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court

We welcome as our guest preacher today Rev. M. J. Shaver,
Chaplain of the University of British Columbia.

Thru Sept

Wednesday 7:30 p.m. Regular monthly meeting of the Com-
mittee of Stewards.

Thursday 8 p.m. Dedication Service for our new Christian
Education Centre and Chapel. Rev. T. T. Oliver
and other ministers will take part.

Sunday, Sept. 18 - 2-4 p.m. Open House and tour of the
new building. Tea will be served.

Sunday, Sept. 25 SUNDAY SCHOOL WILL RESUME in all depart-
ments. Teachers are needed. If you can help
please phone Mr. Hamilton at RE 8-3943 or the
Church Office.

Two pianos are needed for the Christian Education Centre.
Phone Mr. Hamilton RE 8-3943.

There will be no evening services for the month of
September.

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER

9:30 a.m. Wayne Rutherford, Dave Smith

11 a.m. G. Forbes, C. Lorimer, D. Macaulay, S. Wade

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Hymn:
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Hebrews 4: 14-16

Almighty God.

~~Almighty God~~ ~~that~~ ~~we~~ ~~prepare~~ ~~our~~ ~~hearts~~ ~~to~~ ~~receive~~ ~~thy~~
word. ~~Directing~~ ~~the~~ ~~charges~~ ~~&~~ ~~intent~~ ~~of~~ ~~our~~ ~~hearts~~, ~~and~~
prepare ~~thine~~ ~~to~~ ~~receive~~ ~~thy~~ ~~Word~~. We take this moment
to hear again the words of God to sinners earnest hearts
to the things we hear. lest we neglect so great
a salvation as thine heart wrought in Jesus & our
Lord.

What Earthly Good is the Bible :-

57 James 9:30 + 11:00 AM

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While the family was doing home from our summer cottage one fall one 5 year old daughter started a thoughtful conversation as we all sat in the dark.

Daddy, is God there, or was that just in other times?
We made a wonderfully timely discovery!

up to that moment the Bible had been to her, just the opposite of what it was supposed to be for Christians.

It had been having the effect of making God - not very real

Radiant Tail Character.

It was no earthly Good to her.

The Role the Bible is waiting to have for Christians.

- is a very earthly one!

Role of making God real!

The reason for calling the Bible the Word of God.

is that people meet God there.

They find out he is real.

They find he had dealings with real people

They confront him who's lived God.

having real dealings with real people.

The tasks of the Church:

Preaching
+ Teaching
+ worship

} how the bible became the place of continuing Faith events.

People encounter God.

For how many of you - Bible a Faith event?

Prng for the church school -

staff it.

a parent enters the process - interest discussion etc.

know this is the role of the Church with you

adult study

+ worship + Preaching -

Bible preaching :-

{ program
personal interest + anticipation :- could be a rebirth
participation - Preacher loses conviction otherwise

need your program + your listening :-

- Become obscure - less direction in profundity
- opposite sign - lost in shallow sentimentality.

When last
God himself
spoke to you
confront you
in Bible.

Look at the Bible - some book of honest truths } all it can be for you
a book of honest truths and moral tales

our honest predicament - not our lack of honest truths!!

But our belief in false Gods.

we take the wrong things seriously.
we have the wrong reason for being.

The fundamental human problem - a Faith problem.

we think the wrong things matter.

whether we succeed or not.
whether we are one up or not.
our prestige matters.

whether we are the centre of our life or not.
we take the wrong things to be a matter of total seriousness.

whether we are free from slaves or not.

whether we are a good, or as winning or as wealthy as
the next one or not.

at the heart of all evil ^{is} trust in a false God!

all that is wrong with the earth stems first of all from
wrong trust.

If the Bible is to be any use -

it must become the place where he who is truly God
makes himself known!

He who is truly God - is not.

confronts us in reality.

Suggest today: -

Bible is to have this role - a historic sense!

opposite sense - our 5 year old received it.

to people & events - are discovered as real events.
real people

Word + Thought: -

Method: -

Content -

not Faith event! - not real people - not a fraud
with Bible living - Context - es. O.T.
past darkness - Adam, Eve, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David

except for David :-

events & events - age from Times - Olden

1 way century - when the story was first written.

Gen. Ex - Bit of Keys → how much O.T. -

God has to do with four bits.

History of David's firm up near Jerusalem Court.

after David's death:

Episodes + Covenant

Wilderness + Conquest

Kingdoms + - confederate of tribes - national council
1st History as written.

φ - war w/ people.

God made a people

Time God special deals with us -

Daniel's Kingdom

Israel destroyed

Juda destroyed.

City

Restoration.

Prophecy's Present

contemporary documents.

History of Israel's Religion: Ethical Movement - unique!

Preparation for Central message:

Historical Method:

really discover what it is to know a thing
that has been dealt with
Israel's not.

you know how useless a witness is - his testimony is doubted
matter of fact such a contribution time -

guard this business with great care - saying away

such a sense sense

what about a witness - supposed to witness to God's Reality?

when or inclination is to doubt the testimony before it starts

- necessary -

what would happen to him - he had seen

who was ab - I am a messenger

from God -

Is there the word for that?

— sought?

Recall also that the heart of our human predicament is that we trust
in false gods,
clung them with a desperate fear of letting go -
lest there be no others -

See what this Biblical witness is supposed to accomplish!
what will enable you to trust that Love is God
Love is fulfillment?
Love is enough

Woman alackah! — pain.

what will enable you to trust that Love is
enough?

to let go any attempt at self salvation
what will allow you to drop the necessity of always being on up
what will permit you to let go the compulsion to justify yourself?

He who is varied God -

Leaves you with an envelope's love - very real.

what kind of witness can you believe! —

a man says - believe me God is Love -
I know.

cannot do that kind of believing - because he says he
knows.

- because he so full of zeal - he must
be sincere.

I can believe Love to be God - when I behold it
God in a Man.

In this kind of
believing

→ we can't trust what a witness says -
what he does -

what he is.

- when we find ourselves met by the
Lordship of Love - in his unclouded
compassion

when Chavel writes her own story!

tells us that God has had dialogues with her.

when we get a sense of Israel's Niche
Heart of Israel's religion - circumstances, comparisons, religion
When we confront real persons in writing -
we do it that way —

Real people } witness to the reality of God.
Real History

He who is truly God - many times & in diverse places
made himself known -

Bible becomes a place where our doubts & searches -
Root + Mission it doubt $\therefore$ one of the causes of doubt.

Biblical research & teaching -

Task in the church - be done only when we all work at it.
Every member has to do his own believing.
