

# The Encourager

August 9, 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.

## Church of Christ

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### Sunday Service's

Bible Study 10:00 am  
Worship 11:00 am  
Afternoon 1:00 & 2:00 pm

### Personal Bible Study

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### Food Pantry

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*His will.  
His way.  
My Faith.*

JEREMIAH 29:11

# Remember In Prayer

Bob Baleskie  
 Jane McCool  
 Sharon /Danny  
 Derflinger  
 Joel Jones  
 Bobby Jo Henderson  
 Carol Ritenour  
 Darrell Derflinger  
 Barbara Swisher  
 Joan Atchinson  
 Pat Derflinger  
 Mildred Bean  
 Martha Wright  
 Ruth Martin  
 Kim Wines  
 Angela Hollins  
 Scott McCool  
 Ruth Brooks  
 Rick Steele  
 Michael Michelucci  
 Mary Steele  
 Linda York  
 Robert Robinson Jr.  
 Dolores Williams

Missionaries  
 Doris & Donald  
 Jones  
**Our Nation  
 For All Law-  
 Enforcement  
 Our Military  
 RSW Jail Ministry**



Hazel Clark  
 Nancy Barnes  
 Virginia Wright  
 Jim Durand

Special prayers for Bill & Linda Adams to find a house.

**Those Battling  
 Cancers,**  
 Debra Lawson  
 Aiden Thompson/13  
 Micah Brue/ 17  
 Haywood Seal  
 Shelly Long  
 Valerie Tewalt  
 Ann Derflinger  
 C.R. Newlin  
 Priscilla L.  
 Jeff Pingley  
 Wendy Willoughby  
 Robert Jenkins  
 Kathy Ludwick  
 Shirley Williams  
 Phylcia Smoot



## August

Terry Lichliter 8/10  
 Tim Tewalt 8/11  
 Jacob Lichliter 8/13  
 Bill Adams 8/13  
 Mike Efaw 8/15



Tabitha & Chuck  
 Anderson 8/22

### News and Notes

#### “Defending Your Faith”

Class study in AM & PM

August the 12th, Wednesday night class  
 will start back up @7:00 pm.

#### August 16th

Fellowship Meal

Men’s Meeting @ 1:00

Please send our homebound people cards  
 and calls.

## His Life

THE BEATITUDES – PT 1

The Sermon on the Mount

THE PROCESS OF THE BEATITUDES.  
 Colossians 3:17.

CONCLUSION  
 1<sup>st</sup> Beatitude

2<sup>nd</sup> Beatitude

THE PRINCIPLES OR ATTITUDES  
 TAUGHT

Matthew 5:3  
 Matthew 5:4  
 Matthew 5:5  
 Matthew 5:6

3<sup>rd</sup> Beatitude

4<sup>th</sup> Beatitude



A well dressed gentleman was reading his newspaper while enjoying a visit to the park. He was interrupted by a bum who wanted him to be aware of the menu at the local cafe. He even went on to tell of the breads, meats, and desserts. His listener peeked over his newspaper to ask if the restaurant had pie.

"No", replied the bum.

"A meal is not a meal without pie", & the gentleman walked away.

We older folk have memories of grandmother with her freshly made pies. They were put into the pie cabinet away from prying eyes to cool.

The Oxford English Dictionary says the word "pie" came from the magpie bird which crammed everything into its nest. In Britain it probably started with a combination of meats or leftovers & encased in dough. These combinations have had several names over the centuries. In Latin times it was "pica". The Romans may have brought the idea back after conquering Greece; Marcus Cato considered them good enough to offer to their gods. In England they were first called "pye". After the Norman invasion, the word was influenced by the French "pie". Christians associated the word with Christian feast days. Some authorities state images of "pies" are found on the tomb wall of Pharaoh King Rames II. In the 13th century, it was a favorite of beach cookouts to have a Tortoise of Mullet pie. In the 15th century, it was partridge pie. The year of 1626, England's King Charles had Jeffrey Hudson an 18 inch dwarf "baked" in a pie. Hudson popped up at the moment the Queen was about to cut the pie. This was considered such fine entertainment that Hudson

was later dubbed Lord Minimus. A lesser known name was applied to the earliest pies and that was "coffins" or "coffyns". This may have had a connection to some of their side effects on the local citizens. Remember only in modern times, we learned about food poisoning.

Pie, glorious pie!

What is there more handsome?

Gulped, swallowed or chewed --

Still worth a king's ransom!

What is it we dream about?

What brings on a sigh?

