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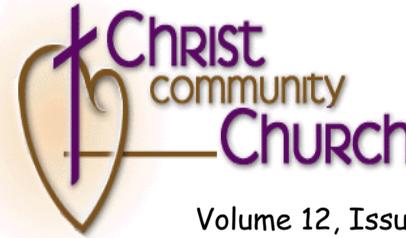
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 12:00 Men's Lunch 12:15 Nat'l Day of Prayer	2 6:15am Men's Group 8:00pm Club 180	3 9:00 Joint Commission Meeting
4 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	5 10:00 Women's Study	6 10:00 MAKS 7:00 Property 7:00 Cong Care	7 6:00 AWANA Awards 7:30 Worship Team	8 12:00 Men's Lunch	9 6:15am Men's Group 6:00pm Men's Retreat	10 6:00 Men's Ministry Leaders 8:00am Men's Retreat
11 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	12 6:30 Outreach	13 4:30 Women's Ministries	14 7:30 Worship Team	15 12:00 Men's Lunch 1:30 Quilting	16 6:15am Men's Group	17 9:00 Ladies Breakfast & Bible Study
18 8:00 Worship 9:30 S.S. 10:45 Worship 5:00 Prayer	19	20 10:00 MAKS 6:30 Elder Board Meeting	21 7:30 Worship 7:30 Missions	22 12:00 Men's Lunch	23 6:15am Men's Group	24
25 9:00 Worship 5:00 Prayer	26 <i>Church office to be closed</i>	27 6:30 Adult Discipleship	28 7:30 Worship Team	29 12:00 Men's Lunch	30 6:15am Men's Group	31

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Christ Community Church Mission Statement

As a local body of believers, we will seek to glorify God in worship, in evangelizing the unsaved and in teaching Christians to obey everything Christ commanded. To that end, prayer will be our foremost task, Scripture will be our authority, God's Holy Spirit will be our source of power and love will be our motivation.

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Cornerstone

A heart for God and you

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the Pulse: Thoughts from the Heart.

by: Pastor Zach Marino

I ran across a passage in Matthew 25 that really caught my attention as I was thinking through the spiritual levels of the Church; God's Bride, the people who profess faith in Jesus Christ. In Matthew 25:1-13 Jesus is teaching a parable on what it will be like when God's Kingdom fully comes to earth. Check this out:

"Then the Kingdom of heaven will be like ten virgins who took their lamps and went out to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all became drowsy and slept" (vv1-5).

When was the last time you were drowsy, and slept? I know as I write this, I am starting to get drowsy and needing to sleep. However Jesus is referencing more than just their physical fatigue in waiting up for the bridegroom to come; He is pointing at their hearts. Jesus is all about the heart in his teachings. He teaches that hating someone is just as bad as murdering them; lusting over a person is the same as sleeping with them; it's about what goes on in the heart that matters to Jesus. For these virgins in the parable, five were wise; they took extra oil because they didn't know when the bridegroom would come but they knew he was coming, and they didn't want to miss out on when he did. Then, you have five foolish virgins who got drowsy because they weren't wise enough; they didn't care enough to make sure they stayed up. The word used to describe the "foolish" virgins is the Greek word "moros." Anything come to mind when you read that word? Yes, it's the word "moron." Sorry, the word is from the text, I'm just saying what the Bible says. It's used to describe somebody who fails to look forward, to plan ahead, to care enough to organize their lives around the coming of the bridegroom. You know what happens to those who are wise, and those who are unwise?

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“Thoughts from the Heart”

"But at midnight there was a cry, 'Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those virgins rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish (morons) said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise answered saying, 'Since there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves.' And while they were going to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut" (vv6-10, emphasis added).

The wise partied it up with Jesus! The wise got to be in the presence of the one they loved the most! The unwise, they missed the party. They missed the great feast. They missed being in presence of the bridegroom. The very person they were waiting for and supposedly dedicating their time to, they missed out because they were not wise enough to look forward and plan ahead to make sure they didn't miss out. You know what sucks, is Jesus lays it out black and white: You either prepare for the return of Christ or you get left behind, period.

Afterward the other virgins came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he answered, "Truly I say to you, I do not know you.' Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (vv 11-13).

The role of the Church, the role of each believer in the Church is to prepare, to look forward to the return of Christ and the great blessing and honor of sitting at the "marriage feast of the bridegroom." Friends, if we, the Church are the Bride, Christ is our Bridegroom and we must eagerly await and organize our lives around His return. Let us make our lives centered around the purposes that would help advance His Kingdom, His rule and reign here on earth! The fact is, the Bridegroom is coming for His bride. The question is: Will we be ready for his return, or will we be so busy with our own agenda that we miss out on the greatest celebration of all time? It's time the Church shakes off the drowsiness; RISEUP from our slumber and prepare for the coming of our King!

How much in love are you with Jesus? How much do you love His Words to you? How much do you want him to return? How much do you want others to know about His return? Will you look forward to His coming in the future by accomplishing His purposes in the present? Let's do this together. Let's prepare for the coming of our King!

Pastor Zach Marino

Adapted from www.riseupalive.com

AWANA Club Corner

AWANA Special Dates

May 7 - Awards Night
Come & help celebrate the Clubbers' achievements.

MAKS
Moms And Kids



MAKS is an organization for mothers of young children.

Join us the 1st & 3rd Tuesday of each month in the Fireside Room from 10am-noon.

May 6th
"Spring Craft"

Join us for a spring craft. We welcome you to come enjoy some kid-free "mom time!"



May 20th
"End of the Year Potluck"

The year has gone by fast! This will be our last MAKS day for the year so bring a dish to share for our potluck lunch! Watch for details as we meet in Parks this summer!



Our Summer Worship Schedule begins Sunday, May 25th

One service at 9:00am

No children's Sunday school

Outreach News

Waseca area churches are gathering by the flagpole at the Waseca County Courthouse for prayer from **12:15-12:45pm Thursday, May 1st** which is the annual National Day of Prayer. Please join us!

Women's Breakfast & Bible Study

Sat., May 17th
9:00 - 11:00am
Fireside Room

Please sign up at the Info Booth