7987 if you have questions.

SESSION MEETING — The Session will meet for its regular monthly meeting this Thursday, May 6 at 7:00 p.m. in CE Rm205. Congregation members and visitors are welcome to attend the first portion of the meeting to dialogue with the Session members about any questions, concerns or suggestions they may have.

SPRING DINNER — Our dinner honoring the Town North 2010 High School Graduates will be Sunday, May 16 in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP to Renee Cox by Sunday, May 9.

ANNUAL YOUTH YARD SALE — June 9-12. We need your treasures (household items, toys, clothes, furniture, appliances, etc.) that are in good condition. Proceeds will go toward TNPC Youth facilities improvements and activities. Admin Room 103 has been designated as the storage room for items donated; large items overflow in CE 2nd room on the right from the Nursery. Questions?—See Renée Cox.

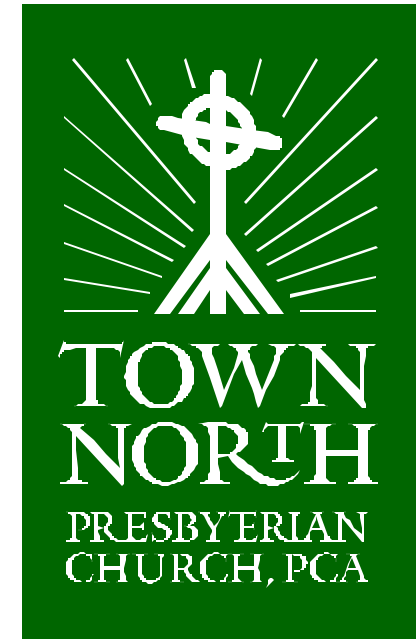
DAILY AND YOUTH DEVOTIONALS FOR MAY — Copies are free and available in the narthex. Take one home with you today!

April 2010

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| Net General Fund Starting Balance (at March 2010 close): | \$45,414 |
| Actual Revenue (4 Sundays): | \$42,064 |
| Actual Expenses (4 Sundays): | \$42,962 |
| Net General Fund Ending Balance (4 Sundays): | \$44,516 |
| Estimated General Fund Needed Revenue for April (4 Sundays): | \$40,101 |
| Estimated General Fund Needed Revenue for May (5 Sundays): | \$47,696 |

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Our vision is to be a worshipping community of disciples who are bringing God's Kingdom to bear upon the world and building His Church among all peoples.



The Week's Order of WORSHIP for THE LORD'S DAY

The Christian Year: Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2010 10:30 A.M.

WORSHIP THEME: PERSONAL RIGHTEOUSNESS

PREPARING IN STILLNESS *Assisting in leading worship today is Elder Carl Ede*

PRELUDE *Fiona Garwood*
— Church elders are available at the front to pray personally with anyone during the prelude —

ACTIVITIES & CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH *Pastor John Rantal*

MINUTE FOR MINISTRY "Communion Elements" *Elder Tony Anthony*

* CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 89*

PASTOR: I will sing of the LORD's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations.

PEOPLE: **Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne; love and faithfulness go before you.**

PASTOR: Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD.

ALL: **They rejoice in your name all day long; they exult in your righteousness.**

* HYMN OF PRAISE *Hymn 710 (vv. 1–4)*
God of Our Fathers

* INVOCATION *Pastor Rantal*
PASTOR: O Lord, open my lips,
PEOPLE: **And my mouth will declare your praise.**

* CONFESSION OF FAITH *Westminster Confession of Faith 13*
Sanctification
ALL: **Those who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified—truly and personally—through the power of Christ’s death and resurrection, by his Word and Spirit dwelling in them. The dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, its various lusts are more and more weakened and put to death, and those called and regenerated are more and more enlivened and strengthened in all saving graces, leading to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord. This sanctification, although imperfect in this life, is effected in every part of man’s nature. Some remnants of corruption still persist in every part, and so there arises a continual and irreconcilable war—the flesh warring against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. Although in this war the remaining corruption may strongly prevail for a time, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate nature overcomes, and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.**

