



March 2009

Dear Friends,

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice. ⁵ Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. ⁶ Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. ⁸ Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. ⁹ Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

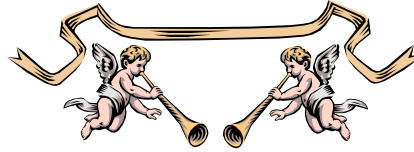
Philippians 4:4-9

In times of difficulty, we may find ourselves anxious about many things. In fact we often defend ourselves, claiming that it is only natural to worry. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus Christ calls us away from such worry and exhorts us to trust in God: ***“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?... But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”*** **Matthew 6:25, 33.** The Apostle Paul echoes the same thought in His letter to the Philippians. First, Paul tells us to do is to ***“Rejoice in the Lord, always....”*** Instead of worrying, Paul encourages to give thanks to God for all He has done for us, especially giving us life and salvation through His Son, Jesus Christ. Secondly, Paul tells us to pray. ***“...but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.”*** Paul teaches us that God will not necessarily give us everything we ask for, but He does promise to give us peace. ***And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*** Finally, Paul instructs us to think on the things that are above. Instead of being so concerned about our own troubles, Paul says ***“...whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things.”*** In other words, we keep our hearts and minds fixed on Christ. In Jesus Christ, we have redemption by His blood. Through Christ’s death and Resurrection, we have new life in this world and the sure promise of life everlasting in the world to come.

“³¹What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? ³²He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things? ...³⁷Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. ³⁸For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, ³⁹Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

Romans 8:31-39

Yours in Christ,
Pastor Chuck Bylkas



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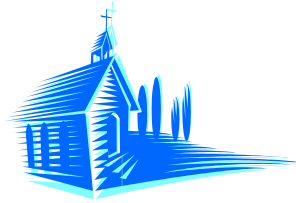
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March

- 1st – Travis Seppala @ Laurium
- 8th – Marc Tumberg @ S. Range
- 15th – Dennis Hannu @ Painesdale
- 22nd – Travis Seppala @ Seminary
- 29th – Marc Tumberg @ Zion

April

- 5th – Dennis Hannu @ Laurium
- 12th Easter – No Service
- 19th – Travis Seppala @ S. Range
- 26th – Marc Tumberg @ Painesdale

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