

Coming Up...

Apr 16 - 1 Peter 2:18-21

Apr 23 - 1 Peter 2:22-25

Apr 30 – 1 Peter 3:1-7

Meet and Greet from 10:00-10:20am has been going great! Come visit and meet some of the new people at Church!

On the Calendar:

Apr 12 (Wed) @ 7:00pm - Evening Prayer & Bible Study

Apr 15 (Sat) @ 8:30am - Men's Prayer Time

Apr 16 (Sun) @ 10:30am - Worship Service

Apr 21 (Fri) @ 7:00pm - Fired Up Fridays

Apr 22 (Sat) @ 1:00 - 3:00pm - Ladies' Fellowship and Bible Study

Apr 28 (Fri) @ 7:00pm - Ladies' Inter-Church Tea

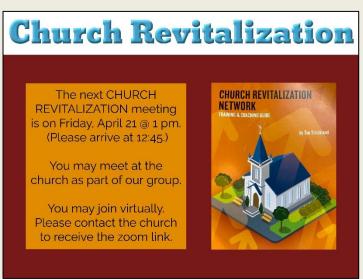












Dryden First Baptist Church

Worship Times and Some of Our Activities:

Sunday Services are held at 10:30am
Junior Church occurs during the worship hour.
Nursery facilities are available for parents to use.
Sonshine Saturday is 10:30am-12:00 on scheduled months.
Fired Up Fridays is held bi-weekly during the school year.
Wednesday Prayer and Bible Study at 7:00pm
(watch for announcements or check Facebook)

Social Media:

Facebook - Dryden First Baptist Church Facebook - Sonshine Saturday YouTube - Christian Canuck Website - firstbaptistchurchdryden.com



Office Hours

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Elders - Peter Egli, Adam Hall & Milton Harder Deacons - Brock Penner, Graham Penner, Ron Rhyner, Luke Egli Treasurer - Gordon Robinson Clerk - Ken Wickstrom

A Note from the Elders:

Church Revitalization 2023

In January, our church began a Revitalization course using the "Church Revitalization Network Training Guide". This course was developed by FEBCentral (Tim Strickland, Leadership Development Director). The course runs for 10 month (meeting once a month) and we meet in person and via zoom alternating months. Jack Fliestra, FEBCentral District Shepherd is the course leader. Although the Revitalization Course is primarily geared for Pastors and Elders, we invite all our members who are interested to attend our meetings.

So does our church need Revitalization? Some may think not – others may say we do? Yet it is a very healthy exercise for our church to see in what areas are proving to be effective or constructive and what areas does our church need to work on. What we do not want is just to coast along thinking that everything is going fine. In recent years – especially through the Pandemic, we have heard of many churches across the country that have declining numbers and some have even closed.

We want to do all we can to serve the Lord. Colossians 3:23 states: "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters." This is not just what our church can do to proclaim the gospel, but what each individual can do at home, work or in the church. The great commission in Matthew 28: 19-20 commands us to: "...go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Discipleship is an ongoing process. We need to disciple people to disciple other people. The great thing about this command is that it comes with a promise – (Jesus) is with (us) always. We are not doing this alone – nor could we.

So if you desire to see our church grow and reach out to the community around us, plan on attending any one of our meetings. Our next Revitalization meeting will be held on Friday, April 21st at 1:00pm in the church basement.

The Elders

(Adam Hall, Peter Egli, Milton Harder)

Sermon Outline Work Hard as to the Lord!: 1 Peter 2:18-21 ESV

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¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. ²¹ For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

Introduction

- a) what does the Bible say about the workplace?
- b) background on slaves and slavery
- c) overview of this which focuses on obedience and submission to the Lord
- d) Peter's exhortations pertaining to the state, servants and wives & husbands

Brief Outline:

- 1) (2:18) Subject to Masters
- 2) (2:19-20) Suffer for Doing Good
- 3) (2:21) Sufferings of Christ
- 1) (2:18) Subject to Masters

(2:18) Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect (fear),

- a) servants submit to your masters
- b) submit with respect and fear

not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. c) submit to which masters
i) the good and the gentle
ii) the unjust
2) (2:19-20) Suffer for Doing Good
(2:19) For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.
a) it is a gracious thing to unjustly endure sorrow
(2:20) For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.
b) have the attitude of our Saviour

3) (2:21) Sufferings of Christ

(2:21) For to this you have been called,

- a) Christian, you have been called
- **1 Peter 1:1-2** Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood: May grace and peace be multiplied to you.

- b) called to suffer
- **1 Thessalonians 3:3** that no one be moved by these afflictions. For you yourselves know that we are destined for this.
- 2 Timothy 3:12 Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted,

Christ also suffered for you,

c) Jesus suffered for Christians

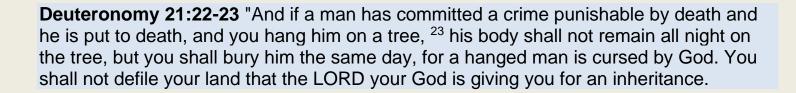
leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

c) Jesus calls His people to suffer and to follow Him

Mark 8:34 And calling the crowd to him with his disciples, he said to them, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

Application

- 1) Sufferings of Christ for You!
- **1 Peter 2:22-24** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.



2) Work Hard at Your Job for the Lord

Colossians 3:23-24 Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, ²⁴ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ.

3) Work Hard for the Lord in the Body of Christ

Romans 14:8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.

Next Sunday's text: 1 Peter 2:22-25