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If ever there was a time for Christians to be awake and alert, it is now. Now is the time to have our lamps filled with oil, to be ready, to be watchful, to pray, to repent of our sins, to think about our lives and the choices we make daily. Now is the time to get it right with God. We need to repent sincerely; and with God's grace, recover ourselves from every snare of the devil. Now is the time to redeem the time given to us. Now is the time to put away the things of darkness, to put off the "flesh" and sin nature, and to put on Christ, to manifest in ourselves the fruit of the Spirit. Now is the day of salvation, and we are to rejoice and be glad in this day.

Now is the time to reflect upon "whose we are and whom we serve." It is time to crucify the flesh with its passions and lusts, to walk in the Spirit as led by the Spirit. It is time to be done with the works of the flesh, which make evident that the flesh wars against the Spirit, and to put off lawlessness by seeking the Spirit to manifest in us the fruit of the Spirit.



A few weeks back, Pastor Jim demonstrated great insight by showing our fellowship that a key to this process is to improve our worship by enlarging our vocabulary. To that point I wish to add. The more we can verbalize the worth of our salvation in Christ, the better enabled we are to worship in spirit and in truth.

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For example, we are told to “call upon the Name of the Lord.” There are hundreds of names of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. I know this because calling out the names of God is part of the apostolic strategy given to us to break the blood curse upon nations. As we discover and research God’s names, the circumstances by which they were revealed, their significance, how they apply to our daily lives, etc., we expand our understanding of God and His relationship to us and thus worship Him in the beauties of holiness.

We value what we appreciate. The more we know about God, the more we grow in our appreciation about Him. We have specific things about which to verbalize in our worship of Him. We can tell Him what specific things we like about Him, about what He does, about the way He does things, etc.



We appreciate more those things in which we have invested time and money. Where your treasure is, there your heart will be. As we invest time in prayer, in reading and studying the Word of God, in fellowship with the saints, in endeavors for the expansion of Christ’s kingdom, we increase our understanding of the worth of Christ and so improve our worship of Him. As we invest the fruit of our labors, our money, into the kingdom of God, we find that vested interest makes us more attentive to the things of God. We worship Him, give glory to Him, acknowledge His Lordship by letting Him control our destiny, praise Him for whatever we know about Him, and thank Him for being faithful to His covenant through the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Tell Him. Talk to Him. Show Him His worth by doing what He says. Show Him you value Him by your choices—your words and your actions.



Nurture the seed of life the Holy Spirit placed within you. That Seed is Christ. To know the one true and living God and Jesus Christ whom God has sent is eternal life. John 17.3

So...walk in and be led by the Spirit by improving your worship of the one true and living God. Improve your worship by enlarging your vocabulary. Enlarge your vocabulary by investing time and money into the Word of God, the kingdom of God, and the people of God as a reflection of where your heart is. Grow your investment by appreciating God in both the large and small things. Nurture your relationship with Him. Make it a priority in your life. Talk to Him. Show Him by your life.



Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. Mt. 6.19-21



To encourage you in your understanding of the fullness of salvation in Christ, I am teaching on the atoning work of Jesus Christ on the five Monday nights in August, beginning August 3rd. Jesus did more than die for your sins. There are five aspects of the work of Christ on the cross. Do you know them? If not, come and grow. You will have more to share with others, strengthen your faith, build a stronger foundation to stand on, and move closer to the health and well being that is salvation. Unpack the free gift of eternal life. Dig deep. There's more in the box than you may have known!

We had a very busy July. MCM celebrated 16 years of ministry and a successful mission to Iceland, Greenland, and the Arctic Circle at our recent fellowship dinner. God is truly blessing us with an outpouring of His love and Spirit.

The folks who came to the Kinetic Koinonia had a wonderful time, especially with Charles Hokanson on keyboard, Steve Craig on bass, and the emerging Craighthouse® singers. (Kinetic means motion or action and koinonia is the Greek word for fellowship.) Kinetic Koinonia is Christian fellowship in motion. It is a time to catalyze Christian friends, to experience the synergy of Christian fellowship, and to talk Cross talk with folks. Try it. The next one will be August 22nd 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. at Craighthouse®.

As a last note this month, I received a word from the Lord July 24th at Craighthouse®. It will give you what is coming from the heart of the Holy Spirit right now. You can find it online by going to www.marycraig.org. It's on the home page; just scroll down to find it. You can also click on the prophetic section 2009. Look for July 24th. I strongly encourage you to do it. It reflects the heart of the Holy Spirit right now concerning the people of God.

Here's what's happening this month at Craighthouse® Bible Fellowship:

Regular schedule:



Sundays, 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Celebrate Grace!

Rev. Jim Craig, Senior Pastor

Baptism August 2nd

Communion served first Sunday of the month



Mondays, 7:00 p.m.

“Our So Great Salvation: The Atoning Work of Jesus Christ

Five Monday Nights in August beginning August 3rd

With Dr. Mary Craig



Wednesdays, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

“3.16: A Devotional Survey of the Bible”

A teaching on the whole counsel of God from Genesis to Revelation.

Set sail with us for a study of the OT minor prophets!

With Dr. Mary Craig



Fridays, 7:30 p.m.

“Who Is Jesus Christ?”

The Truth that sets people free!

Worship & Ministry of Holy Spirit in activating gifts,
anointing, healing, & deliverance follow Bible study

With Dr. Mary Craig

Special Events:



Saturday, August 8th

6:00 p.m.

Family Fellowship Dinner and Bingo




KINETIC KOINONIA

Saturday, August 22nd, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Worshipful music with Steve Craig on bass.



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