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As sin became man's Master (Gen. 4:7), it carried us away, as Kedorlaomer took Lot prisoner (Gen. 14:12). However, our LORD persisted in chasing after us, as did Abraham for Lot (Gen. 14:14). With His hands stretch out on a cross, Jesus tagged the world. He gave the world the chance to stop running *from* God, and start following *after* God. Imagine being a Jew having to kill this young bull for the first time. How would you feel to see "the young bull" catch a glance at you with his deep brown eyes? How would you feel knowing this beautiful animal was going to die not because *it* deserved death, but because *you* did? It was about to be "crushed for the evil [you] did" (Isa. 53:5). I imagine that Peter caught a glance of Jesus staring at him after the rooster crowed. I can imagine Peter's heart being pierced moments before, "he went out, and wept bitterly" (Mat 26:75). What feelings did the Father have as he saw his son dangling from the cross like a beaten piñata. Or as he caught a glance of his son looking up to heaven and crying in a loud voice, "into Your hands I commit my spirit" (Luke 23:46).



Before the LORD

Taking inventory of our heart is good. How is your soul? Has sin hardened your heart? Are you numb and tired of hearing about Jesus dying for you? It is sin that numbs us and makes us tired of listening to God. Think back to the first time you realized your debt was being transferred to the head of Jesus. Let us not forget the price paid so we will "be diligent to add to our faith" (2 Pet. 1:5-9). Think back to the time you wept bitterly for your crimes like Peter (Luke 22:62), and like those "pierced to the heart" (Acts 2:36-38). The heart of stone can be softened with the mercy supplied on Golgotha. The powerful grace that once "rolled the stone away," (Matt. 28:2) is strong enough to roll the heart of stone away. To buy us back, the ultimate transfer is seen on the cross, when HE had to "*kill the young*" Galilean.



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Welcome

to the
Church of Christ
meeting at Mack Road

This morning's sermon:

There are three that bear witness
1 John 5.4-13

This evening's sermon:

Continued from Mike's series on:
The spirit of Christ



Congregational Meeting Times:

Sunday

Morning Bible Study 9:30 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Evening Service 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

Evening Bible Study 7:00 pm

Visitors

The members here would like to offer a special welcome to our visitors today. Please allow us to shake your hand and talk with you, as we take great joy in getting to know you. Visitor cards are available at the pews for you to provide us with a record of your attendance. We appreciate you taking the time to fill these out.

Important dates to remember:

October:

- Sun 11th - Men's Meeting @4:15 at the building for all men who participate in the public worship service
- Sun 25th - Elders, Deacons & preachers meeting @ 4:30 at the building

Fellowship Opportunities:

- Sun. 11th - Group 2 meets after evening services
- Fri. 30th - Potluck party at the Uptegrove's, 6:30 pm

Ladies House to House Fellowship

Lesson Book: "Developing Inner Strength, Living in the Joy of God's Love"



Next class: October 11th at Tina Pitt's home.
Please prepare Lesson 7. Lunch will be provided.

November 15th - Jennifer Stiltz
If you would like to host a class, please let Jennifer know

Classes

Young Adults Class: Fridays at Caleb's home. See Caleb for details.

Anne Corley, James Ellsworth, and *Jeremiah* Empringham were baptized!

The Young Bull

"He must kill the young bull before the LORD"
(Leviticus 1:5)

He must kill

Sometimes having thick skin is good. It was good that Jeremiah learned to be thick skinned because he had many enemies (Jer. 12:5). The "thick skin" we call calluses help guitarists play for hours without the throbbing pain commonly felt by beginners. Due to inner pressure, the thick skin of an Elephant is needed to hold their mass together (www.upali.ch/skin_en.html). However, when sin causes the heart to become "thick skinned" there you will find impending danger. When sin hardens peoples heart, even the ten plagues may not be powerful enough to break a heart of stone (Heb. 3:13). Sometimes the only thing that can reach a heart of stone is a powerful piercing of grace. It was the death of Jesus that awoke 3,000 hearts in Acts 2:38. It takes the death of one to awaken those who are spiritually dead. When the Israelite picked an animal for the whole burnt offering, it had to be a male with "nothing wrong with it" (Lev. 1:3). The Israelite walked this beautiful animal to the entrance of the Meeting Tent, laid his hand on the animal's head, and had to kill the animal himself, "*he must kill the young bull before the LORD*" (Lev. 1:3-5).

The young bull

"The young bull" was used in a transfer. The transfer took place when the Israelite "put his hand on the animal's head," and the text continues, "and the LORD will accept it to remove the person's sin" (Lev. 1:3-4). There is a transfer that takes place between two children in the game of "Tag". Through the touch of the hand the one who had been running from the pursuer becomes "it". There is a transfer in roles. The one, who once looked for escape routes, now looked to chase after the one who tagged them.