



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

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2021 VISION
"SEEK THE LORD"



*Christ Came, Died, was Buried,
Resurrected, & will Return*

Sunday 10am Bible Study
Sunday 11am Worship
Sun. 6pm Bible Study & Devotional
Wednesday 7pm Bible Study

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DECISION MAKING

Daryl Denham

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand
-Isaiah 41:10

The fear of making the wrong decision can sometimes cause us to make no decision at all. Often, we stay the course rather than risk making a decision that leads us in an uncertain direction. As a result, we are stuck in indecision; living the same story repeatedly, unable to discern our calling for fear of making a mistake.

As Christians, we will have to make decisions to move forward, but we don't have to be scared of making the "wrong" choice. If we're seeking God's will, He will redirect our path when we take a "wrong turn" and take us where He wants us to go. Also, detours can be a valuable part of our journey.

We all want to make the "right" choice. However sometimes there isn't a right or wrong choice – there is just a choice and it's up to us to decide. As long as we are seeking God's will through prayer and God's Word, we are not likely to get too far off course in our decision making. That should give us confidence about making a choice – any of the good choices before you – in order to move forward.

Though we may never have absolute certainty in our decisions, we have certainty in God's love for us. We receive a boost of courage to make decisions when we realize that any one decision by itself won't determine our final outcome.

When you are faced with a decision, list ways in which you can rely on God's wisdom to guide you through the unforeseen outcomes of your choices.

[Adapted from YouVersion Bible App Devotional: YOU ON PURPOSE by Shackelford & Denzel]



From Neville's Desk...

WHY HOSPITALITY IS ESSENTIAL

In Luke 14:12-14 Jesus tells of inviting strangers to a dinner or a banquet. Jesus' reasoning for this is "14 and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Being hospitable is fast becoming the most important aspect of our Christian walk – since COVID has made it the missing practice. As we come out of COVID we have a chance to restart hospitality the way Jesus intended it.

- Be cheerful when being hospitable. 1 Peter 4:9 (ESV) — ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling.
- Be sure to invite those who would normally be overlooked. Hebrews 13:2 (ESV) — ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.

CHRISTIANS AND POWER

Robert Murphy

One of the main tenets of critical theory is the claim that the main motivation which drives history and human psychology is a lust for power. Instead of looking at things at face value, critical theory helps uncover hidden agendas and helps us to see through the rhetoric of marketing, politics, literature, religion, and other institutions so that we can observe how they are manipulating us. However, this theory is only *one* lens through which we can view the world and it is often overly simplistic. There are other human motivating factors that can explain people's actions besides their lust for power. People are also motivated by practicality, love, and piety toward God.

Why is this important for the Christian? It is important because many people apply critical theory to the church. Sometimes Christianity deserves it, though. The catholic church especially has a history of being power hungry and striving for control rather than trying to love God, love others, and keep

- Be sure to invite the sinners and the unpopular. Luke 5:27 (ESV) — ²⁷ After this he went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax booth. And he said to him, "Follow me."

If this pandemic has taught us anything it is that isolating individuals is more dangerous and has longer lasting results than COVID. Geriatrician Carla Perissinotto, studying 1,600 people over a period of six years, concluded that loneliness results in a "60 percent increased risk of functional decline and a 45 percent greater risk of death" (t.ly/uy6v).

Friend, are you ready to be friendly again? Then here are some holiday suggestions: invite someone over for a home cooked meal; invite someone to join you at the Zoo's "Festival of Lights"; invite someone to join you at the Cincinnati Museum's OMNIMAX; or, as Gideon suggests, invite someone to join us at our next Fellowship Meal.

φιλόξενος *philoxenos* hospitable
 ✓ φίλος *philos* friend
 ✓ ξένος *xenos* stranger; foreigner

his commandments. Churches of Christ are also not completely blameless. We ought to join the critics of the church when they speak the truth of the evils done by professed "Christians" for the sake of power.

However, we also need to apply this critical theory to our own lives and our own congregation. Are we seeking after more power and more control over others? Are we trying to use God's church to benefit ourselves, to gain more wealth and influence? Do we see our leaders manipulating us so that we give them more power rather than them empowering us? Christians are called to scorn power, to look at it as though it is nothing. Christ did that when he came to earth as a humble human being (Phil 2:5-9). He also said that those who serve and are least in this world are greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I urge you, **do not fall for Satan's trap and desire more power.** God has given us enough power through his Son and through his Spirit. Let us be satisfied with whatever power we have and use it to serve others and build one another up.

News, Notes & Announcements...



CHRISTMAS CARD FILE BOX

If you are planning to send out Christmas cards to other members, just place them in the hanging file labeled with the family name in the file box in the foyer— no postage necessary.

TEACHING OPPORTUNITY!

Do you enjoy kids and see the importance of a strong Bible class program for our kids? Have you perhaps thought about teaching but have been unsure or nervous about stepping up to teach or help with a class? We would love to spend a few weeks with you in the **young children's class, just showing you the ropes. You'll see it's not very difficult and kiddos are super sweet (and hilarious!)** Please see **Jenny Guin or Cori Fuller if you'd be interested in either learning how to teach or feel like you're ready and would like to be put into a rotation of teachers.**

LADS TO LEADERS

If you are interested in participating or have any questions, please see Cori Fuller. Sign-up sheets are on the bulletin board.

