

## IDENTIFY WITH JESUS

Whether rich or poor, regardless of the culture in which we abide, one principle for the faithful Christian is how we use what God has given to us. Being rich in good works is a prophetic call to help us live beyond the confines of this present age.

This is an invitation by Paul to Timothy to consider one's whole life in relationship to the world around. Thus, material possessions are not as important as how they are used for the glory of God. Being rich in good works speaks to our commitment to the Lord Jesus. It is also connected with other Christian attributes of trusting in the living God, not trusting in riches, laying up treasure in heaven, and being ready to distribute goods to help others.

Jesus knew who he was in relation to God and his purpose for being in the world. Therefore, Jesus went about being rich in good works because this pointed people to God. As we seek to identify with Jesus, we too will want to know who we are in relation to God and what our purpose is for living in this world.

With this discovery we will be able to be rich in good works. And our purpose will be to point others, like a beacon of light, to the Lord Jesus Christ.

### PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help us open our lives to being rich in good works for the glory of God and our neighbor's good, so that others may be blessed by those good works. In Jesus' name, amen.

—Bruce Noffsinger, pastor  
Round Hill Church of the Brethren  
Toms Brook, Virginia

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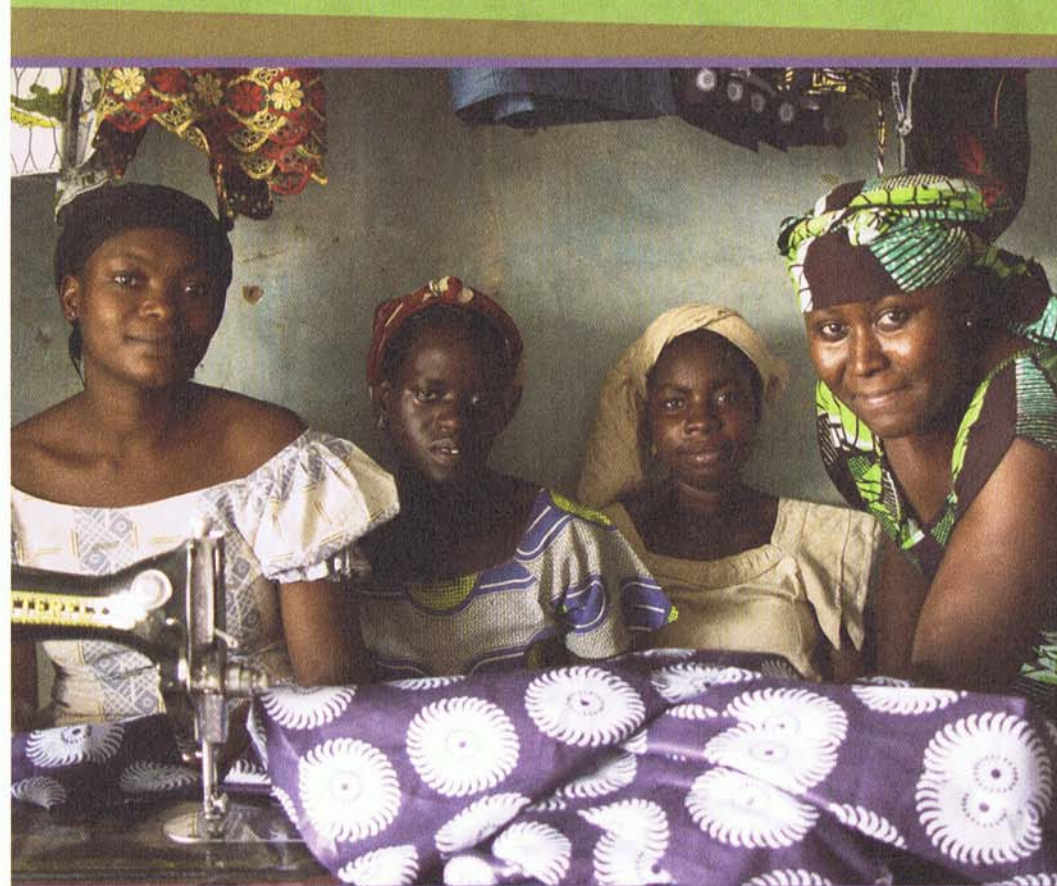
### Text for Today

### 1 Timothy 6:6-19 (18), NRSV

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to **be rich in good works**, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.



