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STEPS TO DESTRUCTION (JEREMIAH 6:1-25)

Jeremiah, prophet to Judah, was born in Anathoth, about two miles northeast of Jerusalem. He was called to prophetic office about 626 B.C. (Jer. 1:6) amid troublesome times for Judah. Judah was a nation which stood on the brink of apostasy and 70 years of captivity. Jeremiah was God's mouthpiece, warning the nation of God's fury (Jer. 6:11). Consider the following steps to Judah's destruction:

1. **THEY HAD NO DELIGHT IN GOD'S WORD.** The word of the Lord was a reproach to them (vs. 10). Warning after warning was sent but they refused them (cf. Isa. 30:9). Are we like the blessed man of Psalm 1 whose "delight is in the law of the Lord?" or, is it a chore to study God's Word and to attend Sunday and Wednesday Bible classes.

2. **THEY WERE OBSESSED WITH MATERIAL GAIN.** "From the least of them to the greatest of them everyone is given to covetousness" (vs. 13). Ours is a "gadget-filled paradise suspended over a hill of insecurity." Where are we laying up our treasures" (cf. Matt. 6:19-21)

3. **THEY REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE ERROR.** Although they were repeatedly warned, they refused to recognize error and said, "Peace, peace, when there is no peace" (vs 14). So many in Christ's day were the same (Matt. 15:6-9; 12-14). Our attitudes toward truth will determine our destiny (Jn. 18:27-28).

4. **THEY HAD LOST THEIR SENSE OF SHAME.** "They were not ashamed, neither could they blush" (vs. 15). They had become "Hardened through the deceitfulness of sin" (Heb. 3:13). Many in our day have lost a sense of shame regarding immorality, pornography, social drinking, and other moral issues.

5. **THEY REFUSED TO WALK IN THE OLD PATHS.** They were to stand in the old paths, but they would not (vs. 16). The "old paths" represent God's authority and limitations. Many in the religious world today refuse the standard of pure, first century Christianity; and few want the "old paths" of service, sacrifice, duty, obedience and self-denial.

John Tracy

We would like all of our Guests to join our members in filling out an attendance card so that we might have a record of your visit.

There are two things that we would like to explain to you about our worship service. Our singing is *acappella* or *without accompaniment*. Although instruments of music were used by the Jews in the Old Testament, they are conspicuously absent in the church of the New Testament. We are told to, "Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19)

We partake of the *Lord's supper* or *Communion* every Sunday as the early church did (Acts 21:7). The partaking of the bread and the fruit of the vine is a weekly memorial that reminds us of what our Savior did for us. (I Cor. 11:23-26)

WHAT MUST I DO TO BE SAVED?

HEAR (Luke 11: 28)

But He said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

BELIEVE (Mark 16: 16)

"He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned."

REPENT (Acts 2: 38)

Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"

CONFESS (Matthew 10: 32)

"Therefore whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven."

BE BAPTIZED (Acts 22: 16)

"And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord."

WELCOME VISITORS:

We are so glad you decided to be here today! It is always such a blessing to be able to meet you and be encouraged by your presence. Thank you for coming our way.

FOR THE CHILDREN:

Children's Worship Bulletins are available at the back for ages 3-6 and ages 7-12.

Attended Nursery for infants through age two. Parents may leave their children in the nursery before the worship service begins.

A Training Room for parents to use anytime during the worship service is also provided across the hall from the attended nursery.

For Your Convenience:

Hearing aid devices are available and may be received from the attendant in the sound room at the rear of the auditorium.



Prayer List

- ❖ **Carmie Green** will be discussing treatments plans with local doctors.
- ❖ **Betty Burton** is having problems with her eyes as a result of her diabetes.
- ❖ **Anne Gunter** is in Highlands Regional Room 204 recovering from surgery.
- ❖ **Chuck Miller** has some health problems.
- ❖ **Sterling Allen**' s foot is beginning to heal.
- ❖ **Marvin McElwain**, is in Florida Hospital, room 2831 for observation following an accident.
- ❖ **Pray for Winter Members** as they begin to return.
- ❖ **Helen Piety**, our shut-in.

