Scott Kaczinski Music Ministries

Quarterly Newsletter OCTOBER 2025

11th Annual Truth Singers

TREATS & TRUNKS



Open to ALL Truth Singers & Special Needs Adults

(DeWitt E. Free Church parking lot 1921 Elmwood Rd.) Thursday October 23 6:00-7:00 p.m.

> A FREE HOT DOG MEAL WILL BE SERVED!

Would you consider decorating your trunk in a theme and providing 100 treats/goodies to pass out to our special needs friends? Let us know if you'd like to participate. Thanks. We can't do it without you!

POOR and SAD

In our Sunday and Tuesday night Bible studies this fall we will be reading and studying the book of *Matthew*. Over the last 8 years we will have now studied every book in the New Testament except Mark and Luke. Lord willing those books will be next. What an immense blessing it has been to us as we allow God's Word to lead and teach us on these evenings. I am reminded of Psalm 19:7 which says, "The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple."

In the book of *Matthew*, the parables of Jesus certainly intrigue me as well as the amazing account of the birth of Christ and also the words Jesus spoke about His second coming, but I'm probably most anticipating our time we will spend on The Sermon on the Mount in chapters 5-7. In the past few years I have done my own private study of these chapters and in that study I discovered how little I actually knew or understood. A brief example of this comes right at the very start of Jesus speaking in Matthew 5:3 when He says, "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

For as long as I can remember I had always thought that the "poor in spirit" in this verse was referring to people that are just humble and unselfish, and that is how I should be too. I was way off. In John Stott's book Sermon on the Mount, he writes, "To be poor in spirit is to acknowledge our spiritual poverty, indeed our spiritual bankruptcy, before God." And in his book Momentum by Colin Smith, he writes, "To be poor in spirit is the first mark of a person who walks with God." So what Jesus is saying here is that to be received by Him, or to be blessed by Him, at the very start I must recognize or be conscious of the fact that I am in a hopeless, lost condition. I am profoundly deep in sin and I cannot save myself. When I first learned this, I was amazed. I don't know if I had never heard it preached and taught that way or if I just wasn't listening, but it certainly opened my eyes.

And now by understanding that verse correctly, the corresponding verses are clearer. In the next verse, Matthew 5:4, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Previously, I had always thought that this was describing anyone who was sad because something bad had happened to them. I was not even close. In truth, there seems to be a progression here. A person who is "poor in spirit" as stated in Matthew 5:3 is then said to be blessed if he understands his sinfulness and that should lead him then to mourn over being in that condition as stated in Matthew 5:4. Another way of summarizing these two verses would be to say, "Happy, or fortunate is the person who knows that he is a lost sinner, and he mourns over his condition." And then the comfort that is promised to a person who is poor in spirit and mourns because of it, is the comfort of forgiveness and salvation. And these verses make more sense now in light of the words that came before this in Matthew 4:17, "From that time Jesus began to preach and say, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

In our world today, it would be considered foolish and undignified to behave like this, but Jesus in his Sermon on the Mount tells us just the opposite: we are blessed if we see ourselves as we really are--sinful, lost people in need of a loving, forgiving Savior. --scott

"Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Music and Through the Teaching of God's Word and Discipleship of Others"

Thank you for praying for us:

Please continue to pray for our Truth Singers and their staff workers who bring them each week. Also pray for our Truth Singers Sunday School class as we have started an exciting new curriculum on Biblical doctrine.

Pray for our 2 Bible Studies in Matthew on Sunday and Tuesday evenings at our home. We are excited to study the Gospel of Matthew as we take a closer look at Christ our King.

Pray for discipleship opportunities and steadfastness in sharing the Gospel with others.





As usual, our Truth Singers brought much joy and enthusiasm as they sang at the Clinton Co. Fair in July. Some Truth Singers we hadn't seen in a long time showed up as well to worship with us.



Truth Singers Christmas!

Our **Truth Singers Christmas Party** will be Thursday, **December 11**, at 6:00 p.m. and preparations are already underway!

As usual, we collect donations/sponsorships in the **month of October** so we can buy Christmas presents for our special needs friends and their staff (if funds permit). If you would like to sponsor 1 or more Truth Singers for Christmas for \$25 each, you can send your sponsorship to us at P.O. Box 86, Delmar, IA, 52037. Please make any checks payable to *SKMM* and mark "*TS Christmas*" in the memo. All gifts given to our ministry are taxdeductible. We usually plan on providing gifts for 100 special needs individuals.

Thank you in advance for your generous support and financial gifts given to this special Christmas event. You are invited to join us on Dec.11 to help or just enjoy. Our Christmas celebration is definitely a highlight for our Truth Singers.

We are so thankful to our monthly partners and also to those who give extra or year-end, one-time special gifts in support of our ministry. We are blessed by your encouragement to us as we share the Gospel of Jesus Christ and disciple others to walk in obedience to God's Word. New monthly partners are always appreciated. Thank you for prayerfully considering.

As usual, we will be sending out 2025 year-end contribution statements for tax purposes in our mid-January newsletter.

If you would like to receive our newsletter by email to help save on postage, or no longer wish to be on our mailing list, please let us know.

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