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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*
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Sunday 11am Worship
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GO FIRST

And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or wife or brothers or parents or children, for the sake of the kingdom of God, who will not receive many times more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life."
Luke 18:29-30

"If holes were drilled in the walls and floors of the house, all the neighbors could reach out and touch one another, that was how close their lives were, and yet in the end they knew almost nothing about the others. And so the years just went by." These words were written by Fredrik Backman in his novel *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*. The characters in Backman's story lived in the same building, shared similar experiences and one common friend, the Grandmother, but had little interaction with one another.

I think this is not too different from many of our lives: we live close to each other, share some common experiences and, perhaps, some mutual friendships but we know little about one another. Too often, I think this happens in the church as well. We worship together, maybe attend Bible classes together, share some common experiences and some common friendships but we know little about each other. I don't think this is what Jesus had in mind when he established His church. He repeatedly uses a family analogy for his disciples and that is the example we see of the 1st century church in Acts.

So how do we get to know each other better? The answer starts with each of us.

Be the one who goes first.

Introduce yourself first.

Help a stranger first.

Say hello first.

Invite someone first.

Life rewards those who initiate, not those who wait for others to do so. And you will "receive many times more in this time".

Daryl, for the elders



GROWING IN DISCERNMENT

Robert Murphy

Last week's bulletin article introduced the importance of discernment. Without it, others will truck us into believing lies and manipulate us to act foolishly. This article discusses three ways we can discern the truth in what we hear and read.

Discern with the word of God. We must always make sure that what we are hearing can be harmonized with God's word. If people are telling us that we need to rise up and revolt against our corrupt government, we must see first what God's word says about that course of action. We will find that open, violent revolt against the government is not something scripture condones (Rom 13:1-7). We should practice this with everything we read and hear.

Discern with logic and reason. It is worthwhile to learn to identify logical fallacies, that is, showing how and why arguments are weak or invalid. For instance, I saw a meme that said, "This house was priced at \$75,000 in 1990 and now it is priced at \$250,000. Still don't think we need to raise minimum wage?" This argument may be listing completely true facts, but these facts are misleading. There

could be several factors not listed for why this house increased so much in value over 30 years, such as improvements and additions to the house or neighborhood, the location of the house, and changes in the housing market. In sum, always check to see if they are missing any data and whether it changes the argument.

Discern by fact-checking. When Paul proclaimed the gospel in Berea, the Christians there were not passive listeners (Acts 17:10-15). Instead, they wanted to make sure that what Paul said was true. They did this by fact-checking what Paul said. We need to do the same with the resources we have available. We need to do this when we read religious literature, even by those who are members of the church of Christ. Instead of blindly trusting everything you read, we should verify what these people say to the best of our ability. There are occasions where we cannot verify people's work, such as whether they are using Greek or Hebrew correctly. In those instances, you should investigate further until you have found out whether that person is a reliable source or not by checking other sources and seeing who has the clearest explanation.

Next week, I will discuss the need to understand our own biases that can blind us from discerning the truth.

I DON'T LIKE...

Steve Proctor

Some of you may know that I have a side job performing assessments for calibration and testing labs. I get invited to dig into a laboratory's Quality Management System, documents, records, and even the competency of their staff to see if they meet all the requirements of being accredited in the work they perform. I enjoy the work and it helps keep the real geek in me contained to a few days every other month or so.

There's a common phrase I use when I hold an opening meeting with an assessment client. I tell them, "If you hear me say the words 'I don't like' please feel free to reply with 'I don't care'." When assessing a lab and its staff I have to eventually give my recommendation on whether or not this lab will achieve/maintain its accreditation or lose it. Losing the accreditation can be disastrous for a lab. Their customers require it, without it they lose the customer. It's no small responsibility. Livelihoods are sometimes on the line.

This is why it is important that my opinion doesn't count. You see, there are published standards the labs must adhere to. I could list a bunch of them, and the list

would be very long. But nowhere in that list will you find "How a Lab Should Look According to Steve Proctor's Opinion".