EXTENDED FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

- ❖ **Cindy LaForte**, sister of Mary Welsh, is in the final stages of cancer.
- ❖ **Carol Underwood**, a neighbor of Chuck and Mary Jo Miller, has been diagnosed with cancer.
- ❖ **Ken Joines** will be having knee surgery on 11/28.
- ❖ **Wayne Perry** is still in the hospital in Orlando.
- ❖ **Glenda Friend**, sister of Carol Johnson, is at home.
- ❖ Glen and Joanne Wooters' son, **Carolyn Shook**, cousin of Betty Parker, shows some improvement, **Sherry (Johnson) Brown** ex daughter-in-law of Harry and Carol Johnson, **Donna Coandrea** and **Marilyn Martin**, friends of Mary Welsh are all currently undergoing treatment for cancer.
- ❖ **Millie Shields** will be having surgery on her hip later this month.
- ❖ **John Stanley**, brother of Mary Jo Miller, is in poor health.
- ❖ **Dennis Fauble**, cousin of Tracey Stalter, has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- ❖ **Lori Anne Hessler**, a friend of Carolyn Thomas, has had a kidney transplant. Pray that her body will not reject the transplant.
- ❖ **Wayne Adkins**, brother of Carl Adkins, had a very serious heart attack.
- ❖ **Lynn Einfeldt**, father of Rachel Capps, has returned to the Palms from the Florida Hospital.
- ❖ **Jim Leisey**, has stage 4 cancer and will have chemo.
- ❖ **Randy Showalter**, friend of Patty Massey, has a brain tumor.

MISSION EFFORTS

- ❖ **Anil Tejpaul and family and Javeed Ally** in Guyana.
- ❖ **Vovo Shoot and family and Dema Galook and family** in Chernovtsy.
- ❖ **F. H. & Becky Gates** in Brazil

Our Record: October 29, 2006

Bible Study	104
Sunday AM Worship	142
Sunday PM Worship	NA
Contribution	\$3393
Wednesday Bible Study	89
Building Fund	\$400
Ukraine Building Fund	\$35
F.H. Gates	\$450
Special Mission – Guyana	\$0
World Bible Translation (Ladies Class)	\$0
Clothing Room/Pantry 11/02	33

Upcoming Birthdays



Della Martin	11/07
Ruth Maire	11/09
Valree Weaver	11/23
Paul Talbert	11/23
Shannon Ritenour	11/26
Sterling Allen	11/26

Upcoming Anniversary

Cliff & Ruby Blain	11/14
Clark & Elsie Gannon	11/21
Chuck & Mary Jo Miller	11/23
Ernie & Mary Jane Zink	11/23

Visitors for October 29, 2006

Cam and Charlotte Usher
 Edna and Ariana Faath
 Steve Ashworth and Lori Prescott
 Sylvia Figueroa
 Ray Fisch

He Simply Did Nothing At All

He made no mistake, took no wrong road,
 He never fumbled the ball;
 He never went down 'neath the weight of the load;
 He simply did –nothing at all

He lost no hard fight in defense of the right,
 Never bled with his back to the wall;
 He never felt faint in his climb to the light;
 He simply did—nothing at all.

Oh God will pardon a blunder, my friend,
 And regard with pity a fall;
 But the one big well that surely means hell
 Is simply do--nothing at all

Preaching Schedule

11/05 Frank Parker AM
& PM
11/12 FH Gates AM
PM Singing



Ladies Class Schedule



November 7th Through Christ
Teacher will be Karin Heath
November 14th Prophesying

Clothing Room

On Thursday, 9-11am, is when the clothing room is open for the community. We can always use more help. If you have any furniture or household items to donate for use in this ministry, please let Betty Abrams or Harry Johnson know.



Searching For Truth

A new supply of copies of World Video Bible School DVD *Searching for Truth* has come in and copies are available on the tables in the back. The elders encourage everyone to use these DVD's and share them with friends, family, and those in the community.

Communion Sign-up

December 2006 still needs someone for communion preparation. In addition the sign up sheet for 2007 is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Please indicate the month that you can do this.

Remember

General Elections will be held on Tuesday, November 7th. Do not forget to exercise your right to vote

CEO

The CEO will meet on Friday, November 10th, at Sonny's Barbeque Restaurant.

Sympathy

Gwin Barnum's mother, Thelma Eubanks, passed away on Thursday. Funeral arrangements had not been made at the time of publication.

From the Elders

We will continue with a number of preachers trying out. It may take several months to make a selection. Please give the elders your input in writing as to any feedback you wish them to consider. There are forms on the tables in the back for you to use for this purpose. Remember the scale to use with 1 being best and 5 being poorest.



Canned vegetables & fruits of all kinds
Canned Meats
Chicken Noodle and Vegetable Soup
Spaghetti and Sauce
Chili & crackers; Stew
Syrup
Chicken & Dumplings
Canned White and Sweet Potatoes
Rice
Baby Food & Baby Cereal
Toothpaste & Toothbrushes
Bar Soap
Deodorant
Small Boxed Cereal

Note From the Elders

All minister candidates who have been scheduled or who have spoken to us as of 10/15 have either been eliminated from further consideration or have withdrawn their name or declined the position. Applications continue to come in. The additional applicants will be screened and, if appropriate, scheduled to speak to the congregation at the soonest feasible date. The elders continue to take into consideration congregational feedback. We thank you for your feedback to date and ask for you continued feedback, prayers and patience as we proceed thru this process.