CALL TO CONFESSION *Psalm 37:7, 23–24*
LEADER: Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him.
PEOPLE: **Do not fret when men succeed in their ways, when they carry out their wicked schemes.**
LEADER: If the LORD delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm.
PEOPLE: **Though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.**
LEADER: Let us confess our sins to the LORD that he may uphold us.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN
ALL: **Our Father, forgive us for ignoring your sovereignty and greatness and for thinking small thoughts of you. Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that just as you rule the nations that you also rule our small lives. Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your constant mercies to us and squandering your gifts. We confess, O Triune God, that our blindness to your glory makes our conviction self-serving, our confession shallow, and our repentance halfhearted. Have mercy upon us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN *In these moments, we individually come to God in prayer, silently confessing personal sins so that we may take hold of the forgiveness won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE OF GOD *Ephesians 2:8–10*
PASTOR: Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ: For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith — and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God — not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
The peace of the Lord be always with you!
PEOPLE: **And also with you!**

* HYMN OF THANKFULNESS *tune of “Morning Has Broken”*
God of the Ages
1. God of the ages, history’s Maker, planning our pathway, holding us fast, shaping in mercy all that concerns us: Father, we praise you, Lord of the past.
2. God of this morning, gladly your children worship before you, trustingly bow: Teach us to know you always among us, quietly sov’ reign Lord of our now.
3. God of tomorrow, strong Overcomer, princes of darkness own your command: What then can harm us? We are your people, now and forever kept by your hand.
4. Lord of past ages, Lord of this morning, Lord of the future, help us, we pray: Teach us to trust you, love and obey you, crown you each moment Lord of today.

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PRAYING TOGETHER AS GOD’S PEOPLE *Pastor Rantal*
WORSHIPPING BY GIVING *(Sign, pass & return Friendship Pad)*

◆ Offertory **“Let the Praise Go ‘Round”** *Choir*
– by William Boyce Arr. by Hal Hopson –

* PRAISING OUR GOD *Doxology (Hymn 733)*
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav’nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

* DEDICATING OUR LIVES & GIFTS *The Lord’s Prayer*
ALL: **Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

* HEARING SCRIPTURE **Psalm 63** *Deacon Rudy Gonzalez*
¹ O God, you are my God, earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my body longs for you, in a dry and weary land where there is no water. ² I have seen you in the sanctuary and beheld your power and your glory.
³ Because your love is better than life, my lips will glorify you. ⁴ I will praise you as long as I live, and in your name I will lift up my hands. ⁵ My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise you.

⁶ On my bed I remember you; I think of you through the watches of the night. ⁷ Because you are my help, I sing in the shadow of your wings. ⁸ My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
⁹ They who seek my life will be destroyed; they will go down to the depths of the earth. ¹⁰ They will be given over to the sword and become food for jackals. ¹¹ But the king will rejoice in God; all who swear by God’s name will praise him, while the mouths of liars will be silenced.

READER: This is the Word of the Lord.
PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

* GREETING ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE

* PREPARING TO HEAR GOD’S WORD *Ensemble & Congregation*
Under the Blood of the Lamb
O the blood of the Passover Lamb is applied to the door of my life, no power of darkness could ever withstand the force of the blood sacrifice; Though Satan will bring accusations, I let him know right where I stand, for now there is no condemnation, I’m under the blood of the Lamb.
Chorus
I’m under the blood of the Lamb that covers the guilt of my sin, by the mercy of God, holy and righteous I stand; I’m under the blood of the Lamb. I’m safe and secure from the enemy’s plan, no weapon formed against me will stand, I’m under the blood of the Lamb.

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APPLYING GOD’S WORD *Pastor John Rantal*
“Satisfaction Guaranteed” — Matthew 5:6
FOURTH IN THE SERIES “SERMON ON THE MOUNT: BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING”
(Scripture text and sermon outline on the back of the worship guide)

* RESPONDING IN SONG *Hymn 649 (vv. 1–3)*
More Love To Thee, O Christ

* BENEDICTION *Isaiah 41:10*
PASTOR: So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.
ALL: **Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

POSTLUDE *Jami Calatozzo*

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New International Version of the Bible.
* Congregation Please Stand

If you would like to know more about becoming a Christian, the pastor is available in the narthex after the service. Copies of the brochure “How Do I Become a Christian” are also available in the narthex.