Piled peaches and cream, about

Six feet high!

Wonderful, marvelous, pie!!

(edited thoughts from OLIVER)

The next time you have pie, reflect on this and then lift this savory delicious piece of blue berry, apple or mince pie to our lips, remember it's a tasty blessing from our Lord who has indeed brought us into a "land flowing with milk and Honey." (Exodus 3:8).

Our glorious Land today,

"Neath Education's sway",

Soars upward still.

Its hills of learning fair.

Whose bounties all may share,

behold them everywhere

On vale and hill. (Samuel Smith - 1832)

Let us maintain a thanksgiving presence through the year and into the next. Amen.



## Introduction – Review the Rules – Again!

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

## Doctrine

### “Is corporate public worship necessary?”

### “Is membership in the Church of Christ necessary?”

1. Worship is mandatory \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- God has always commanded worship from His people \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- God has always required proper worship. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- The Bible in the Old Testament / New Testament says we must worship God. \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Old Testament (Exodus 20:8) \_\_\_\_\_
- New Testament – Teaching/Example \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

### “Do you have to go three times a week?”

The answer is found in a comparison with marriage \_\_\_\_\_

### “Do you have to be a member of the Church of Christ?”

Yes, for three reasons:

- A. You cannot be saved \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Colossians 1:13 \_\_\_\_\_
- B. You don't choose a church \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- Matthew 16:18 \_\_\_\_\_
- Acts 2:47 \_\_\_\_\_
- C. There are lots of religious groups \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_

## Salvation

### “If a person is not baptized in a Church of Christ but later wants to become a member, do they have to be re-baptized?”

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
- For baptism to be biblical, it must be \_\_\_\_\_ in the right way and done for the right \_\_\_\_\_.

**1. The manner of baptism** \_\_\_\_\_

- The word "baptize" means to immerse or bury. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. The reasons for baptism** \_\_\_\_\_

- Many biblical reasons for baptism:

Discipleship – Matthew 28:18

Obedience – Mark 16:16

Re-birth – John 3:3

Enter the Kingdom – John 3:5

Forgiveness – Acts 2:38

Holy Spirit – Acts 2:38

Church Membership – Acts 2:47

Wash Sins Away – Acts 22:16

Buried/Resurrect with Christ – Romans 6:3-5

Put on Christ – Galatians 3:26

Clear Conscience – I Peter 3:21

To be Saved – I Peter 3:21

- Three points to remember:

A. Baptism is always connected to \_\_\_\_\_

B. Any \_\_\_\_\_ reason is good enough

C. Baptism for a non-biblical reason is \_\_\_\_\_

- Acts 19:1-7 \_\_\_\_\_

- The final answer to the question is: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_



# Why Pray

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To be Like Jesus

August 12, 2020

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God commands us to pray: "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." -Romans 12:12 (NIV)

"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." -Ephesians 6:18 (NIV)

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful, and thankful." -Colossians 4:2 (NIV)

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone ..." -1 Timothy 2:1 (NIV)

"Pray continually" -1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)

To be like Jesus:

**Matthew 14:23** <sup>NKJV</sup> And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up on the mountain by Himself to pray.

**Mark 1:35** <sup>NKJV</sup> Now in the morning, having risen a long while before daylight, He went out and departed to a solitary place; and there He prayed. )

**Luke 5:16** <sup>NKJV</sup> So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed.

**Luke 6:12** <sup>NKJV</sup> Now it came to pass in those days that He went out to the mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.

**Luke 18:1** <sup>NKJV</sup> Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart,

## Blessings that come through prayer:

Last week: We gain strength from God.

Reason two: To feel \_\_\_\_\_.

If you were to attach a feeling or emotion to the year 2020, what would it be? \_\_\_\_\_

God's antidote to fear, worry, uncertainty: **Philippians 4:6-7** <sup>NKJV</sup> Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; <sup>7</sup> and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Break it down: "

Do not be anxious about \_\_\_\_\_..."

Anything means \_\_\_\_\_!

Now, Paul didn't just say: "Do not be anxious about anything," he said: "but in \_\_\_\_\_, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

The antidote to worry for the believer isn't mere optimism or a positive mental attitude; it's \_\_\_\_\_.

He didn't just say "pray and petition God," he said to do it with "\_\_\_\_\_."

**1 Peter 5:7** <sup>NKJV</sup> casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you. Not: you carry half and let God have half. Not you carry 8% and forget the other 92%. No. Cast it all to him.

The promise: "And the peace of God, which transcends understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**Psalms 4:8** <sup>NKJV</sup> I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; For You alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.

