

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

Your Prayer Reminders:

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.

Franny wants to plan another church dinner. Please see her if you want to help.

We are serving Thanksgiving Dinner at the Pottstown Consumer Center again this year.

We are scheduled for Friday, November 24th at 5:00 pm. Please see Missy if you would like to volunteer to serve or prepare food. Thank you!



We are now members of the TCN community. We are looking to partner with them in ways to bring Christ to our community, and those with little to the community's attention. Please pray for God's leading and His move as we partner with them.

TriCounty Community
NETWORK

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.

Melvin is coming home for Thanksgiving. He will be returning to Towne Manor East on Friday to complete his physical therapy. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Please pray for Leona Zupko who has returned home from the hospital after colon surgery; for Randy and Shane as they struggle to let go of things that hurt them; remember to pray for Lori's two son; and for the Rabenold family as they struggle to be obedient to God.

Your Prayer Notes:

Next week... Psalm 132:1-12, 2 Samuel 23:1-7,
John 18:33-37, Revelation 1:4b-8

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"He restores my soul . . .
surely goodness and mercy will follow me" Psalm 23

"Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign
that all these things are about to be accomplished?
Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one
leads you astray.'" Mk 13:4-5



Apocalypse When?
and in the end, our last things laid bare

The week of November 19th, 2006

Worship

1 Samuel 1 & 2

mark 13

hebrews 10

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]

1 samuel 2.1b-10

"My heart exults in the LORD; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. 2 "There is no Holy One like the LORD, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the LORD is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. 4 The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. 5 Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. 6 The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. 7 The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. 8 He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. 9 "He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. 10 The LORD! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The LORD will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

[Think & Pray...]

Meditation: *Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.* heb. 10.23-25

"The LORD kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up"
2 samuel 2.6

[The Scripture]

mark 13.1-8

1 As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" 2 Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." 3 When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 4 "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" 5 Then Jesus began to say to them, **"Beware that no one leads you astray. 6 Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. 7** When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. 8 For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs.



Reflection: The end-of-year readings for the gospel of Mark rely heavily on end of days themes. Eschatological, or "final judgment," texts were always popular during times of severe persecution and oppression, in both Jewish and Christian circles. They provided hope for those experiencing persecution and reminded believers that suffering and evil, while mysteries, were not meaningless.

The community was encouraged to remain faithful despite adversity, for God too shall remain faithful... The Christian community was truly expecting Jesus' second coming, and thus the end of the world. The writer of Hebrews reminds them to observe the laws of God as revealed in Christ, now and "all the more as you see the Day approaching" heb 10.25.

Your Action: When have you experienced personal "apocalypse" prior to knowing Christ? How did you deal with the "throwing open (or laying bare)" of your crisis? Are their good calamities that you have experienced that lead to sacrificial closeness to God—embracing the "Way" of Jesus? How can you encourage others as "the Day approaches?"

