

SUGAR GROVE

OCTOBER 11, 2009

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
WORSHIP GOD IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH
EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

CHOIR SANCTUARY (TWICE)
(CONGREGATION JOIN IN)

ACOLYTES PRESENT THE "LIGHT"

WORSHIP HIM . . .

*WITH OUR PRAISE

I WILL ENTER HIS GATES (TWICE)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The word of God is living and active.
It pierces and judges and opens us to God's grace.
We cannot hide from God who knows us.
God understands our thoughts and intentions.

*Prayer of Adoration

(Congregation may be seated)

Prayer of Confession (READ IN UNISON)

Almighty God, hear us if you can. Know that many times we feel forsaken and terrified more than supported and comforted. We cry out and hear no answers. We suffer and find no relief. We are tempted to blame you even though we are the ones who cut off communication. We complain in the midst of plenty and groan over imagined slights. When we feel mocked and scorned and despised, we turn inward with the hurt instead of opening ourselves to your healing touch. Have mercy on us, and help us in our time of need. Amen.

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DECLARATION OF PARDON

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 NIV

WITH A HYMN

I'LL FLY AWAY BLUE HYMNAL— HYMN 54

SHARING WITH THE YOUNG DISCIPLES

WITH HIS TITHE AND OUR OFFERINGS

WITH PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THROUGH PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR FOR ANY OF YOUR PRAYER CONCERNS.

LORD'S PRAYER (DEBTS AND DEBTORS)

SERMON "FILLING THE PRESCRIPTION OF BROKENNESS"
MARK 10:17-31

BY RESPONDING TO THE WORD:

*BY SINGING A HYMN

I SURRENDER ALL HYMN 378

ALTAR CALL: YOU ARE INVITED TO THE ALTAR

*BY RECEIVING THE BLESSING

HE IS LORD (1ST VERSE) HYMN 21

AS ACOLYTES TAKE THE "LIGHT" INTO THE WORLD

*STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

AKA MINISTRY IN ACTION

Choir Practice will be held today at 5:15PM.

Wednesday gathering at 7 PM.

Sugar Beats for October are at Information Station.

Do you need to be revived? Are you serious about developing a closer relationship with God? A course of study based on "Downpour" by James MacDonald, will be offered this Fall. It is a 12 week study with daily readings and reflections. It will help to revive your walk with God and restore the joy of your salvation. If you want to know more please ask Bro. Gary.

Today's text has many different aspects and can be approached from many angles. One angle is to focus on the rich of this world. In the world view, each of us here at Sugar Grove are extremely rich. Because of our affluent country with millionaires and billionaires among us, we tend to look at ourselves as middle class just surviving from paycheck to paycheck. This seems to ease our conscious when we read about the rich man in the text. Surely Jesus is not talking about me.

Jesus' use of hyperboles in this chapter, (cut off your hand, pluck out your eye, sell all that you have) may have an opposite effect on us. Surely Jesus doesn't want me to **sell all that I have** and give it away. So there must be something less he is asking me to do. One might think in terms of giving a tithe (10%), but isn't that a lot to ask? So, we give what we think we can do without this week, surely God understands.

This kind of thinking can be played out in about any area of our lives. Take time for example. How much time does God demand of us? Not only did Jesus tell the rich man to sell all that he had, Jesus then told him to follow

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him. What did Jesus mean? Now the man is penniless but that isn't enough for Jesus. Now Jesus demands that the man give up his ambition, his livelihood, his life. Again isn't that asking too much?

So we begin to rationalize how much time God really wants from us. Surely He understands how hectic life gets with all the demands of work and family. If I feel like it I'll give him what I can. God will understand.

As you can see, we may end up giving God the last fruits if any are left rather than the first fruits. Which begs the question, when you bow before God and sincerely ask God what must I do to be saved, what is it He will ask of you, and what will be your response?

Praise be to God, in the final analysis your salvation is not dependent upon you, but upon God and His grace. For with you it is impossible to have eternal life, but with God all things are possible.

Prayer Concerns

are in the Sugar Beat

Please use the Prayer request cards

We are glad you are celebrating with us. It is our hope that you will experience the presence of Almighty God. May He inspire you to continue on your journey of faith. Allow God to richly bless you today as you participate in the service.

++++Nursery +++++

A nursery is provided for children age 3 and under for your convenience. It is located in the fellowship hall through the south doors of the narthex. Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

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*Elder of the month