COMMUNION PREPARATION

There's a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

BIBLES TO SIGN

Please stop by the round table 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.

UPCOMING EVENTS...

CHALLENGE YOUTH CONFERENCE (CYC)
February 25-27, 2022 at the LeConte Center, Pigeon Forge, TN.
Theme is *#forme: Creation, Redemption, Heaven.*
There's a sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board.

PARENTING WORKSHOP

There will be a Parenting Workshop/Seminar at Summit with Adam & Leah Faughn the weekend of April 30, 2022.
This seminar is meant to encourage and educate parents as they seek to raise godly adults.

Summit's Prayer List

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

Diane White Surgery on 12/16 for bursitis in her leg
Harold Painter In rehab at Emerald Trace (Turkeyfoot Rd)
Jeri Brown (Sharon Hammer's sister) Abnormal heart rhythm
Jesus Riera Jr. Recovering from Tommy John surgery
Joyce (Thelma's friend) Polyp found in her intestines
Mike White Recovering from lower back surgery
Spencer Harlow Radiation

Cancer

- Dan Read (Dan McNeese's friend) Tumor is shrinking
- Dave Hammer, Jr (Sharon's son) Cancer is stable
- Vickie Steffan (Jeff Brown's sister) Chemotherapy
- Wayne Young (Ann Young's son) Cancer in remission

Long-term Needs

- Evon Herald— Onset of dementia
- Joey Adams- Needs a suitable group home
- Kerri Herald- Pray for her ability to be independent as an adult
- Parker Webster— Juvenile diabetes
- Peggy Holt— Recovering from stroke
- Raye Arroyos (Melissa Denham's mom) Recovery from her stroke

is going well

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

Shut-In Members

- Billie Rogers
- Clara Downard
- Dana Fuller
- Shirley Holt

Ongoing Requests

Ben Buchanan-Alaska mission

Neville Buchanan-counseling work

For our country and our leaders

For our members to grow in the Word

Our Community's lost souls

Summit's planning efforts for the future

Summit Family-greater love for one another

Summit's Deacons-encouragement in service

Summit's Elders-wisdom & love for the flock

Summit's Seniors-faithfulness & mentoring

Summit's Teachers-thankful for our teachers



~ Order of Worship ~

Song Leader: Steve Proctor
Call to Worship #538 My Hope is Built
Hymn #480 Blessed Assurance

Opening Prayer: Chris Guin
Hymn #490 It Is Well With My Soul
Hymn #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior

Lord's Supper: Robert Murphy

Offering: Matthew 6:33
Hymn #528 I Know That My Redeemer Lives

Scripture Reading: Maddox Proctor

Message: Neville Buchanan

Invitation Hymn #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord

Closing Prayer: Billy Herald

SERMON NOTES:

CONSISTENTLY STABLE SAINTS

PSALM 119:161-168

IF CHRISTIANS ARE TO NEVER FALL
 THEY NEED TO BE ...

* A _____: CONSISTENT HEART,

PSALM 119:161-163

1. A HEART STANDING IN AWE, EVEN AS PRINCES

P _____

2. A HEART R _____ AS ONE FINDING A SPOIL

3. A HEART L _____ THE LAW, WHILE HATING
 FALSEHOOD

* T _____: CONSISTENT LIFE, PSALM

119:164-166

1. GREAT P _____ OVER RIGHTEOUS RULES

2. GREAT P _____ & NO STUMBLE

3. GREAT H _____ & OBEDIENCE

* S _____: CONSISTENT KEEPER,

PSALM 119:167-168

1. KEEPS THE TESTIMONIES L _____

2. KEEPS THE TESTIMONIES T _____

~ For the Record ~

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 12

Bible Bowl Zoom Class
 on book of Joshua, 5-6pm

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, Feb. 11

February 25-27

April 14-17

April 30, 2022

May 27-20

Caring Hearts Gala
 CYC in Pigeon Forge
 L2L Convention
 Parenting Workshop
 Ft Hill Young Adult Retreat

Attendance

Nov 14, 2021

Nov 21, 2021

Nov 28, 2021

Dec 05, 2021

Class

73

77

62

67

AM

141

138

129

139

Wed

55

31

56

44

YTD AVG Attendance

116

YTD Baptisms

9

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

Over/Under: +\$8,026.80

Nov 14, 2021-\$4,241.00

Nov 28, 2021-\$3,904.00

YTD AVG - \$4,978.80

Nov 21, 2021-\$4,034.00

Dec 05, 2021-\$5,185.00

Serving the Nursery

12/12—Laura and Carly Herald

12/19—Morgan, Vana & Sarah

12/26—Nancy and Ashley Brown

Communion Preparation

December—Jeff & Renee Carnes

January—Morgan and Vana



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

DECEMBER 12TH—19TH

BRAD HERALD 12TH

EVON HERALD 13TH

BELLA MENETREY 13TH

MELANIE SCHAEFER 14TH

LANDON MADDEN 17TH

LILY MADDEN 17TH



~ Wed., Dec. 15th Service Leaders ~

Song Leader - Isaac Mayes

Opening Prayer - Steve Proctor

Speaker - Josiah Fuller