Do we remember this in our daily lives? That our opinions don't count for much? There's a standard written on how God wants our lives to be governed. And he certainly didn't ask my opinion on it. He simply laid out the standard and expects us to conform to it. When it comes to spiritual matters do we try to insert our opinions on the way it should be, or do we simply trust the standard God gives us? Do we try to inflict our opinions on someone else rather than God's standard? The Pharisees were famous for this very thing. They had the standard and decorated it with all their opinions. Doing so they would alienate the very people the law was written for. Do we do the same?

Be on the watch for the danger of our opinions. They're dangerous. They've led many astray and tend to make false teachers out of good Christians.

Romans 6:17

But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed,

News, Notes & Announcements...



BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the counter in the foyer to sign the Bibles of those recently baptized.

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill. They will be collected in the fall.

SUNDAY AM SERMON:

GOOD GOD & GRIEVING GRADUATES

PSALM 119:65-72

1. LEARNING GOD'S T_____,
IN PAIN, LEADS TO FAITHFULNESS,
PSALM 119:65-67
2. LEARNING GOD'S G_____, IN PAIN,
LEADS TO A RESOLUTE AND REJOICING
HEART, PSALM 119:68-70
3. LEARNING GOD'S A_____, IN PAIN,
LEADS TO TREASURING HIS LAW,
PSALM 119:71-72

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00
Over/Under: +\$5,804.80
May 30, 2021-\$6,679.00
June 13, 2021-\$3,988.00

YTD AVG - \$5,047.17

June 06, 2021-\$3,700.00

June 20, 2021-\$5,263.00

Upcoming Events

September 10-11

September 24-25

Ladies' Retreat at Potter's Ranch

Men's Retreat at Potter's Ranch

YTD AVG Attendance

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Summit's Prayer List

Pray for these - Send a card - Make a call - Visit someone - Help with needs - Encourage someone today!

- Dalys Hill- Has a benign warthin tumor; will discuss treatment options at appointment on June 30
- Don Vickers- Several health concerns; many upcoming tests and appointments
- Enrique Escobar (Preacher at the congregation in Nicaragua that Summit supports)- Back pain is improving; is able to walk
- Ken Bailey (Morgan & Paul's dad)- Radiation treatment for trigeminal neuralgia postponed until 6/28
- Thelma Rachford- Remains very weak; medication was adjusted
- Cancer
- **Bev** (Janie Hoskins' sister) Lung cancer; needs surgery
 - **Dan Read** (Dan McNeese's friend) Cancer is stable
 - **Dave Hammer, Jr** (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
 - **Dorothy Whorley** (friend of Sharon Hammer's son) Radiation for 4-6 months
 - **Jamie** (Steve Proctor's co-worker) Cancer recurrence
 - **Linda Krebs** (Brad & Faith's grandma) Moving to hospice
 - **Sean Timmerding** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Radiation for brain tumor
 - **Shellee Jenkins** (Melissa Denham's cousin) Completed chemo; struggling emotionally
 - **Tylene Clark** (Sheryl Herald's cousin's wife) Cancer recurrence
- Long-term Needs
- **Dan McNeese**- Pray for a full recovery from the effects of COVID
 - **Daniel Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's brother) Recovering from an addiction

- **Dennis Ratliff** (Sheryl Herald's friend) Awaiting surgery for liver disease
- **Harold Painter**- Pray for a full recovery from his heart attack
- **Joey Adams**- Needs a suitable group home
- **Julie Skinner** (Amanda Robinson's mom) Struggling with caring for her parents who have dementia
- **Ken Smith** (Sheryl Herald's brother) Recovering from a stroke
- **Kerri Herald**- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- **Mandy** (Candice's friend) Going through a divorce
- **Raye Arroyos** (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke is going well
- **Spencer Harlow**- Pray for the medication to be effective at shrinking his tumor so the removal surgery can be completed safely

- **Stephanie Gilliam** (Mike Hein's friend) Liver failure

Shut-In Members

- **Clara Downard**
- **Dana Fuller**
- **Peggy Holt**
- **Shirley Holt**

World Bible School Update:

Pray for our 7 active students & 5 active teachers

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission
Neville Buchanan-counseling work
For our country and our leaders