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## Be rich in good works



Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
 Rev. David Loveall, Pastor  
 Ministers - All Members  
 September 26, 2010  
 9:30 a.m. Worship



**NOTE:** The red hymnal will be used today, unless otherwise noted.

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETINGS / ANNOUNCEMENTS / SPECIAL DAYS Scott - BD - 26th  
 Rachel - BD - 29th

PRELUDE / LIGHT CANDLES

\*CALL TO WORSHIP **September Memory Verse:** Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does, whether he is slave or free. Ephesians 6:7-8 (NIV)

\* GATHERING HYMN #351 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

\*INVOCATION

**One:** A voice is raised, a call is heard,  
 When God is praised in song and word  
 Through centuries was forged this chain.  
 This moment seize. This treasure gain.

**All:** *This call we hear to praise the Lord.  
 No chain we fear, nor threat of sword,  
 Delays our cause. We come, though awed,  
 One Christ, one cross, one Lord, one God.*

PRAISE HYMN #37 *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty*

CHILDREN'S TIME (Gathering Song: *Jesus Loves the Little Children*)  
*"The Good Samaritan"*

OFFERTORY STATEMENT

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY #119 (blue hymnal)

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER HYMN #444 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE | Timothy 6:6-19

MESSAGE "Last Things First"

PRAYER OF BLESSING ON THE WORD

\*CLOSING HYMN #312 *A Charge To Keep I Have*

\*BENEDICTION

\*THREEFOLD AMEN #382 (blue hymnal)

\* - *Please Stand, if you are able*

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, September 26:**

Message	Pastor David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Marcene Cox
Ushers	Mark Bilsland and Alan Cox
Adult Sunday School	Pastor David/Sandi Cox
Children's Church	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**SERVING THE CONGREGATION SUNDAY, October 3:**

Message	Pastor David Loveall
Children's Message	Marcene Cox
Music	Donna Brinkman
Ushers	Mark Bilsland and Scott Maggert
Adult Sunday School	None - Council Meeting
Children's Church	Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

## OUTREACH MINISTRIES



Haitian Ministry directed by Rev.  
Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier.  
[www.unitedchristiansinternational.org](http://www.unitedchristiansinternational.org)

## 2010 CHURCH OFFICERS

**Moderator**  
Linda Adams

**Deacons**  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans  
Linda Adams & Jo Rolston

**Clerk**  
Jo Rolston

**Treasurer**  
Sandi Cox

**Adult Sunday School Teachers**  
Linda Adams  
Donna Brinkman

Alan Cox  
Marcene Cox  
Scott Maggert  
Sally Young

**Children's Message**  
Marcene Cox

**Children's Church**  
Ann Maggert and Sandi Cox

**Church Facility Trustee**  
Scott Maggert

**Church Sign**  
Ross Cox family

**Custodial Care**  
Members take monthly turns

**Farm Trustee**  
Ross Cox

**Fellowship Time**  
Clarence & Rhelma Evans

**Lawn Care**  
Jed Cox  
Ross Cox

**Messenger Agent**  
Donna Brinkman

**Ministerial Committee**  
Marcene Cox  
Ross Cox  
Rhelma Evans  
Jo Rolston

**Nominating Committee**  
Ann Maggert  
Sally Young

## OUR CHURCH

Worship Service . . . . . 9:30am  
Christian Education (Sept.-May) .10:50 am

Communion  
1st Sunday of Each Month

The Sheldon Church of the Brethren  
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**Outreach & Evangelism**  
Alan Cox  
Marcene Cox  
Sally Young

