ii. Turn away from evil, Phil 4:8.
iii. Seek peace.
b. Reasons for the virtuous life.
i. Blessings for the virtuous.
· God's blessings for righteousness, James 4:7, Rom. 8:31.
· Open lines of communication, 1Pet. 3:7.
ii. Trouble for the evil-doer.

III. Application

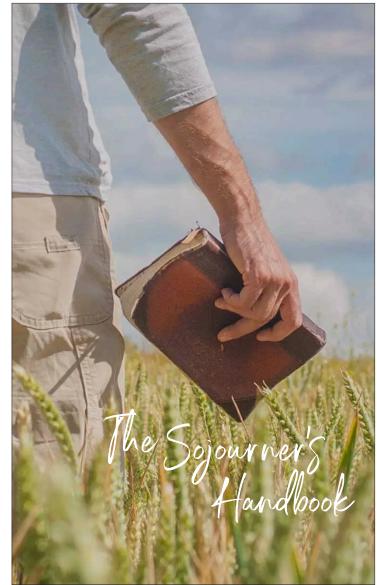
A. The responsibility of the church family.

B. The calling of the church family.

IV. Conclusion

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Evening Service February 2, 2020 6:30 p.m.

WELCOME AND INVOCATION TO WORSHIP

SINGING TOGETHER (Congregation Stands) "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" "My Jesus, I Love Thee" "Jesus is Lord of All"

PRAYER FOR THE GATHERING

GOD'S GREETING AND GREETING EACH OTHER

OFFERTORY (Congregation seated) SINGING TOGETHER: "Pass Me Not"

SCRIPTURE READING: 1Pet. 3:8-12

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

MESSAGE: "The Virtuous Church" 1Pet. 3:8-12

PRAYER FOR UNDERSTANDING

RESPONSE SONG (Congregation stands) "Jesus Paid It All"

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION "Jesus Paid It All"

> Rev. Kirby Willams Worship Leader – Stacy Cox

The Virtuous Church 1Pet. 3:8–12

I Introduction II. Exposition of the text, 1Pet. 3:8-12. A Context B. The ideal behavior of the virtuous church. 1. Five attributes of a virtuous church vs. 8. a. Focus on the whole church. b. Be "like-minded". i What it does not mean ii. United in Christ, Phil. 2:2, Rev. 1:12–13. iii. Celebrating our differences. iv. When dis-unity is necessary, Rev. 2:29. c. Be "like-hearted", Rom. 12:15. d. Love your brothers and sisters, John 13:34-35. e. Be "tender-hearted". i. Have compassion for the broken, Matt. 9:36 Isa. 42:3. ii. The analogy of the falls. f Be "humble-minded" i. The humility of Christ, John 13:14–15. ii. The paradox of humility. 2. Churches that are "blessed blessings", vs. 9. a. What a virtuous church should not do. i. Do not return evil for evil Matt. 5:38-44. ii. Do not return insults for insults. Watching our tongues, Luke 23:34. · An "ad hominem" illustration. iii. Summing up the admonition. b. Be a blessing to receive a blessing. i. Called to a different standard. ii. Reasons for blessing those who persecute us. It is our calling. · A constant eye on evangelism, 1Pet. 3:1-2. · To receive a blessing ourselves, Matt. 6:19-21. 3. Finding affirmation in the Psalms, vs. 10-12. a. Living the "virtuous life". i. Controlling the tongue, James 1:26, 3:5-10, Matt 12.34