



SEPTEMBER 2020



"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth-1 Timothy 2:1-4."

One negative aspect of this isolation that we are under is the reality that many are not making good use of their time. It is easy to fall into laziness and that is especially true when it comes to spiritual things. We are not interested in the difficult work of spending time in prayer, reading of Scripture, the meditation upon the Word, and then the application of what the Word has taught us. With the isolation and laziness also comes speaking without thinking, and also allowing ourselves to be so enamored with the sound of our own thoughts and opinion. Fortunately for us the 21st Century has provided us with the perfect outlet for rantings and that is Facebook. Facebook is nothing more than a tool by which people can stay in touch and also share life events, what they are having for dinner, ridiculous memes, and the like. Over the last few months, the unkindness and harshness on Facebook has become ridiculous. I am not speaking of those who are non-believers, but rather those that claim to be followers of Christ and then say things that are either so misinformed or just downright not Christ-like. One of our past Elders rightfully put it that "you cannot argue with mScripture." Yet, by our words and actions on Facebook, we may not be arguing against it, but we sure are ignoring it. I believe the words of William Shakespeare from Macbeth are most apropos in describing what Facebook truly is like (I will be changing the word Life's to Facebook's. I do this with sincere apologies to Will. "Facebook's but a walking shadow, a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no more; it is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury

signifying nothing."

There is so much that I could say here and go in depth on. I could speak about the post that asked people if a documentary series on the Gospels was Biblical or not? I could not answer their specific question, because I have not seen the documentary series, but I am fairly sure that if you read the Gospels as found in the Bible, they are Biblical. So, maybe instead of trying to determine the validity of something that might be a counterfeit, try reading and studying the real thing and then you will not have to worry about authenticity. I could speak of those who post a passage of scripture and then very soon post something about drinking alcohol or post an off-color joke and then make it all better by saying: "it's just a joke," or "don't be so serious all the time, you have got to have fun." I do not believe that an alcoholic drink is wrong for a Christian as long as they do so in moderation and do not sin by getting drunk, however as a Christian, do I really need to be someone who promotes it? Or maybe those who post a scripture passage that is out of context and does not say what they think it says; all because they have not taken the time to do the work. I could go on and on about such things, but to my way of thinking there are bigger fish to fry.

I want to speak today concerning what I read at the beginning of this meditation about praying for all people, all leaders, for the purpose that all people might come to salvation through Christ. Many followers of Christ that I see on Facebook do not show the love and compassion to those with whom they disagree, that quite honestly the Word of God speaks to. It is fine to disagree with someone on a policy issue, it is okay to be angry with the way that God's laws are so easily broken...abortion for example. There is nothing wrong with calling people to stand up for the things of God. The problem lies with the hatred and unkindness that is directed not at just the sin, but those who may be proponents and advocates of that sin. Scripture tells us that "we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.- Ephesians 6:12" They also do not give to those individuals the proper respect for their being created in the image of God, or that all authority whether we care for that authority, opinions, or actions; has been "instituted by God.- Romans 13:1" So, think of the person that you are so opposed to in politics, and then remind yourself that God instructs you to respect them and to give them the dignity and honor they deserve, for they have that position because God has given it to them according to His will and for His purposes that we may not recognize or rarely understand.

One last thing along this line has to do with those who we would consider our enemies. Once again Scripture makes it clear: "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be sons of your Father who is in heaven. For he makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward do you have? Do not even the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same? You therefore must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect-Matthew 5:43-48."

So, with this scripture in mind, should I rejoice at the suffering and death of those who have been an enemy to the cross? That is a difficult and easy question to answer. First all it is clear that we should rejoice at the righteous judgment of God... "Just are you, O Holy One, who is and who was, for you brought these judgments. ⁶ For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and you have given them blood to drink. It is what they deserve!" ⁷ And I heard the altar saying, "Yes, Lord God the Almighty, true and just are your judgments!"-(Revelation 6b-7) However, if for example Kim Jung Un were to pass away, we should never rejoice at those who are spending eternity in hell. For, you and I deserve the same fate and if it were not for the grace of God we would be in that same position. You say oh he is a tormentor and murderer of people and especially of Christians, and I say so was Paul. We need to be very careful in our zeal for righteousness and judgment that we do not put ourselves in a position that we would forget our place and set ourselves up as judge. That is not our job for we do not have what it takes to make those weighty decisions; "vengeance is mine says the Lord." We are called by God to not answer evil with evil, but rather answer evil with grace and love...Romans 12:14-21. So, in conclusion spend less time on Facebook, and more time with your face in the Book. Facebook will only make you an idiot and the Book will make you wise unto salvation and Holy. He who ears to hear let him hear.

*In His Name & For His Glory,
Pastor Tim*

Birthdays:

1—Rhonda Dohms
1--Rob Mlodzik
15-Lily Hoffman
29-Laura Bressler
30-Anne Timmons



Happy Anniversary

2—Ron & Anne Van Asten
25-Dan & Judy Waggoner

St Joseph's Food Pantry

Each month we will collect
non-perishable food items.
Place your food items on the
table provided in the foyer.



Evening Service

September 20 5 pm

September 13, 5 pm
September 27, 5 pm



Family Event

Saturday,

September 19, 5:00 pm

Pizza and Cards

Deaconess of the Month:
Janice Jourdan

Usher Schedule



September 6
Ron Van Asten & Keith Brown
September 13
Jay Hoffman & Howard Schimke
September 20
Bob Abitz & Ray Rudzinski
September 27
Scott Smith

Financial Update

February 2-23, 2020
Budget needed weekly: \$ 2606.00
Received: \$
Contact Rob Mlodzik with questions.



Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes

Information coming soon!

If you have events and need bulletin inserts made
please send me the information by Thursday, 9
am, of each week, bulletins are printed Thursday
morning

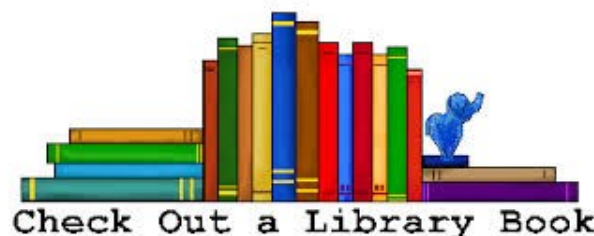
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*We desire that everyone who enters Fox River
Baptist Church grow in the grace and knowledge
of Jesus Christ and grow in authentic, loving,
familial relationships to make the name of Christ
known in our community and world, all for the
glory of God and joy of all.*

Adult Sunday School
September 20

Answers Bible Curriculum
Lessons 121-130
The Messiah Arrives

Books are available in the foyer.

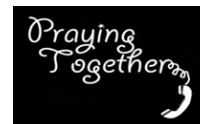


Praises & Prayers

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the sharing of prayer request needs and for
sharing praise for the awesome & mighty work
God does in our lives. Please feel free to share
any praise or request at our new prayer request
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