Romans 10:16-17 - Jesus' Demand & Design for Faith.

- I. Jesus & His Gospel Demand a Response: Faith is Obedience Romans 10:16.
 - A. Jesus' gospel isn't always seemingly successful (Ro 3:3) Ro 10:16a.
 - 1. Give Jesus' gospel widely, for the more who hear, the more will be saved.
 - 2. Note the four kinds of soil: Mat 13:1-9, 18-23.
 - B. Jesus' gospel requires obedience (heeding; submission); hearing but not heeding (Ro 1:5; 6:17; Ac 17:30; 2 Th 1:8; 1 Pe 4:17) Ro 10:16b.
 - C. Jesus' gospel wasn't believed largely by Israel, or religious folk in Jesus' day (Is 53:1; Joh 12:37-43) Ro 10:16c.
- II. Jesus & His Gospel Design the Means to Faith: Hearing Jesus' Word Romans 10:17.
 - A. Saving faith is enabled by hearing The Gospel Message of Jesus Himself (Ga 3:2; 1 Th 2:13; 1 Pe 1:23).
 - 1. Jesus Gospel is where God puts His power Ro 1:16-17.
 - 2. Since people can only be converted by hearing the gospel message, then let's make sure that they hear it; establish it, sustain it, and attend it.
 - B. Sanctifying faith is enabled by hearing The Gospel Message of Jesus Himself - God's Word changes lives.
 - 1. God's Word is sufficient for all life & godliness (Ps 19:7-11; 2 Ti 3:13-17; 1 Pe 2:2-4).
 - God's Word works amazingly: gives wisdom (Ps 19:7); guides (Ps 119:105); increases faith (Ro 10:17); transforms into Jesus' image (2 Co 3:18); cleanses spiritually (Ep 5:25-26); & feeds spiritually (1 Pe 2:2).
 - God's Word filling us is equivocated with God's Spirit controlling / filling us - Ep 5:17-18; Co 3:15-16a (see Ep 5:17-6:9; Co 3:15-4:1).
 - 4. God's Word practically addresses our faith in God.
 - a. God has promised to supply all you need for service (2 Co 9:8; 12:7-10).
 - b. God is larger than any of your pressures (1 Ch 29:12; Lu 1:37; Ep 3:20).
 - c. God wants us to accept His purposes for pressures (2 Co 4:16-18; He 12:1-3; 1 Pe 1:6-7).
 - d. Why do you think that your view of God is so deficient?



January 19, 2025

"So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God." Romans 10:17

Nursery Workers Today:

Sunday School: Tim & Cindy Green Morning Worship: Vikki Irwin, Kelli Cunningham, Melanie Nelson Evening Service: Hope Olden, Lisa Salyers Wednesday 1/22: Sarah Brown, Hannah Burnett

9:00 AM Sunday School 10:00 AM Morning Service

Welcome and Announcements Choral Opening - Doxology Deacon Prayer and Scripture Reading – Isaiah 53:1 - 12 Congregational Singing - "Behold Our God" Fellowship Time Congregational Singing – "How Firm a Foundation" #408 Choral Anthem – "Great Are You, Lord" Congregational Singing – "Standing on the Promises" #410 Congregational Singing – "Speak O Lord" Testimony in Song – the Kay family Message – Pr. Aaron Young Closing Hymn – "Cleanse Me" #657 Closing Prayer

• 7 PM - Annual Business Meeting

 February 2 – after PM Service – Join us for a special "SSSS" (Sunday Soup & Sandwich Social). Please bring soup or sandwiches to share. Beverages and desserts will be provided.

Don't forget to check our **Missionary Mail** notebook on the table in the narthex. Recently we have heard from Joe & Noney Mita, Keith & Debby Jones, and Aaron & Annegret Bowes.

Your **2025 offering envelopes** and your **Giving Statements for 2024** are on a table near the main entrance.

After communicating with their contact church, our **Helene Relief Committee** proposes that we send \$1,000 to cover the rental fee on five storage/distribution buildings for the next two months and that we use the remaining funds to purchase listed needed items. Please see the full report on the bulletin board.

There are copies of the read-through-the-Bible-in-one-year schedule available at the Welcome Desk.

Thank you to the committee and those who came to the Bridal Shower for us on January 4! We were certainly "showered" by love extended to us. What a blessing to be part of this church family. If you have not already signed up to attend our wedding, please sign your name on the list on the bulletin board in the narthex TODAY! With love and excitement, **Derek and Sarah** **OVCS benefits from an SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization) called** *Every Child Every Family.* For all families with Ohio tax liability, a donation can be made to benefit OVCS that will count as a tax credit. Up to a \$750 donation for a single donor or a \$1500 donation for a married filing jointly couple will receive a tax credit, which is like saying that you can either pay the state of Ohio this money, or you could give to OVCS through this SGO. If you'd like more information on this, please visit <u>https://everychildeveryfamily.org</u>.