

The Pure in Heart

“Beatitudes”—the *attitudes* that ought to *be* in our lives if we are true Christians. Warren Wiersbe

1. The Pure in Heart

“Purity in this sense may be said to be a state of heart reserved completely for God and freed from all worldly distractions.” **New Bible Dictionary** “A pure-hearted person is one whose motives are unmixed, whose thoughts are holy, whose conscience is clean.” **Arthur Farstad**

Matt. 5:8--Blessed are the *pure in heart*, for they shall see God.

1 Tim. 1:5--The goal of this command is love, which comes from a *pure heart* and a good conscience and a sincere faith. (NIV)

2 Tim. 2:22--Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a *pure heart*. (NIV)

Titus 1:15--To the *pure*, all things are *pure*, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is *pure*. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. (NIV) James 1:27--Religion that God our Father accepts as *pure* and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world. (NIV) 1 Pet. 1:22--You have purified your souls by obeying the truth in order to show sincere mutual love. So love one another earnestly from a *pure heart*. (NET Bible) Ps. 51:10--Create in me a *pure heart*, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. (NIV) Ps. 24:3, 4--Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? ⁴ He who has clean hands and a *pure heart*, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false. (NIV)

“A pure heart begets a pure life; an impure heart, a corrupt life.” **Johnson's Notes on the New Testament**

2. Shall see God

“The expression they shall see God may be understood in several ways.

First, the pure in heart see God now through fellowship in the Word and the Spirit. **Second**, they sometimes have a supernatural appearance, or vision, of the Lord presented to them. **Third**, they shall see God in the Person of Jesus when He comes again. **Fourth**, they shall see God in eternity.” **Arthur Farstad**

3. Are blessed

“The word **blessed** implies the condition of well-being that results from salvation, the status of one who has a right relation to God.” **John MacArthur**

“People characterized as *pure in heart* are morally pure, honest, and sincere. They are people of integrity and single-minded commitment to God. Because of their sincere devotion to Christ, they will see God here and now through the eyes of faith (Hebrews 11:27), and finally face-to-face (1 John 3:2).” **Life Application NT Commentary**



Morning Worship Services

May 3, 2009

Prelude	<i>Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee</i>	Billingsley
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>I Love You, Lord As the Deer</i>	Klein Nystrom
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children's Message		Rev. Hayes
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children's Church)	
Scripture Reading	Philippians 4:8-9	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 54	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i> (vv 1,3)	Chisholm
Offertory	<i>Press On</i>	Richard Ayling
Sermon Text	Matthew 5:8	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>The Lord Is Gracious He's Been Faithful</i>	Choir Choir
Message	The Pure in Heart	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 446	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>	Longstaff
Response	<i>Doxology</i>	Old 100 th

*The flowers on the altar this morning are given
by Jim and Brenda Davis in loving memory
of Jim's mother, Delores Davis.*



Welcome to Worship

*Blessed are
the pure
in heart,
for they
will see
God.*

Matthew 5:8

Evening Worship Service

May 3, 2009

Message	Future Judgments	Dr. Gambrell
<u>Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.</u>		
Front Door:	Hank and Vi Crawford	
Side Door:	Ron and Sandy Bruce	
Drive-Thru:	Bonnie Dempsey and Ann Harper	
Welcome Desk:	Cathleen Floyd	
<u>Today's Ushers</u>		
8:30 a.m.	Leon Hayes and Paul Prevatte	
11:00 a.m.	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon and Cary Smith	
6:30 p.m.	Ron Ball and Ron Bruce	
<u>Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.</u>		
Nursery:	Carly DuRant	
Children's Church:	Dora Nance	
<u>Security Duty Next Week</u>		
May 10—May 13:	Danny Bullard and Boo Boo Todd	

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

The total commitments made for the three year period to the Building on Our Heritage Campaign was \$1,335,442.00. During the month of April contributions toward that commitment totaled \$13,844.33. Total contributions to date (May 07 to Apr 09, 24 months) total \$63,517.72.

Memorial Day Presentation

We are planning a special Military Memorial Day presentation, Sunday, May 24, and need your participation. If you have a deceased love one who served in the military, we would like a photo from that military time as well as a more recent one. Your pictures will be scanned and given back to you. In addition to the photos, please list the person's name, rank, military branch, any active war duty, and the dates served. These people do not have to be members of this church, so please include your relatives, but indicate whose relative they are. Pictures must be received at the church by Monday, May 11.

Spring Jubilee Dinner and Variety Show June 7th

Come show off your talent with us! It could be a song, dance, skit, etc. The meal and show starts at 6:00 p.m. You can go solo, work together as a Sunday School Class, or with a friend. Sign up sheets will be passed around the Sunday School classes and will be available in the church office. You can also e-mail the church at office@fbcnmb.com.

Dates to Remember

Today, May 3

4:30 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Tuesday, May 5

7:00 p.m.

*New Service Steering Committee Meeting
Faith, Hope and Love Sunday School Class*

Sunday, May 10

11:00 a.m.

Baptism

Tuesday, May 19

7:00 p.m.

CDC Graduation in the Sanctuary

Sunday, May 24

Military Memorial Day Presentation

Sunday, May 24

Gideon Sunday

Sunday, May 31

11:00 a.m.

Recognition of Graduates

Sunday, May 31

6:30 p.m.

Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, June 7

6:00 p.m.

*Spring Jubilee Youth Fund Raiser
8th Annual Dinner and Variety Show
Family Life Center*

July 12-18

Summer Youth Camp

August 2—6

*Vacation Bible School
"Boomerang Express"
5:15 p.m.—8:30 p.m.
Family Life Center*

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Deacons' Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Bible Study: "Love Dare"	5:30 p.m.
Children's Music	5:30 p.m.
TeamKID	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
Evening Worship Service	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Lunch Bunch (at the home of Pat Criminger)	11:30 a.m.
Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
New Service Steering Committee Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
RAs and GAs	6:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

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