SHEPHERDS

Harry Johnson.....655-3386
(Evangelism/Membership
Directory/Membership
Fellowship Clothing Room)
Dave Marcum385-8899
(Treasurer/ Administration)
Olin Shinholser.....382-1060
(Worship Services/ Education)
Paul Talbert.....385-3756
(Building & Grounds/
Benevolence/ Membership
Services)

DEACONS

Bill Benton453-6002
(Treasurer/Visitation)
Chris Fowler386-4661
(Youth Director/ Services
Director/ Substitute Teacher
Assignments/Sound Room)
Roger Gurganus453-3939
(Building & Grounds
Maintenance (Outside)/
Transportation/ Communion)
Tracey Stalter471-9736
(Building Maintenance (Inside)/
Membership Directory/ Pews)
BJ Thomas385-7270
(Building Maintenance (Outside)/
Benevolence, Clothing Room)
Don Ware.....382-0194
(Special Mission Efforts/
Timothy Class)

Things you Never Regret

- Showing kindness to an aged person.
- Destroying the letter written in anger.
- Offering the apology that saves a friendship.
- Stopping a scandal that is wrecking a reputation.
- Helping a boy find himself.
- Remembering God in all things.

SCHEDULED TO SERVE		ORDER OF SERVICE FOR MORNING WORSHIP
THIS SUNDAY	NEXT SUNDAY	Announcements: Paul Talbert
Prepare Communion: Barb Cole Greeters: Ron Horton Wayne Anderson Bill Sweeton Betty Anderson Pick Up Cards: Victor Oregon & Austin Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Hayden Parker & Austin Ritenour Sound Room: Troy Talbert Secure Building This Week: Paul Talbert	Prepare Communion: Barb Cole Greeters: Ron Horton Leon Tubbs Bill Sweeton Ruth Tubbs Pick Up Cards: Austin Ritenour & Forest Ritenour Pick Up Communion Cups: Nathan Ramer & Joshua Fowler Sound Room: Tracey Stalter Secure Building Next Week: Tracey Stalter	Song: 296 We Have Come Unto His House of Prayer Opening Prayer: Clem Smith Song: 15 Step By Step Song: 172 I Just Came To Praise the Lord Communion Offering Song: 587 Sing and Be Happy Lesson: Frank Parker Invitation Song: 911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life Song: 957 This World is Not My Home Closing Prayer: Carl Martin
Announcements: Paul Talbert Song Leader: Chris Fowler Opening Prayer: Clem Smith Lord's Supper: Preside: Dan Luidhardt Serve: 1. Chuck Miller 4. Herb Ellis 2. Edison Green 5. Leon Tubbs 3. Don Gunter 6. Bill Cole	Announcements: BJ Thomas Song Leader: Olin Shinholser Opening Prayer: Harry Johnson Lord's Supper: Preside: Allen Barber Serve: 1. Bob Parnetr 4. James Ware 2. Wayne Anderson 5. Nicholas Stalter 3. Robert Capps 6. Don Ware	Reminder If for some reason you find that you cannot serve as scheduled in the monthly assignment schedule, please call Chris Fowler as soon as possible so that a substitute can be selected. Those serving are asked to be here at least 10 minutes before the service starts. Those who participate Sunday morning are asked to wear appropriate dress attire, preferably, though not required, a dress shirt and tie. At other services casual sport shirt and slacks are acceptable; no T-shirts or shorts should be worn while serving the congregation. Thank you for your cooperation.
Sunday Evening	Sunday Evening	
Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Mike Tubbs Dale Spung Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Dan Luidhardt Cliff Blain	Song Leader: Opening Prayer: Singing Bill Benton Lord's Supper: Closing Prayer: Allen Barber Mike Tubbs	
Wednesday Evening	Wednesday Evening	
Song Leader: Invitation: Dwain Chambers Bill Benton Closing Prayer: James Ware	Song Leader: Invitation: Troy Talbert Carl Martin Closing Prayer: Bob Parnett	
FREE BIBLE STUDY BY MAIL	MEET WITH US	PROVERBS 3:6
If you would like to receive a series of Bible Study Lessons, send this request to: Sebring Parkway Church of Christ 3800 Sebring Parkway Sebring, FL 33870 Name _____ Address _____ Age Range: <input type="checkbox"/> 0 - 10 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 11 - 17 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 18 - 50 yrs <input type="checkbox"/> 51 - ?? yrs	Sunday Bible Study.....9:00 AM Sunday AM Worship.....10:00 AM Sunday PM Service.....6:00 PM Wednesday Bible Study....7:00 PM Website: http://www.sebringcoc.com Email: sebringparkway@sebringcoc.com Office Hours: 9am-2pm M-F	IN ALL YOUR WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE WILL MAKE STRAIGHT YOUR PATHS.