



The Encourager

Church of Christ

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We Welcome Our Guest!

We are so glad you've come for worship today!

Our prayer is you will be blessed by your time with us.

Please feel free to ask us any questions you may have concerning our worship.

April 22, 2018

Sunday Service's
Bible class 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Afternoon 2:00 pm

Tuesday Ladies Class
11:00 am

Wednesday Service
7:00 pm

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*May the grace of the
Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of
God, and the fellowship
of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.*

2 Corinthians 13:14



Serving Today

Mike McCool
Eugene Tewalt
Peter Diaz
George Diaz

Song Service

Tim Tewalt

Scripture Reading

Art Candenquist



Dry Cereals

Corn Meal Mix

Happy Birthday April

Danny Derflinger 1

George Diaz 4

Wilson Diaz 6

Sharon Derflinger 14

Virginia Wright 18

Connor Clark 21



April's Anniversaries



Mike & Jane McCool 1

Terry & Jeanie

Lichliter 7

Tim & Kristie Tewalt 8

Carson & Gloria

Van Arsdall 25

April 24th, Tuesday Ladies Bible Class



topic of discussion

will be "Faith".

Time: 11:00 Bring
your lunch and stay

for fellowship afterwards.

Invite your friends and
neighbors to come and hear the
lessons on "The Christian
Conscience" every Sunday
afternoon at 2:00 pm.

An up an coming trip is being
planned for the "Museum of the
Bible" for June! More details to
come on this trip so watch the
Bulletin for more information in
the next couple of weeks!

See sign-up sheet to go for this
event on the small Bulletin Board.



Ladies Day, May 5, 2018

Central Church of Christ.

Speaker: Janis Dearman,
"Choosing China &

Spinning Plates."

Check front BB!! This is a good time
to fellowship with other sisters in
Christ.

Let us consider our callings, let us reflect on our responsibilities, and let us follow Jesus Christ

Thomas S. Monson

The Cracked Acorn



Second
April 22, 2018
c.r. van arsdall

It happened this way: It was a regular morning, been into Warrenton to seek out breakfast and say "hello" at Sheetz; I returned home to flip on the TV and it went to a channel where a preacher was taking us or 'me' through the Bible. This older gentleman was out of Oklahoma and had an audience of an over the fifty age; so this could be interesting for 30 minutes and I thought that this person had Biblical knowledge and he did, lecturing about the Old Testament and the children of Israel. He non-stopped, flipped from one book to another calling out a particular Scripture that he said, he would eventually bring them all together and make a final tie to prove his point, I think that he was aimed at how God brought Israel into a mighty power in the land.

I thought this is pretty good and for 30 minutes to start the day, this could jar the brain and I might learn something. If I am delayed in town in the morning, not to worry, I would pop in a VCR tape and record the program for later viewing.

Come the next morning, I was ready to view in 'prime time' his topic was the 2nd Coming of Christ. The Thessalonians were assured that Christ would return, no one would know when. This I knew from an early age and no one ever enlarged or got beyond the boundaries of these verses. (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)

So here we go: he motioned that on one hand there is a filling of GOODNESS and on the other hand is a filling of EVIL; these two are going on today. The 4 powerful nations of Israel's day are present as he spoke; I was surprised that he said the EU (European Union) is the Roman Empire. When there is a complete filling of GOODNESS and EVIL and Israel will be a very large powerful nation and possess much, again, of the Middle East as their own; Christ will return to reign a 1,000 years. The people of Israel will see this and become Christians. Evil will disappear. He ran out of time and I pondered whether to tune in again which I didn't. (If this happens, I may not be here, neither any one reading this! BUT I did wonder what will happen after, should it be? Will Christ leave to return again? Will the earth return to evil all over again ... it begins to be sci-fi ...where are you Captain Kirk?)

I have a friend of another Biblical World; I have passed this 2rd Coming on to him. He will answer, I am sure, using characters such as: Strudel Dog, Santa Crazy, Sane Squirrel and the Rev Boring... all in an effort to explain his view of the THE SECOND COMING!



