

hub news

A Church at the heart of the community - With God at the heart of our church

Date: Sunday 22 May 2022

Today at Hub

11 am Café Church. There will be a light lunch served immediately after the worship service and everyone is invited to stay and join in that.

Welcome

We give you a very warm welcome to church this morning as we gather to worship God together. Our prayer is that God will graciously meet with us and speak the words that we need to hear and words that will encourage us as we go out on a new week.

Prayer Meeting

You are reminded of the prayer meeting on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm via Zoom. Everyone is invited to join this meeting either for the whole time, usually about an hour, or for a shorter period depending on your own availability.

Wholesome Thinking

From an article in Christian Messenger by Peter Kennedy

Peter Horrobin, in a devotional about "Wholesome Thinking" wrote the following: "Everything we do in life - whether it be good or bad - always begins with a thought. Then as we think about it, we decide to do it and finally we involve our body in the action that began as a thought. Now, if our thinking is always wholesome, then it's obvious that the actions that follow will also be wholesome. But if in our minds we dwell on the ungodly, the unwholesome, the crude, the selfish and the greedy, to quote but a few possibilities, then our consequential actions will also be a reflection of what we've been thinking. What a contrast between the two sets of actions!

Peter's advice holds good for us now. No wonder Paul encouraged us to take every thought captive, for if we control our thinking then our ways will truly be guided by the Lord into the ways of righteousness and the ways of blessing."

So how do we stimulate wholesome thoughts? The Apostle Peter gives us the answer that He wrote two letters to stimulate us. Today in prayer, thank the Lord for His Word. Spend some extra time reading it, memorizing it and meditating on its great promises.

"Good thoughts bear good fruit, bad thoughts bear bad fruit." - **James Lane Allen**

God's Word: "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ."
- **2 Corinthians 10:5**

The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

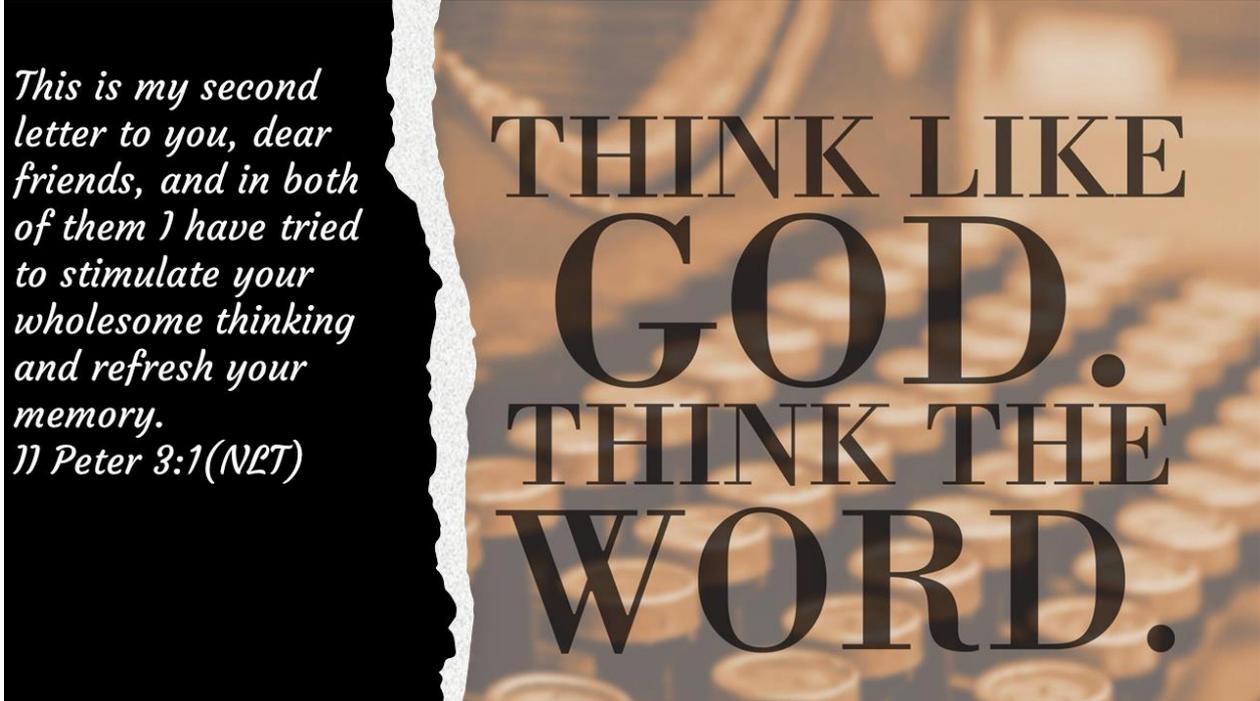
The perfect wisdom of our God,
Revealed in all the universe:
All things created by His hand,
And held together at His command.
He knows the mysteries of the seas,
The secrets of the stars are His;
He guides the planets on their way,
And turns the earth through another day.

The matchless wisdom of His ways,
That mark the path of righteousness;
His word a lamp unto my feet,
His Spirit teaching and guiding me.
And oh, the mystery of the cross,
That God should suffer for the lost
So that the fool might shame the wise,
And all the glory might go to Christ!

Oh grant me wisdom from above,
To pray for peace and cling to love,
And teach me humbly to receive
The sun and rain of Your sovereignty.
Each strand of sorrow has a place

Within this tapestry of grace;
So through the trials I choose to say:
By Keith and Kirstyn Getty

*This is my second letter to you, dear friends, and in both of them I have tried to stimulate your wholesome thinking and refresh your memory.
1) Peter 3:1 (NLT)*



THINK LIKE
GOD.
THINK THE
WORD.

Thought From Dr David Jeremiah

When Lee Strobel was researching his book on heaven, he interviewed Luis Palau, the Argentinian evangelist who preached to more than a billion people. "He knew he was dying," said Strobel. "He had stage four lung cancer.... I flew out to Portland because I wanted to interview someone who was about to go to heaven.... He told me he's not afraid of dying. He said, 'I really believe that to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.'"[1]

For the Christian, dying means immediate entrance into the physical presence of the Lord in His great city of New Jerusalem. We leave behind (temporarily, until the resurrection) our bodies of sickness and pain. Yet in the flick of an eye, we're there with Jesus among all His golden and gleaming cityscapes.

The Lord will give us extra grace for the moment He takes us home. For that reason, we are confident—even well pleased—to be with Him.

I can tell you from personal experience that, at the end of your life, when all is said and done, you'll never regret being courageous for Christ.

Luis Palau to Lee Strobel