**Proverbs 18:10** <sup>NKJV</sup> The name of the LORD is a strong tower; The righteous run to it and are safe.

Why pray? A better question, why \_\_\_\_\_?



## ***Jesus Discipleship Requirements***

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**Kevin Withem**

**Daily Devotionals or Bible Study**

August 12, 2020

To Be Like Jesus

1. If someone asked you why prayer is an essential part of your walk with Christ, how would you answer? Why did Jesus pray so often, and so consistently? If Jesus needed such consistent prayer, what does that tell you about yourself?
2. When Pew Research surveys American's and Christians about prayer, they ask: "How often do you pray?" They offer the following responses: • At least daily • Weekly • Monthly • Seldom/never • Don't know If you were surveyed and gave an honest answer, which of these would you circle? In what ways do you believe you most need to grow in your prayer life?
3. What are the things that make you anxious, worried, concerned, fearful, stressed, or insecure? How do these things affect your life, your mood, and your decisions? How do you believe your life could be different if you consistently followed Paul (Philippians 4:6-7) and Peter's (I Peter 5:7) instruction?
4. What is the difference between concern and proactivity in our problems, and worry? How is Paul's teaching different from the familiar mantra, "don't worry, be happy?" In what ways might somebody use QUESTIONS & EXERCISES For Daily Devotionals or Bible Study Group Series: the teachings of Jesus and the apostles on prayer and worry as an excuse to neglect to be proactive about problems in their lives?
5. Paul describes the "peace of God that transcends understanding." Although it's impossible to understand fully or put such in words if asked to describe this peace to another, what would you say? Why is this peace so necessary for a healthy spiritual life?



## Covid-19 and Rampant Fear Part 1



This Covid-19 pandemic has brought a lot of upending normal life living almost to a halt. How quickly the rise of fear and panic has become the “new normal”!

This virus is serious for several reasons. **First**, like flu viruses, it causes death in a significant numbers of cases, to age groups most vulnerable. **Second**, as of now there is no vaccine, and vaccines can take months even years to develop. **Third**, many have the virus show no symptoms, making it hard to tell who does or doesn’t carry it and may be spreading it. Many are worried and scared—very scared.

Fear is a common reaction in the face of a pandemic outbreak—fear of the unknown, fear of where this could lead. George Friedman, wrote about the reaction to the virus. He commented: *“The threat of the virus is not only that we may die, but that the fear of death will cause the world to heave up out of control.”* People look to the leaders, the party, the system, the government to provide for our needs and protect us from enemies—whether a foreign power or a tiny invisible virus.

The Bible shows in the years ahead, the world conditions will get so bad people will cede sovereignty to a totalitarian system, a supranational political, economic and spiritual power promising order and security (Revelations 17:13; 13:3-4). Such misplaced confidence underlies some of the panic we’ve seen over Covid-19 and the casting of blame in the face of it.... The size of government has grown massively while Religion is declining, in the Western world. God, the Bible and organized religion no longer hold the position in people’s minds they once did. The successes of science and the claims of politicians have led us to believe in human invincibility so the arrival of the virus is a violation of the social contract between the state, science and us. *“There is a limit to power, and that, above all else, frightens us.”*

**Fear** is a major aspect of coming dire events prophesied in the Bible. The end of the age is marked by not only increasing war, famine and disease pandemics but by increasing fear of these things and worsening calamity. Even if the coronavirus pandemic itself does not turn out to be as catastrophic response to it—in either dismissal or panic—can have devastating effect. This should be a wake-up call for all of us. It also gives us lessons in what to expect going forward.

### Warnings of increasing panic

Government cannot guarantee your safety or immunity from catastrophe. Much in nature is beyond the control of human beings. Far better for us to learn this now so as to be prepared when much bigger calamities erupt on the world. We can all start right now by not reacting with paralyzing fear.

Notice what Jesus said in His Olivet prophecy, as it is called about events as the end time approaches: *“Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences; and there will be fearful sights and great signs from heaven”* (Luke 21:10-11). He continues, in verses 25-26 there will be distress of nations with perplexity, men’s hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things.

Consider for a moment there have long been earthquakes, pestilences and other calamities around the world. But people in other places often didn’t hear about them—or news of them would arrive at a much slower pace. But today, because we have modern interconnectedness, we hear it all instantly and see it in real time! And that drives an increase of fear everywhere—of mass panic. It’s made worse by the sensationalism of the news media.

Stay tuned!! **More in next Bulletin**