



The Encourager

December 5 2021

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

Wednesday 7:00 pm

Personal Bible Study

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Food Pantry

By Appointment between 9-5:00

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Pitfalls of Irresponsibility

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

GOD WANTS US to be diligent in our walk of faith to complete our work here.

To be side-tracked, self-absorbed, pleasure-seeking, these sins are a dangerous form in a Christian's life. The results: laziness or irresponsibility that harms relationships with loved ones, the needs of others are overlooked, and our walk of faith becomes sloppy.

As followers of Christ, we are to represent Him in our character, conduct, and in what manner we speak. (conversations) Laziness, however, suggests we are unreliable and untrustworthy. What's more, it wastes both the time and the gifts the Lord has given us. All these things hurt our witnessing for the Lord.

Irresponsible behavior doesn't fit who we are in Christ. Someday we will give an account to God and receive our just do (**2 Cor. 5:10**).



Getting ready for Christmas Boxes. If anyone wants to

contribute to the Christmas boxes, please mark it and drop in contribution tray or give to Juanita or Eugene.

Christmas Boxes

Monies for boxes to be turned in by Dec. 5th

Sunday 10:00 am

Bible Class studying #322

Pantry Item

**Instant Potatoes
Dry Cereal**

Potters Gleaner Cans

Please Return for pick-up before December 3.

The Edward's family

**are inviting all to a Holiday get-together at their home on Dec 18th. Time: 3:00
Directions, please see Nate.**



Sharon Derflinger in WMC room 555.

**More news
On page 4**

HIGHLIGHTS

PROMPTS



MON

ROMANS 14-16

- Living in Diversity of Belief
- Deny Self Above Others
- Words of Encouragement

What does chapter 14 tell you about your interaction with other Christians?



TUE

ACTS 20:4-38; ACTS 21;
ACTS 22; ACTS 23:1-35

- Paul's Travels, Adventures, Arrest, Escape, and More

What resonated with you most deeply about these passages?



WED

ACTS 24-26

- Paul Defends the Faith Three Times

Paul was chronically having to defend himself and the faith.

What part of his defenses did you find most heartening?



THU

ACTS 27-28

- Paul's Shipwreck through Two Years in Rome

How was the gossip at Malta (28:1-6) similar to what happens today?



FRI

COLOSSIANS 1-4;
PHILEMON

- Definition of Christ
- Who Are the Gentiles?
- What God did through Christ
- Be Free of Human Rules
- Description of Renewal
- Admonitions for All

How can setting your mind on things above make you truly free?

What are some truths about God or scriptures that help you make good choices when things are tough?



SAT

EPHESIANS 1-6

- By Grace You are Saved
- God's Plan: Gentiles
- Don't Be Tossed To and Fro
- Instructions to Households
- Armor of God

How would you describe a mature Christian after reading chapter 4?



SUN

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

- Rejoicing Under Pain
- Humility, Being Like Christ
- Stand Out as Lights in the Dark
- Press on Toward the Win
- Rejoice Always
- Whatever is True, Noble, Pure...

Why is it so important that Christians be loving and peaceful?

What does it show the world?

How does being loving impact your own heart when you make it a priority?

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The Cracked Acorn
Carson van arsdall

The Cold
December 5, 2021

Eliza Anderson, having test done on December 16, Vickie Petrow moving to Text in December, Jane McCool, Bob Baleskie, Virginia Wright, Linda Adam, David Born, Brenda Born, Sharon Derflinger, Danny Derflinger, Juanita Tewalt, Bobby Jo Henderson, Kenny Henderson Jr, Rita Mullins, Ruth Martin, Pat Derflinger, Mary Steele, Gloria Kinney, Freddie Funk, Philip Funk, Frances Chelsea, Buddy Adams, Sue Adams, Ruth Brooks, Charlie Alder, Stephanie Steed, Helen Archibald, Shelly Long, Debra Lawson, Valerie Cash, C.R. Newlin, Jeff Pingley, Wendy Willoughby, Robert Jenkins, Shirley Williams

Prayers needed for the Pipens at this time.

The season is here, the winds are blowing warm & then cool. The trees have a few leaves but are losing the battle. Children are having a ball diving into already raked piles of leaves. You pause & think it might be nice to be young again. Those wooly caterpillars are crawling out of cracks. Old timers noted if they were all dark it meant a hard winter. Brown caterpillars held the promise we could put away the snow shovel until next year. When I was a kid most every winter was ice & lots of snow, my childhood was around a hot stove that was banked overnight. We slept on feather beds with lots of covers. It was days of long-handled underwear & lots of wool clothing for those long deep dark & chilly days.

Helen Keller, born deaf & blind, 1932 wrote these comments. To many people autumn brings a sad mood. They think of the stripped tree, the stubble in the field, all the summer charms gone, empty nests clinging to the boughs, brown leaves swinging their last hour on the sharp breeze. Who is not grateful to the Creator for autumn's rich display of hints of gold crimson, purple, & the softer glints of the myriad ecstasies of ripe fruits & grains?...The glossy brown chestnut beloved of children,...the tingling odor of burned leaves scenting the sharpness of the afternoon air?

From: *IT WAS SO COLD THAT::* you could chip your tooth on soup, we chopped up the piano & only got two chords, the cows starting giving ice cream, the dogs put jumper cables on

the rabbits to get them running, the flame froze on candles, you couldn't take the garbage out-it wouldn't go, one day I came home from a walk without my shadow- it was frozen to the sidewalk, it was so cold roosters were rushing into the kitchen to use the pressure cooker, grandpa's teeth were chattering-in the glass, airplanes needed icebreakers to clear a path through the sky, I thought I had a stone rolling around in my boot-it was just one of my toes, (for you country western fans-Shania Twain covered her midriff), geese flew backwards to stay warm, & our words froze in the air. If you wanted to hear what someone said, you had to grab a handful of sentences & take them in by the fire.

What would happen if all of us said this in our transactions (I love you!) & these three words froze till the spring thaw. Wouldn't it be wonderful to hear for a few days or a week, these important words that add a loving spiritual dimension to our lives.

i love you with the love of the lord. i see in you the glory of my king, & i love you with the love of the lord. please love me with the love of the lord. if you want to do god's will, then the need you must fulfill, is to love me with the love of the lord. He loves me with the love of the lord. my debts were all paid when He rose up from the grave. & He loves me with the love of the lord. (from Songs of FAITH & PRAISE)

Jeremiah 8:20. "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, & we are not saved."



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Birthdays & Anniversaries



Linda Sullivan

12/22

Caleb Piben 12/30



The Benefit's 12/12

The Born's 12/22

The Fruit of the Spirit in My Life Goodness



THE GOODNESS FROM GOD

Exodus 33:19

(Psalm 27:13

Hosea 3:5

Psalm 31:19

Psalm 145:7

Ladies News

Changed Date!!

Food Boxes being put together will be held on

Tuesday at **10:30**

December from 13th to

14th

**Next Ladies Meeting on
December 19th**

**An Ornament
Exchange
on December 19th
after fellowship meal.**

**Up an coming event a
January Brunch.**

**The Ladies Bible Class
last class of the year
2021 will be on the 7th.
Will start back up on
January 4th.**

THE FRUIT OF GOD'S GOODNESS

Galatians 3:5

Galatians 5:19-21.

Galatians 5:22,

Ephesians 5:6-21

2 Thessalonians 1:11

Romans 15:14

