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Real Life News & Notes
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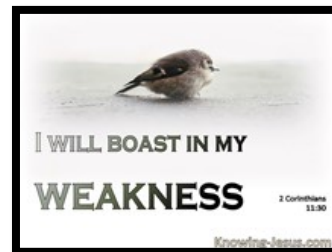
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Elder Of Month

Tom Deister

Our Sunday Gathering!



Sermon: In 2 Corinthians chapter 11 Paul “Goes off” a bit. Apparently, some eloquent preachers for hire have shown up in Corinth undermining Paul’s authority, and worse, espousing something besides Jesus as the center of the gospel and focus of the heart. Paul loves this church with a protective, fatherly passion and defends himself not with an attractive resume ripe with worldly credentials but with exhaustion, weakness, and suffering. See you in chapter 11 as our “*Aroma of Christ*” series winds down.

Welcome! Glad you are here this morning! We appreciate those of you joining us on our live stream too! May we be encouraged as we build each other up in Jesus!

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Love One Another

Memory Verse for February—2 Corinthians 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”



Doug Clayton
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Sips from the well (by Doug Clayton)

*(The title of this recent blog by **Scott Sauls** got my attention and believed it timely and worth sharing to both bless and challenge us. I edited it for length. - Doug)*

"Rehab for the Fault-Finding Addicts We've Become."

"There is a lot of faultfinding in the world these days. **The problem with the world it seems is other people.** It starts in our hearts. When outrage becomes our norm, we lose focus on the matter of ultimate concern, namely, organizing our lives around the agenda of Jesus as opposed to fixating on how "the other" is failing to do so. What is the agenda of Jesus? That we love God with our whole selves and our neighbor as ourselves. Who is our neighbor? Jesus answers with a story about our ideological and political enemies: A Jew and a Samaritan where one is helpless and "the other" comes to his aid and ideological differences are put aside in deference to human dignity and loving neighbor as self.

Whenever we de-center *neighbor love* as Jesus defined it, we de-center him as our Lord. **As we do so, we declare our opposition to the only Kingdom inside of which cultural enemies can learn to love one another.** Consider how Matthew the tax collector and Simon the anti-taxation zealot lived and died and ministered together, as brothers. In 21st century America we fancy calling down fire on other people. When we do, we become disciples of another kind.... Our Christian "**will to love**" gets usurped by a Christ-less "**will to power**," proving Nietzsche's theory that **'when we fixate on gaining power over our ideological enemies more than we fixate on loving our ideological enemies, God becomes functionally dead to us.'**

We remain, in Christ, one Body with many members. **But fixing our eyes on Washington instead of Jesus will lead us to dis-member one another.** We will bite and devour, shame and cancel, attack and un-friend...and Jesus will lose visibility in our midst. The solution is to repent and reverse course by renouncing the unholy trinity (partisanship, pundits, and politicians as our preferred doctrine, prophets, and saviors) because the Kingdom of our Jesus is decidedly not of this world.

Neither progressivism nor conservatism, neither activism nor passivism, neither moral outrage nor moral restraint, neither wokeness nor anti-wokeness, count for anything. What counts is **faith expressing itself through love.**

Preacher G.K. Chesterton was allegedly asked, **'What's wrong with the world.'** His answer? **"I am."**

Maybe we can start there. May we grieve the logs in our own eyes more than we grieve the specks in other people's eyes. Only then will we have moral authority to speak meaningfully and persuasively to the specks that are elsewhere. Only then will we cease to be fruitless, clanging cymbals.... **Lastly, may we cease behaving as if Washington is the nexus for the Kingdom of God. It is not."**

Tech Booth Meeting-

To current volunteers and everyone who is interested in learning about the tech booth, I am having a quick meeting in Room 103 after service on March 7th. We will go over the new volunteer schedule, new training materials, and answer any questions. Hope to see you,

Kris Dille

Creative Christian Art Guild

The Art Guild will be meeting on Sunday February 21 at 1 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The theme is "Robots". See Cindy King with questions.

Thank You!

A huge thank you to Craig Roberts, Bobby Heath, Lloyd Willits and his work crew for installing the new projection screen. It may not look different up front but it took a lot of skill to get that done. We appreciate you guys so much!

Gracious Father,

Thank You for the mercy You have shown in healing the sick and injured, comforting them and giving them hope. You are faithful and You never abandon those who trust in You.

Teach us to encourage others that they too may seek Your tender compassion and come to know Your peace in which nothing can take away.

In Jesus Holy Name we pray. Amen

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**Herb Tinkle**—Cancer. Awaiting surgery.

**Mark Steven Barker**, has been diagnosed with cancer. Bill requests prayers on his behalf.

**Jasmine Bagga** and her family as she undergoes treatment for non-epileptic seizures.

**Gage**—4 month old grandson of Wes & Bridget Beaver—Will see a neurologist on the 23rd for diagnostic on his eyes and next month he will see a surgeon about his hand and feet. Keep the little guy and his family in prayer. Bridget reports that he is a very happy baby.

**Jim Rowley**—Undergoing chemo for bone cancer.

**Rick Martinez**—Undergoing treatment for brain cancer. Treatments are going extremely well.

**Randy Brabec**—awaiting kidney transplant. He is holding his own while being on dialysis. He will be undergoing heart tests soon.

**Verena Lyons**—Undergoing experimental treatment for cancer. Prognosis is hopeful.

**Judy Bussert**—Healing from a head injury due to a fall.



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### For the Record

February 14, 2021

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| Attendance                             | 101       |
| Weekly Contributions February 14, 2021 | \$2821.00 |
| Contribution 4 week average            | \$5030.70 |
| Weekly Budget                          | \$6658.71 |

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### Thought of the Day

Faith is not believing that  
God can, it's knowing  
that He will.

Roy Karo—Announcements for February

Sandy Harris—Announcements for March

Luke Urbin—Communion Talk for Sunday February 21, 2021

Matt King—Communion Talk for February 28, 2021

Farrel Harris—Communion Preparation— February

Darlene Rettig, Della Fiske/Turner—Communion Preparation—March

**Sunday morning assembly begins at 10 AM. *Face masks, hand sanitizer and social distancing seating are in place for your safety.***

**Youth Group will continue to meet on Wednesdays at 6 PM.**

**Vince Urbina—Wednesday Evening Bible Class—7 PM**

**Ladies Wednesday Evening Bible Class, Room 103—7 PM**

**Ladies Bible Class—Thursdays in Room 103—9:30 AM**

**Thursday Bible School—9:30 AM— Noon on Thursdays**

**Live Streaming—Sunday morning sermons are available for those who opt to stay at home a while longer. Go to the Church facebook page.**