**Parsonage Committee**  
Ann Maggert

**Pianists**  
Donna Brinkman  
Marcene Cox  
Jill Dykstra  
Teri Kelderman  
Lynn Rolfsmeier

**Special Music**  
Marcene Cox

**Sunday School Superintendent**  
Jo Rolston

**Ushers**  
Mark Bilsland  
Alan Cox  
Scott Maggert

## Anniversaries and Birthdays for September

**Anniversaries**  
14 - Elmer & Helen VanKekerix

22 - Barb Rolston  
26- Scott Maggert  
Olivia Abraham  
29 - Rachel Maggert

**Birthdays**  
01- Chris Kelderman  
02 - Clarence Evans  
10 - Mark Bilsland  
16-Alan Cox

Many happy returns of the day of thy birth. May sunshine and gladness be given and may the Dear Father prepare thee on earth for a beautiful birthday in heaven.

## Church Events

### **Welcome!**

Welcome to all members and guests. You came to worship, go now to serve!  
You've been blessed by God's love, go now to share it!

### **Adult Sunday School**

In Adult Sunday School, this week Pastor David and Sandi Cox will report on district conference. Next week, there will be no class due to the fall council meeting following services. We welcome your attendance and participation!

### **Fall Council Meeting**

**Oct. 3** - Following the church service, our fall council meeting will be held. Please attend this important meeting.

### **Communion Sunday**

**Oct. 3** - Worthington Church of the Brethren's Communion service is at 3:30 pm. We are invited to join them.

### **Community**

**Oct. 3** - St. Patrick's Fall Festival is from 4:30-7:00 pm. \$8 adults, \$4 ages 6-12, 5 and under free. Join them for a fun-filled evening of food, games, quilt raffles, and four \$50 cash prizes.

**Oct. 9** - Village Northwest Unlimited has scheduled their 22nd annual benefit gala in the VNU Wansink Center gym. Join us for an evening of delicious hors d'oeuvres, enlightening conversation, and auction fun. Area merchants and individuals are donating items as well as a variety of services, restaurant certificates, and accommodations. Hors d'oeuvres will be available at 6:30 pm, as well as an opportunity to view the items up for bid and begin your silent auction bidding. The verbal auction begins at 7 pm. To view or bid on items go to [www.villagenorthwest.cmarket.com](http://www.villagenorthwest.cmarket.com). Call Judy Te Grotenhuis at 324-5416 for phone bids. Bidder books are available at the Village office.

# Those Who Need Our Prayers

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. - Romans 12:12 (NIV)*

1. Pastor David Loveall has returned to work, yet needs to be selective as to what his back can handle.
2. Muriel Loveall's eye continues to improve.
3. Clarence and Rhelma Evans have various health issues.
4. Jeannette Grove would love mail. Her address is: Sunny Knoll Care Center, 135 Warner St., Rockwell City, IA 50579.
5. Jennifer Caldwell, daughter of Linda Adams, needs prayer support.
6. Julie Fisher, daughter of Clarence and Rhelma Evans, is in remission of her thyroid cancer.
7. Ann Evans has cancer.
8. Millie Pepple has severe vision loss. She can't drive, read or see faces clearly and has had to quit her job.
9. Our congregation and children. May all continue to grow in the Lord.
10. Living Peace Church, Sioux City. May its ministry be continually blessed.
11. Lost Brothers and Sisters. May we minister unto and lead by example.
12. Those Serving in the Military. Keep them from harm and danger.
13. UCI - Jean-Jean & Kristie Mompremier's ministry in Haiti.
14. Marcene's mom returned to Boyden on Tuesday and will continue therapy there again.



SERMON NOTES of Sunday, September 26, 2010

"Last Things First"

Scripture: I Timothy 6:6-19

