

The Encourager

June 28, 2020

Welcome 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.

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Sunday Service's

Bible Study 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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The FEAR of the
LORD is the
beginning of
WISDOM.

Proverbs 9:10

Remember In Prayer

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| Sharon /Danny Derflinger | Missionaries | <u>Those Battling Cancers,</u> |
| Joel Jones | Our Nation | Debra Lawson |
| Bobby Jo Henderson | For All Law-Enforcement | Aiden Thompson/13 |
| Carol Ritenour | Our Military | Micah Brue/ 17 |
| Barbara Swisher | RSW Jail Ministry | Haywood Seal |
| Jonnie Eubanks | | Shelly Long |
| Joan Atchinson | <u>Our Homebound</u> | Valerie Tewalt |
| Pat Derflinger | Hazel Clark | Ann Derflinger |
| Mildred Bean | Nancy Barnes | C.R. Newlin |
| Martha Wright | | Priscilla L. |
| Ruth Martin | | Jeff Pingley |
| Kim Wines | <u>After a time, names may be removed unless notified on continued on prayer list.</u> | Wendy Willoughby |
| Angela Hollins | | Robert Jenkins |
| Scott McCool | | Kathy Ludwick |
| Ruth Brooks | | Shirley Williams |
| Rick Steele | | Phylcia Smoot |
| Michael Michelucci | | |
| Mary Steele | | |
| Linda York | | |
| Robert Robinson Jr. | | |
| Dolores Williams | | |
| Doris & Donald Jones | | |

Contact Tenia with names to be added or names that need to be

July

Cindy Candenuist 7/1
 Deborah Baleskie 7/2
 Kristie Tewalt 7/7
 Jeanie Lichliter 7/21
 Hayden Tewalt 7/21
 Samantha Efaws 7/24



Dylan Callaway 7/25

Art & Cindy Candenuist 7/3
 Kelly & Susan Clark 7/22

During the "Covid 19" virus. There will be discussion today on our starting up of our adult Bible classes . If you have any questions please text or call Steve.

"I AM...THE GOOD SHEPHERD"

John 10:11

GOOD SHEPHERD GAVE ABUNDANT LIFE TO HIS SHEEP

John 10:9

Ephesians 1:3

John 9:31

Acts 2:38

Mark 16:15-16

1 John 5:13

GOOD SHEPHERD CAME TO PROTECT HIS SHEEP

John 10:11, 14

GOOD SHEPHERD LAYED DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS SHEEP

John 10:11

GOOD SHEPHERD KNOWS HIS SHEEP BY NAME, & THEY KNOW HIM

John 10:3

News and Notes

Tuesday Ladies Bible class will start back up in August. Date to be announced soon.

Children's classrooms need to be made ready before we hold classes. Needing volunteers to help with this. Please sign-up.

Starting new Sunday 10:00 o'clock Bible class today. **"Defending Your Faith"**.





We've combined all your prescriptions

Physician

Times are changing. Correct that! They have changed. I have used the same physician for 30 years. In the beginning, an office visit was easily scheduled & welcomed. A session consisted of at least a half hour's conversation in which we discussed my general health & pinpointed concerns that could cause problems. In the first several years I could walk in, & wait for an appointment, or maybe telephone & talk to the doctor. Prescriptions were easily re-filled & medical advice freely given. I knew the receptionists & nurses by their first names. But lately, I find medical visit may be days away. When I finally arrive at the office I may have the nurse interview me & write a prescription. I know the doctor is still there, I hear them call his name & he answers from somewhere in the bowels of the waiting rooms. Once the office had a few waiting when I arrived, now it is full - they must have gotten up earlier than I. The doctor never returns my calls & the receptionist act as a go-between; it's either "you better come in" or "do you need to see the doctor". Are people sicker then ever or is this the result of good health coverage. Our old country doctor said people only got sick after the sun went down - now it seems to be 24/7. I feel now I should really have a serious problem before I take the doctor's time or get in the way of people who may be sicker than I!

What I have experienced through the years with my

medical doctor can so easily happen to our religious life. When we come out dripping from the baptismal waters, we are eager to continue our one on one talks with our Lord. As the years go by, circumstances can intervene to stunt our fervor & our prayers may be "when it is convenient."

Eventually, we are drawn away from the center & feel alone. It is difficult more then any other time in history to remain from the first day dedicated to keeping our family tie to the Lord; our Lord whom we confessed & were baptized into His Kingdom. This is why our Christian family is so important, *encouraging one another as we see the day approaching Heb.10:25*; we know not when our Lord may return.