Bible Quiz:

1. According to David, God's presence is ____? Psalm 139:7-12
2. David said ____ made him. Psalm 139:13
3. How did Jesus prove to those present at the healing of the瘫痪者 that He could forgive sins? Mark 2:10-11
4. James said that if a person knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, he has _____. James 4:17
5. Why does James tell the rich to weep and howl? James 5:1-6
6. Yes or no, should a Christian have to swear by an oath so people can be sure he is telling the truth? James 5:12
7. Who wrote the book of 1 Peter? 1 Peter 1:1
8. Why do Christians have a living hope? Discuss the indestructible nature of heaven. 1 Peter 1:3-5
9. Peter said to ____ all men, ____ the brotherhood, ____ God, and ____ the king. 1 Peter 2:17
10. How are servants to treat their masters? 1 Peter 2:18-20

Additional Scriptures:

1. The gospel (the good news) is the message that Jesus, who is God, lived a human life, was killed on a cross and rose from the dead.
2. Subjection of wife to husband—Eph. 5:22-31; Colossians 3:18; Titus 2:5
3. Husband to treat wife—Eph. 5:25-33; Colossians 3:19
4. Not paying evil with evil—Luke 6:27-28; Romans 12:17; 1 Thessalonians 5:15
5. Baptism—Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38

Questions:

1. How might women win their disobedient husbands to the faith? 1 Peter 3:1-5
2. How are husbands to treat their wives? 1 Peter 3:7
3. What is a person supposed to do instead of returning evil for evil, or insult for insult? 1 Peter 3:9
4. Yes or no, is a person blessed if he must suffer for the sake of righteousness? 1 Peter 3:14
5. What should a Christian be ready to do, if someone should ask him concerning his faith? 1 Peter 3:15
6. How many times did Jesus Christ die for sins? 1 Peter 3:18 Where is Jesus now? 1 Peter 3:22
7. Why does baptism save individuals? 1 Peter 3:21

Application: on sharing your hope—1 Peter 3:15

Bible Quiz:

1. The young man from the camp of Israel did not tell David (a) he had escaped, (b) the battle had gone well, (c) many had fled and many were dead, or (d) king Saul and Jonathan were dead. 2 Samuel 1:4
2. Jesus told of a time when those who did good deeds will be resurrected to _____. Who will be the judge? John 5:29-30
3. According to Jesus, had the Jews ever seen God or heard His voice? Describe the condition of the hearts of the Jews. John 5:37, 42
4. Name an Old Testament prophet mentioned for his perseverance. James 5:11
5. By what have individuals been redeemed? 1 Peter 1:8-19
6. How long will the word of the Lord last? 1 Peter 1:25
7. Are Christians priests? What kind of sacrifices do Christians offer? How? 1 Peter 2:5
8. As a group, the Old Testament books of Isaiah through Daniel are classified as _____. (minor or major)
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2. No longer living a life of sin—1 John 1:5, 7; 2:3-6; 3:6
3. A Christian lives for God. __ Romans 6:1-11
4. Jesus did not even know the time of the final judgement.—Matthew 24:36
5. Jesus' parable of the talents—Matthew 25:14-30
6. Differing gifts—Romans 12:6-8; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11
7. Every good gift of from God.—James 1:17
8. Jesus spoke on persecution.—John 15:18-20
9. Old Testament prophecy of new name for God's children—Isaiah 62:2

Questions:

1. A person should live (a) to please human desires or (b) to please God? 1 Peter 4:2
2. Peter said ____ covers a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8
3. With what attitude should Christians show hospitality to each other? 1 Peter 4:9
4. Christians should ____ in their suffering. 1 Peter 4:13
5. A person should not be ashamed to suffer as a (a) murderer, (b) thief, (c) evildoer, or (d) Christian. 1 Peter 4:15-16 How should a person suffer as a Christian? 1 Peter 4:19
6. Name the man who probably wrote the five Old Testament books of Law?
7. How many books are in the entire Bible? (a) 100, (b) 66, or (c) 34

