



We love sharing the truth of God's Word!

December 19, 2021

IS THE YOUNG MAN SAFE

George Reagan

The book of 2 Samuel (chapters 13-19) records the story of David and Absalom. A story we are familiar with. A story of rebellion, deception, revenge, sorrow and regret. Even with those sad descriptions there is that parent's love for their child. The bond between parent and child can be very strong. In some families, the bond is a two-way street where both parent and child show that strong attachment, a love for each other that carries them thru the best of times and those situations that "try men's souls". In some families the bond is a one-way street, love spurned by either the parent or the child. Then there is the worst of families where it is a dead-end street, absolute zero love or concern for anyone.

Paul described the "fruit of the Spirit" in Galatians 5 as "love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control". It is these attributes that enhance and secure a family bond. Parent and child should possess them. They are the embodiment of the life our Lord showed us while on this earth. It is a road map of success, faith, hope and love.

When you place each of these attributes next to Absalom, you can see his failure. By love, you see hate. No joy only pride. Peace is overshadowed with deceit and forbearance with revenge. Meanness replaced kindness. Goodness with deception, gentleness with harshness and a complete lack of self-control.

How different it might have been for Absalom if he had approached life with those God given traits for success. I really sense the fear in David's question to the Ethiopian (Cushite) messenger: "Is the young man Absalom safe?". We see the sorrow in those mournful words, "O my son Absalom! My son, my son Absalom! If only I had died instead of you—O Absalom, my son, my son!". After all that Absalom had done, David still had that father's love for his son.

Luke recorded the parable of the Prodigal Son. As the son returned, it was the Father's love that drove him to run to his son. I look at my life and I see that same Father's love that sent Jesus to live and die for his children. **A LOVE THAT ONLY THE FATHER CAN SHOW**. The Lord God Almighty will ask Jesus, his son: "Is that young man safe?" How will Jesus answer?

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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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From Neville's Desk...

ACTS OF KINDNESS

Kindness is the main ingredient for building a peace-loving community. It is also good for the heart in that it reduces anxiety by giving a sense of control and providing what we all need.

We should also be kind because it is what God requires of us. Micah 6:8 (ESV) — ⁸ He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Kindness is what distinguish us from being a child of Christ or Satan. You see, it was kindness that causes Jesus to empty himself, take on the form of man,

and to die on the cruel cross of calvary. If we are to carry the same DNA as Christ, we would ... “Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3–4 ESV).

Friend, what act of kindness will you choose today? Are you able and willing to help with the devastation of the latest natural disaster to hit our beautiful Kentucky? (Photo by Jeannette P Maxey).



“THE WORD BECAME FLESH”

From a Homily of John Chrysostom
Robert Murphy

Since Christmas is upon us, I think it is beneficial to reflect on Christ's incarnation. Below I have attached a section of John Chrysostom's (347–407 AD) eleventh homily (sermon) on the Gospel of John, which discusses John 1:14.

“Having declared that they who received Him were “born of God,” and had become “sons of God,” he adds the cause and reason of this unspeakable honor. It is that “the Word became Flesh,” that the Master took on Him the form of a servant. For He became Son of man, who was God's own Son, in order that He might make the sons of men to be children of God. For the high when it associates with the low touches not at all its own honor, while it raises up the other from its excessive lowness; and even thus it was with the Lord. He in nothing diminished His own Nature by this condescension,

but raised us, who had always sat in disgrace and darkness, to glory unspeakable. Thus, it may be, a king, conversing with interest and kindness with a poor mean man, does not at all shame himself, yet makes the other observed by all and illustrious. Now if in the case of the adventitious dignity of men, intercourse with the humbler person in nothing injures the more honorable, much less can it do so in the case of that simple and blessed Essence which has nothing adventitious, or subject to growth or decay, but has² all good things immovable, and fixed forever. So that when you hear that “the Word became Flesh,” be not disturbed nor cast down, For that Essence did not change to flesh, (it is impiety⁴ to imagine this,) but continuing what it is, It so took upon It the form of a servant.”

John Chrysostom, “Homilies of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople, on the Gospel of St. John,” in Saint Chrysostom: Homilies on the Gospel of St. John and Epistle to the Hebrews, ed. Philip Schaff, trans. G. T. Stupart, vol. 14, A Select Library of the Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church, First Series (New York: Christian Literature Company, 1889), 38–39.

News, Notes & Announcements...



