

From the Pastor's Pen

A Three Week Listening Tour

Let the message about Christ, in all its richness, fill your lives. Teach and counsel each other with all the wisdom he gives. Sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs to God with thankful hearts. And whatever you do or say, do it as a representative of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through him to God the Father. **Colossians 3:16-17** (NLT).

Stop and think about this: We are all a part of the Church of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Yet in all the conversations that take place before and after the worship service we seldom hear people talking about Jesus. Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of lords, Jesus is the first and the last, the center and circumference. Jesus is superlative, superior, spectacular. His love is beyond our understanding. Everything is faded gray compared to Jesus, the bright and morning star.

My challenge is for each of us – myself included -- to go on a three week listening tour. As we talk and listen to others talking, let's see how often we can bring up the name of Jesus in the conversation?

Let's make an effort to come up to someone and say, "Wow, as I was studying my Bible this week I found this truth about Jesus that I had never understood before. I would like to share it with you."

We easily talk about the weather, how much rain is in the gauge, who won the latest game, all about graduation and a host of other things. But we seldom follow Paul's challenge in Colossians to let the message of Christ in all its richness fill our lives. There is nothing wrong with talking about the weather, but we could also talk about Jesus the weather maker. We might be surprised at the glory we might see as we let our message be about Jesus Christ, our redeemer.

As you listen, make an effort to bring the Lord Jesus into your conversations both at Church and when talking with people in general. More want to know more about Jesus than what we think. Our world has plenty of problems. The solution is Jesus Christ.

Love ya,

Pastor LeRoy

VBS 2019, THANKS!

VBS – Athens, Adventures with the apostle Paul, is over! It was guite amazing to see all the tents in the Marketplace in Athens. children had a happy time. Altogether it takes a lot of work and many workers to have VBS. We especially want to give a huge shout out THANKS to Laura Bogart who went above and beyond in directing VBS. Laura began working and recruiting workers months ago and she continued working through VBS and then cleaning up after it was over. We thank you, Laura. We also thank everyone who participated in any way - from those who helped set up and tear down the tents, to those who brought animals for the kids to pet – to all who helped daily during VBS - to those who prayed and gave and sent your children. We won't attempt to name everyone, but please know we THANK ALL OF YOU! May God bless you and all the children. THANKS AGAIN!



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The Keesee Family

Thank You

Perhaps you sent a lovely card, or sat quietly in a chair. Perhaps you set a funeral spray, if so we saw it there. Perhaps you spoke the kindest words, as any friend could say; perhaps you were not there at all, just thought of us that day, Whatever you did to console our hearts, we thank you so much whatever the part.

Thank you for thinking of me!

The family of

Bob Ward



TEACHING / TRAINING SESSION Sunday, June 9 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This teaching / Training session is for EVERYONE WHO IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF THE CHURCH. We all need to understand the times and what to do about it. We will look at the culture of our age, the challenges the church faces, why millennials have lost interest in the church and more. The session will include small group discussions and interaction. Please set aside this small amount of time to come and learn what the church needs to do to be effective in our day and age. This is open to everyone! Please come!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW July 21 – Cool Fellowship Dinner and TALENT SHOW!

Details for the dinner will come later. For now we want ALL OF YOU to begin to think of what you might do for the talent show. We welcome anything: a magic trick, a scripture reading, a testimony, a musical of any kind, a group of you doing a skit. Get your mind working and see what you can come up with! Let's make it a special time!

UPCOMING EVENTS 6/2 Christian Men's Fellowship 6/16 Father's Day 6/2 Board Meeting 6/18 Prayer Shawl Ministry 6/9 Teaching/Training Session 6/23 Elders Meeting 6/10 Material Girls Quilt Guild 6/24 Missions Meeting

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

02 Ralph Cote' 04 Julie Rowland

04 Tanner Aherin

04 Aiden Drake

05 Emmie Kenney

08 Marilyn Jansonius

09 Dave Dreiling

15 Jordan Ford

15 Christopher Schneider 27 Donald Calhoon

17 Jaron Kellerman

18 Lucas Jacobs

19 Shane Jarvis

21 Dustin Johnson

22 Avelyn Bogart

22 Gracie Dibble

23 Ruth Griffith

24 Amy Johnson

25 Alivia Hopson

25 Ally Boeve

25 Dana Griffith

26 Adley Epley

26 Adam Minkler

27 Steve Constable

30 Blake Vrbas

30 Sue Miller

30 Conner Weinman





Each Sunday we need to collect \$2,596.15 to meet our budget. Please pray about your giving. Remember, you cannot out-give God.

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