

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

Worship:

Tabernacle Worship Service

Every Sunday Evening

St. John's Parish House

75 East Main St. South Pottstown 5:30 pm

Home Churches:

William's Home Church

Monday Afternoons

61 N. Evans St. Pottstown, PA 19464

1:00 pm to 2:30 pm

Hanover St. Home Church

Tuesday Evenings

256 South Hanover Street Pottstown, PA 19465

7:00 to 9:00

King St Commons Home Church

Thursday Afternoons

King St. Pottstown, PA 19464

12:00 pm to 2:00 pm

Ministry:

The Table

Every Wednesday Evening

Washington & Chestnut Sts. 7:00 pm



1st Tuesday Evening

Each Month – Check with Church

for Transportation Arrangements

6:00 to 8:00

Norman's Game Night

3rd Friday Evening Each Month

Locations to be announced

This Year's Theme:

hearing God in 2008

Your Prayer Notes:

The Ministries at MAIN Street Shelter.

Please pray that God would bless our endeavors as we ready the shelter for the fall.

Pray for Pastor Kenn Cosgrove and Family. They must move out of their home by August 15th, and are looking for another.

Please pray for Edythe as she readies to move to a smaller, more manageable home. Pray also for Zenona, that she finds the place that God has for her and that she fully cooperates with His will for her.

Gracious LORD, please protect our brother and sister, as you reveal your Love for them. Amen.

Next Week's Scriptures:

July 20, 2008 Proper 11 (Year A)

genesis 28.10-19, psalm 139.1-12, 23-24,

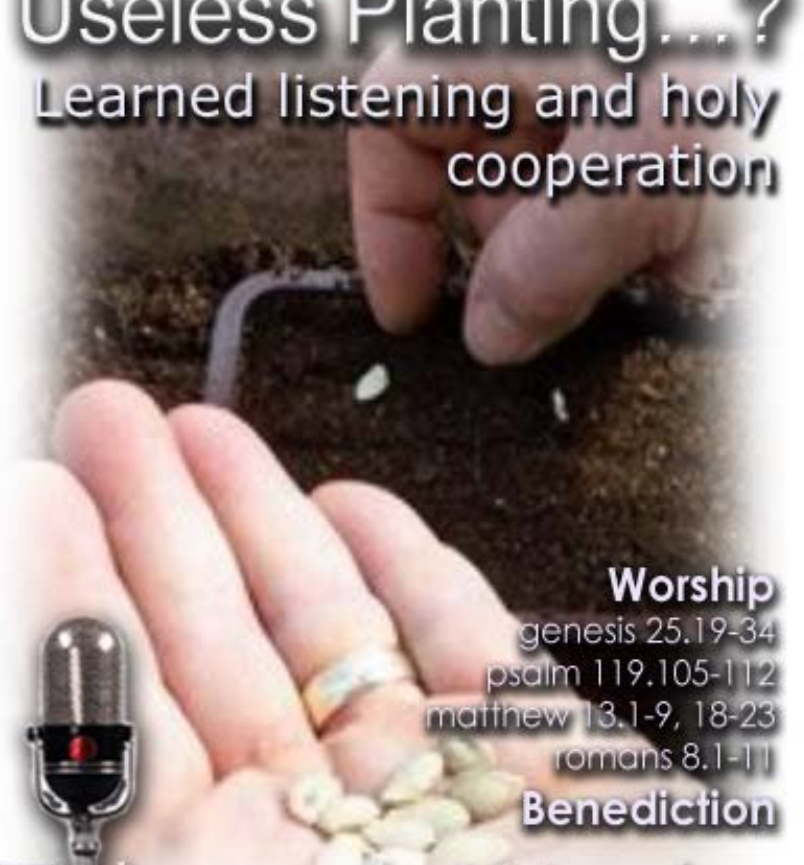
matthew 13.24-30, 36-43, & romans 8.12-25

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

July 13 = 2008

Useless Planting...?
Learned listening and holy cooperation



Worship

genesis 25.19-34

psalm 119.105-112

matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

romans 8.1-11

Benediction

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[Service]

Tonight...

Scripture Reading & Call to Worship ::

Psalm 118.105-112

Worship Film ::

“Go and Learn”

Congregation Song Worship ::

~ offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy

Scripture Reading ::

Genesis 25:19-34

Focus Film ::

“Planting Seed”

The Scripture ~

Useless Planting...?

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Let anyone with ears listen!" "Hear then the parable of the sower. Matthew 13.9 & 18

...the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. Romans 8.4-5

This week's Lectionary:

genesis 25.19-34, psalm 119.105-112,
matthew 13.1-9, 18-23, & romans 8.1-11

Reflection Film ::

“Seeds of Love”

Benediction ::

Revelation 22 .12-14, 16-17, 20-21



[Journaling Worship
your discussion notes...
for this Week's Church Discussion]

¥ Ears to hear...

¥ Come, and learn of me...

¥ Go, and sow your seed



Meditation:

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it"

Isaiah 55.10

Reflection:

The imprudent generosity of the sower in the parable - scattering seed in reckless disregard of visible ground conditions - reveals a God who gives without considering the worthiness of the recipient, and a word that uproots our deepest assumptions about what is prudent and who is deserving.

Kari Jo Verhulst.

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home church studies

Psalm 45.10-17

[Worship]

105 Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path. 106 I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances. 107 I am severely afflicted; give me life, O LORD, according to your word. 108 Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances. 109 I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts. 111 Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. 112 I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.

Consider:

[Think & Pray...]

In Jesus' time a yield of seven-and-a-half-fold was an average harvest. A tenfold yield was good. How are we to interpret, then, the harvest from the seeds sown on good soil—a hundredfold, sixty, and thirty?

The sequence of the three failures in the parable sets the stage for a shattering of expectations. The eaten, withered, and choked examples give way to the overwhelming yield of the seeds sown on good ground. The reality of God shatters anything we can expect or even hope for.

When the conclusion of this parable has struck home, it seems I have experienced only the seeds eaten, withered, and choked. Matthew's allegorical interpretation of the failures fits my life only too well. I don't need such



examples! But what can I possibly make of a hundredfold harvest? What on earth is Jesus talking about?

[The Scripture]

Romans 8.1-11

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, 4 so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. 5 For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. 6 To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. 7 For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, 8 and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. 9 But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. 10 But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. 11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.