

From Robert's Desk

Anguish, Not Anger by David A. Sargent

Warren W. Wiersbe once wrote about the entertainer and humorist, Will Rogers: "Will Rogers was known for his laughter, but he also knew how to weep. One day he was entertaining at the Milton H. Berry Institute in Los Angeles, a hospital that specialized in rehabilitating polio victims and people with broken backs and other extreme physical handicaps. Of course, Rogers had everybody laughing, even patients in really bad condition; but then he suddenly left the platform and went to the rest room. Milton Berry followed him to give him a towel; and when he opened the door, he saw Will Rogers leaning against the wall, sobbing like a child. He closed the door, and in a few minutes, Rogers appeared back on the platform, as jovial as before."

Reflecting on the humor and compassion of Rogers, Wiersbe wrote: "If you want to learn what a person is really like, ask three questions: What makes him laugh? What makes him angry? What makes him weep? These are fairly good tests of character..."

What we need today is not anger but anguish, the kind of anguish that Moses displayed when he broke the two tablets of the law and then climbed the mountain to intercede for his people, or that Jesus displayed when He cleansed the temple and then wept over the city. The difference between anger and anguish is a broken heart. It's easy to get angry, especially at somebody else's sins; but it's not easy to look at sin, our own included, and weep over it." *

We all have reasons to experience anguish, "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). When our hearts are broken over our own sins (cf. Psalm 51:1-4), then this godly sorrow should lead us to repentance (2 Corinthians 7:9-10) and to the Savior (Matthew 11:28-30).

In anguish, Christ suffered and died on the cross for our sins. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24 ESV). His anguish was an expression of His love for us: a love that was willing to suffer and die so that we can be saved and receive the gift of eternal life (Romans 5:6-10).

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to strive to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9).

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Attendance and Contribution

April 30th

Bible Study	23
<i>Daily Bible Readers</i>	6
Morning Worship	34
Evening Worship	24
Wed (Apr 26th)	25
Offering (Feb Avg)	\$1,506
Offering (YTD Avg)	\$1,776

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Wiersbe is right: "What we need today is not anger but anguish": anguish over sin the world, beginning with our own; anguish that will move us to bow in humble submission to the Savior; and anguish that will motivate us to share the Good News of Jesus to all of the broken people in the world.

* Warren W. Wiersbe, *The Integrity Crisis*, Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1991, pp. 75-76 as quoted in www.sermonillustrations.com.

UPCOMING

Men's Meeting (Rescheduled)

Mon, May 8th at 6:30 PM
at the old house.

Adoption Celebration

for Camryn & Kylee Burns
Saturday, May 6th
11:00 AM at the old house

Brady Brunch

In honor of Brady Sibert
Baby Son of Jade & Shane
Grandson of Terry & Myrna
Sat, May 13th, 10:00 AM
at Terry Sanders home

"He who has a why to live for can bear almost any how."—**Friedrich Nietzsche**

See Philippians 1:21 & Philippians 4:11-13

Helpful Resources:

Good News Today
7:00 AM Sunday
KARZ-42 / Little Rock

In Search of the Lord's Way
7:30 AM Sunday
KASN-38 / Little Rock

Kaio Publications, Inc.
kaiopublications.org


Gospel Broadcasting Network
gbntv.org

Prayer Requests

Continue to remember:
Gary Rayborn, Cheryl Hutchens, Chris Witt, Clyde Bever, & Daphne Bennett.

As always, remember to check in on our shut-ins:

- **Betty McClane** (Silver Oaks)
- **Annie Smith** (ONRC)
- **Camille Petree** (ONRC)
- **Homer Bradshaw** (ONRC)



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THOSE TO SERVE

**Communion preparation for May
Doug & Donna Sanders**

May 7th

Morning Worship

Lead Singing Doug Sanders
Script. & Prayer Robert Orren

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7-11

Announcements Terry Sanders
Opening Prayer Randy Reynolds

Lord's Table Preside Garrett Smith
Lord's Table Serve Keyton Orren
Lord's Table Serve Rod Halliburton
Closing Prayer Richard Sanders

PM Worship*

Lead Singing Doug Sanders
Opening Prayer Brandon Burns
Lord's Table & Prayer Colt Moore

Wednesday, May 10th

Devotional Terry Sanders
Opening Prayer Brandon Burns
Closing Prayer Keyton Orren

May 7, 2023

WELCOME



We are glad to have the opportunity to worship God with you.

We hope you find our worship to be in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

WEEKLY SERVICES & TIMES

Services will be streamed via Facebook Live. Like our Facebook page to get notifications.

Sunday Bible Class

9:00 AM

2 Timothy
Robert Orren

Sunday Morning Worship

10:00 AM

Peace, Be Still!
Robert Orren

Sunday Afternoon Worship

1:00 PM

Miracles Jesus Did NOT Perform
Robert Orren

Mid-Week Bible Study

Wednesday 7:00 PM

Biblical Time Periods
Colt Moore

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