Remember: *Matthew 4:24 & His fame went throughout all Syria; & they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases & torments, & those which were possessed with devils, & those which were lunatick, & those that had the palsy; and He healed them.*

Luke 4:40 When the sun was setting, all the that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him; and He laid His hands on everyone of them, & healed them.

*Song: #291 Songs of Faith & Praise
The great physician now is hear; the sympathizing Jesus. He speaks the drooping hear to cheer. Oh hear the voice of Jesus, Sweetest note in seraph song, sweetest name on mortal tongue, Jesus, blessed Jesus.*





Discipleship Requirements

#1 of 4

July ??, 2020

Abide In My Word

In this series of four lessons, we are going to focus on the four times in the Gospels where Jesus explicitly set forth the what-we-are-calling "Jesus' Discipleship Requirements." Four times, he would state an expected response of faith & add words like these: "to show yourselves to be my disciples" or "if you want to be my disciple..." Now, the most basic requirement that sets the foundation for these four is the simple invitation & expectation of Christ when he said, "Come, follow me." That's the foundation upon which discipleship is built. So, if you are following Christ, here is the first requirement of Jesus that will set you apart as a true disciple of Jesus Christ.

It's found in *John 8:31-32*:

"To the Jews who had believed him, Jesus said, 'If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples. Then you will know the truth, & the truth will set you free.'" The New Living Translation, a contemporary language version says: "You are truly my disciples if you remain faithful to my teachings."

WHAT IS THE IMPORTANCE OF ABIDING IN HIS WORD? - WHY IS THIS A CONDITION OF DISCIPLESHIP?

Let me let Jesus answer these questions as he often spoke of the necessity to stay close to His Word:

Matthew 4:4; Matthew 11:28-30; Matthew 24:35; Matthew 28:18-20; Luke 5:1; John 1:1-14.

ABIDING IN HIS WORD HAS TO DO WITH ONE'S _____ – in two ways:

1. When it comes to the Word, we must have the heart of _____. *Psalm 42:1-2*
2. This, then, leads us to have a heart of _____. *Acts 17:11*

ABIDING IN HIS WORD IS ALSO BASED ON OUR _____ – our needs for the following:

1. **We need _____.** For these three points on need, I will use seven terms that begin with the letter "I" to help you remember.

- _____ – this is the knowledge of the mind, for us to know & study the Bible.
- _____ – this is the relational aspect to know the Lord personally.

2. **We also need _____.**

- _____ – to eat & drink from the Word, to ingest & digest for our strength & direction.

As Jesus said, *"not bread alone, but every word"* & *"my food is to do the will of God"* (*John 4:31-35*).

- _____ – it's sometimes said, "You are what you eat." *Acts 4:13*

3. **Third, we need the Words of Jesus to receive _____.**

- _____ – it fulfills our desire for things spiritual & proper motivation to stay focused on Christ in spite of busy & hectic lives.

- _____ – how are we to follow the example of Christ if we don't know about his life, his character, his actions, his obstacles, his mission, his heart, etc.?

- _____ – this is the 7th ingredient based on need – a necessary step to fulfill the desires of our heart in choosing to follow him as Lord & Savior.

King David began the book of Psalms with these words, "Blessed is the one...whose delight is in the law of the Lord, & who meditates on his law day & night." By doing this, you will show yourself to be a disciple of the Lord Jesus – you will live or abide in his Word!



Jesus Discipleship Requirements

#1 of 4 Abide in My Word

July ??, 2020

Wayne Monore

1. Give thought to (and discuss if in a group) the ramifications of what you think it means to be a “true” disciple of Jesus Christ. What are the basic meanings of that word? Can it be used outside of the spiritual realm to other master teachers or leaders? Is this term “disciple” a natural extension of following Jesus as opposed to a higher level of commitment to a select few (like his apostles, or leaders in a church)?
2. Go over the phrases in four versions of the Bible used in the message. Which do you like best? What are some of the elements involved in the word “abide” in Jesus’ words?
3. We are using this requirement as the first one Jesus mentioned and as our first in this series. In what ways is it central and foundational to other commands and expectations of Jesus? Several scriptures were used in the point on “Why is this a condition of discipleship?” Expand on this.
4. The two elements that have to do with your heart is that of necessity and eagerness. What are some of the challenges you face daily in keeping the reading and studying of God’s Word as a “necessity” in your daily schedule? How can you develop more of an “eagerness” in the way the Bereans showed?
5. Knowing our needs for knowledge (knowing the Bible and knowing the Lord, for spiritual nourishment, and to receive the fulness of God’s blessings, recap what each of these words convey:
 - Intellect
 - Intimacy
 - Ingestion
 - Identity
 - Inspiration
 - Imitation
 - Intention



Introduction – This class has been designed to help you defend your faith when discussing religion or faith issues with others.

