

Unless the Lord builds the house, they labor in vain who build it... Psalm 127:1a

## Ministry Opportunity:

### The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm

### Looking for Prayer Partners!

Please contact Kork for more information.

### Things to Remember :

**Remember: we are always collecting items for the Women's Center.**

Please bring small soaps, shampoo, toothpaste, washrags, towels, lotions, disposable razors, large plastic zip lock bags, etc. to Sunday Tabernacle Service.

### Along the Virtuous Way

We are beginning a new 18 week class for parenting. Based on "Growing Kids God's Way." If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Missy Moyer. The group will be meeting Friday evenings. Maybe you know someone who would like to join.

### Your Prayer Reminders:

We are looking to begin a homeless shelter in Pottstown. Bill and I have talked with several folks who want this too. Are you interested in helping? Please pray.

Pray for Melvin Moore who is recuperating in Norristown after removal of his right lower leg due to an infection and complications from diabetes. Pray for Melvin and Nancy to have strength while they await his homecoming on September 18th.

### Your Prayer Notes:

Next week... **Psalm 125, Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23,**  
**Mark 7:24-37, & James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17**



Please join us for our Sunday Evening  
Tabernacle Service

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"He restores my soul . . .  
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" **Psalm 25**

**WE'RE RIGHT!**

*Defiled by Purity*  
freedom from self importance

The Week of September 3, 2006 (near Bible)

"Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" "He said to them, Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, . . ."

**TODAY**  
**Worship**  
psalm 45  
song of songs 2  
mark 7  
james 1  
**Benediction**

### Our Mission

To pursue God's heart and mission of building a worshipful faith community within the Pottstown area, through good works and home churches; recognizing Jesus as King of the universe, and worshiping Him privately and publicly because He is worthy.

[Worship]

psalm 45:: 1-2, 6-9

1 My heart overflows with a goodly theme; I address my verses to the king; my tongue is like the pen of a ready scribe. 2 You are the most handsome of men; grace is poured upon your lips; therefore God has blessed you forever. 6 Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever. Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity; 7 you love righteousness and hate wickedness. Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions; 8 your robes are all fragrant with myrrh and aloes and cassia. From ivory palaces stringed instruments make you glad; 9 daughters of kings are among your ladies of honor; at your right hand stands the queen in gold of Ophir.

[Think & Pray...]

**Meditation:** *Jesus said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile. For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come."*

**Reflection:** God's saving justice is marked by simplicity of faith and expressed by helping widows and orphans in their hardships and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world (James 1:27). The word for world here is better translated as "systems," the powers and principalities (Ephesians 6:12) that impede both the saving justice of God and the springtime of hope, poetically described in Song of Songs as an awakening of love. May our prayer and our desire be that the seasons of glad songs will come (Song of Songs 2:12).

**Your Action:** What are you doing to welcome the seasons of glad songs?

[The Scripture]

james 1:: 17-27

17 Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. 18 In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. 19 You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; 20 for your anger



**"You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition." Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come..."**

does not produce God's righteousness. 21 Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. 23 For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; 24 for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. 25 But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

26 If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

Read mark 7:: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23,  
and song of solomon 2::8-13