NEW YEAR'S EVE

The Guins would like to invite everyone to celebrate New Year's Eve at their home. Please bring a snack and drink to share, and a favorite game if you'd like. We will enjoy food and fellowship before we sing in the new year.
12-31-2021; 7:30 PM - ???
7914 Lancelot Drive
Cincinnati, OH 45244

LADIES' 2022 PLANNING MEETING

Sunday, January 9th following a quick lunch after services. All ladies are welcome! Please join us and help plan events/activities for the new year.

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.

WE REJOICE WITH THE ANGELS!

Lydia Menetrey was baptized last Sunday.
Her address: 105 Stonyridge Drive
Cold Spring, KY 41076

CHILI COOK-OFF

Mark your calendars for Saturday, January 22nd.
More details to follow soon.

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.

2022 COMMUNION PREPARATION

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

POTTER CHILDREN'S HOME GLEANER CANS

Available for pick-up. Please contact the office if you would like a can to fill.

BIBLES TO SIGN

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

Summit's Prayer List

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

Carter Guin With a disaster relief group in Mayfield, KY to help tornado victims
Diane White Surgery on 12/16 for bursitis in her leg
Eli Coates (teenage friend of Denham's) Recovering from recent surgery at Children's
Everett (Denham's 8yo nephew) Plate put in his arm due to displaced fracture
Denise Henson Double ear infection
Emily Madden Pray for the swelling and pain in her epiglottitis to subside
Jack & Sally Pape (Renee Carnes' parents) Both have pneumonia, Jack is in Care Spring rehab and Sally is in the hospital
Jeri Brown (Sharon Hammer's sister) Abnormal heart rhythm
Jimmy Hutchings Severe back trouble, second surgeon is now recommending fusion surgery, please pray for pain relief
Michelle Robbins Thyroid growth, testing
Neville Buchanan Recovering from COVID
Spencer Harlow Radiation treatments
Tracy Menetrey Started medication for abnormal heart rhythm, recheck in three months

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) 2nd round of chemo
- Wayne Young (Ann Young's son) Cancer in remission

Long-term Needs

- Evon Herald- Onset of dementia
- Harold Painter- In rehab at Emerald Trace
- 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



~ Order of Worship ~

Song Leader: Chris Guin

Call to Worship #238 Words and Music

Hymn #227 On Zion's Glorious Summit

Opening Prayer: Steve Proctor

Hymn #800 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

Hymn #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Lord's Supper: Jackson Guin

Offering: 2 Corinthians 9:7

Hymn #643 Sowing the Seed of the Kingdom

Scripture Reading: Greg Menetrey Jr.

Message: Robert Murphy

Invitation Hymn #396 No, Not One

Closing Prayer: Daryl Denham

SERMON NOTES:

~ Wed., Dec. 22nd Service Leaders ~

Song Leader - Chris Guin

Opening Prayer - Robert Murphy

Speaker - Daryl Denham

~ For the Record ~

Upcoming Events

Sunday, Dec. 19

Bible Bowl Zoom Class

on book of Joshua, 5-6pm

Friday, Dec. 31

New Year's Eve at Guin's

Sunday, Jan. 9

Ladies' 2022 Planning

Meeting

Saturday, Jan. 22

Chili Cook-off

Mark Your Calendars

Friday, Feb. 11

Caring Hearts Gala

February 25-27

CYC in Pigeon Forge

April 14-17

L2L Convention

April 30, 2022

Parenting Workshop

May 27-20

Ft Hill Young Adult Retreat

Attendance

Class

AM

Wed

Nov 21, 2021

77

138

31

Nov 28, 2021

62

129

56

Dec 05, 2021

67

139

44

Dec 12, 2021

57

117

49

YTD AVG Attendance

116

YTD Baptisms

10

CONTRIBUTION

Weekly Budget \$4,815.00

YTD AVG - \$4,967.37

Over/Under: +7,618.80

Nov 21, 2021-\$4,034.00

Nov 28, 2021-\$3,904.00

Dec 05, 2021-\$5,185.00

Dec 12, 2021-\$4,407.00

Serving the Nursery

12/19—Morgan, Vana & Sarah

12/26—Nancy and Ashley Brown

Communion Preparation

December—Jeff & Renee Carnes

January—Morgan and Vana

Do you have an item for **The Summit Bulletin**? Please email it to Morgan at nkychurch@gmail.com by Thursday.

If you have announcement items for the website, or any questions/comments in general about the website, please submit them to nkychurch@gmail.com too.