Traveling: David Born

Margaret Lantz

Ray Stelzl

Philip (Pop) Funk

Becky Hawes

David Bean, knee surgery



♦ **Our Homebound**

Audrey Herring
John Woodall
Nancy Barnes
Joel and Janet Jones

♦ **Cancer Diagnosis**

Ron Parks
Philip Funk Jr.
Jackie Barbe
Frank Couto
Blaine Tewalt
Ryan Denharat
Sandy Holzhauser
Vita Torres
Jeff Pingley
Wendy Willoughby
Elaine Appleton
Robert Jenkins

♦ **Ongoing Concerns**

Woody Bolton
Diana Wines
Sharon Derflinger
Tim Gunter
Bobby Jo Henderson
Kenny Henderson Jr.
Ruth Brooks
Sharon Jenkins
Gloria Van Arsdall
Jamie Shell
Marty Jones
Jamie James
John Taylor
Irene Alger
Lisa Settle
Scott McCool
Jaden Turner

Kim Wines
Remi Wines
Doris & Donald Jones
Carol & Doug Ritenour
Dolores Williams
Barbara Swisher
Jail Ministry
Our nation and lawmakers
The Lord's church
Military men and women
First Responders
Our missionaries



“Come unto me all you that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest.” says Jesus, our Lord. Matthew 11:28

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The Mask of Kindness

There once lived a man who was disliked by everyone in his village because of his surly demeanor and foul temper. He was known to mumble and grumble unpleasantries to those that passed by and therefore had no friends. He lived alone, with the only knocks at his door coming from the rocks thrown at his cottage by the children of the village.

One day after his kitchen window was smashed by a rotten gourd, the man visited the village elder to complain about his miseries as well as the ill treatment he felt he was subjected to by the other villagers. He demanded that something be done.

"I have a solution for your problems," the elder said, and he disappeared into an adjoining room where he could be heard rummaging through a great many things.

He returned holding a mask of a smiling face. "What I'm about to share with you will have the power to transform your life," the elder said.



"The only thing that needs transformed is my broken window!" the grumpy man sneered.

The elder let out a heavy sigh. "As I was saying, this mask will not only transform your life, but it will correct any grievances you might have. Though, I must warn you," he continued, "to wear this mask carries a great responsibility, an obligation to speak **kind** words, **think** kind thoughts, and **perform** random acts of kindness. Can you agree to uphold this edict?"

The man grudgingly agreed, reminding the elder he was owed a new window before he put on the mask and began the walk back home. Along the way the people he encountered greeted him with a wave or a smile.



Occasionally someone inquired about his day. Because of the mask, he felt inspired to answer with a positive remark and this led to a pleasant conversation with a neighbor who noticed the man's broken window and offered to fix it.

As the days and weeks passed the man grew more grateful and astonished by the effect the mask had on him. Because of the mask, the man never let a stranger pass him without expressing a kind thought; he sought out opportunities to help others; and now had friends. For the first ever, he was happy. The mask had transformed his life.

One day there was a knock on the man's door. It was the elder, who'd come to take back the mask.



"But without this mask I will lose the ability to smile and show kindness," the man objected.

"The mask didn't make you kind," the elder said. "The mask simply revealed to you all of the possibilities that exist when you are kind."



The moral of the story: You can catch more flies with honey than vinegar.

AM Message: _____

Scriptures

OUR HIGHEST PRAISES

And someone said to him, "Lord, will those who are saved be few?" And he said to them, "Strive to enter through the narrow door. For many, I tell you, will seek to enter and will not be able.
Luke 13:23-24 ESV

O my LORD God – dear heavenly Father ~ thank you for the amazing gift of life on this new day. We bring our highest praises for your abiding presence among us even when humanity has fallen to new lows. Arouse a new sense of urgency in the hearts and minds of Christians. Help all who teach and preach do so with the mind of Christ so that those who hear will learn the truth – that there is only one door and one treasure that leads to eternal life. In the precious name of Jesus, Amen.

David Binkley, Sr. Gospel Minister