Rules of Engagement

In war, there are rules of engagement that are designed to mitigate the damage and loss of life.

In Bible warfare, there are also these kinds of rules so that the discussion can continue in a productive way.

Rule #1 – Understand that people are _____ about their beliefs

- Members of the Church of Christ do not have a corner on sincerity or on zeal.

- "... speak the truth in love." – **Ephesians 4:5**

Rule #2 – Stick to _____

- Our task is given to us in **Matthew 28:20**

- There are some important reasons for sticking to the Word of God

A. It's Biblical – II Timothy 3:16

B. It keeps the debate in perspective

Rule #3 – Be _____

Some folks understand intellectually (head) but require more time to accept things emotionally (heart).

The Apostles _____

At time, there are many obstacles that people need to overcome in order to believe or accept what is taught.

Family Loyalty _____

We need to be willing to keep the discussion going as long as the other person agrees to continue sharing and discussing.

Summary

Review the basics:

1. Give people credit

2. Study God's Word

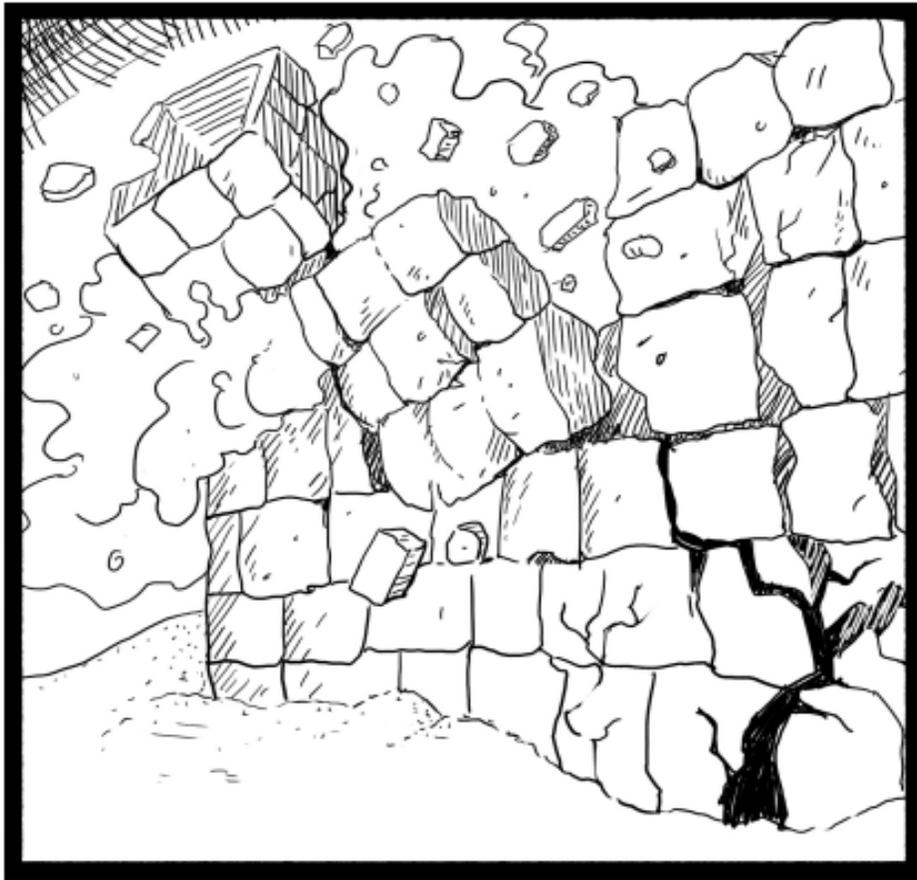
3. Be Patient!



WANTED: Bible Detectives

Solve & Color #6

Below is a Bible mystery. See if you can solve it by unscrambling the letters. Then check it with the Bible lookup that identifies the person in question. And finally-color in the picture!



Bible Mystery #6: Everyone in town has been murdered. Almost everyone she's ever known! But she emerges from her house, pulls down the red scarf that kept her family safe, and sees that the great walls of her city had come tumbling down-which is impossible! Those walls were 12 feet high and six feet wide! Who is the marveling woman and where is she?

BARHA HET TISTOURTEP in RICHOJ

in _____

Bible Lookup: Joshua 6:1 & 6:25

Answer Box Rahab
Prostitute in Jericho