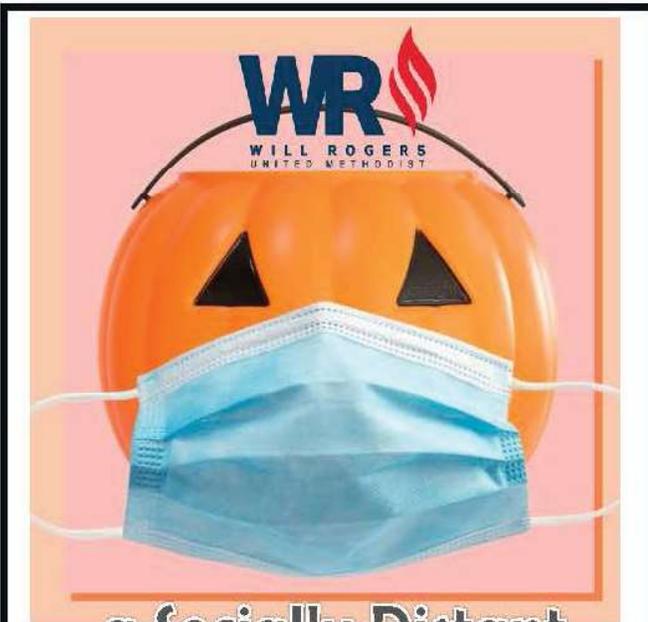


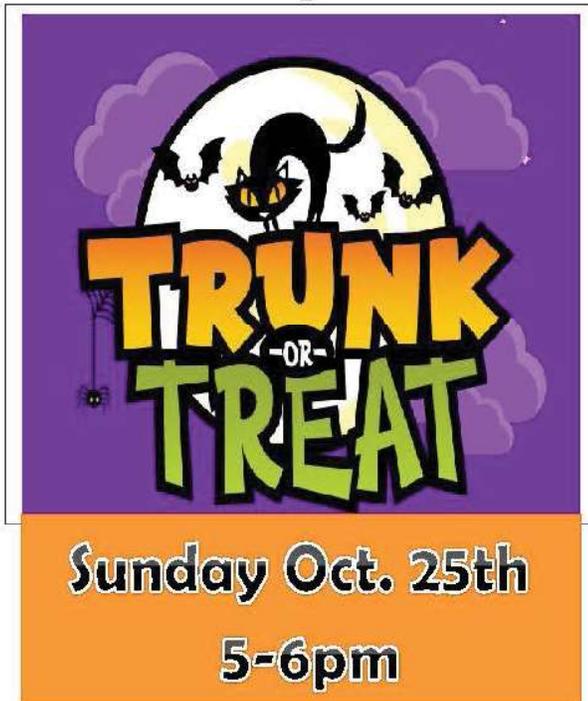
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9:00am - Blended Worship
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10:15am - Sunday School

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Sunday Oct. 25th

5-6pm

Let's have some F. U. N. -

FUN again!

Volunteer for TRUNK OR TREAT!

Due to COVID-19 we won't use our inflatables this year so we need lots of trunks and lots of candy.

Tubs for candy donations are stationed throughout the church.

Contact Pastor Greg to let him know you'll have a trunk!



"You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.'⁴⁴ But I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,⁴⁵ that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.⁴⁶ If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that?⁴⁷ And if you greet only your own people, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?⁴⁸ Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

J.D. Walt, the author of The Seedbed Daily Text (<https://www.seedbed.com/daily-text/>) points out that there are two massive movements to the Gospel. The first movement is believing. The second movement is becoming. We believe in Jesus. We become like Jesus.

The first half of the Gospel (We believe in Jesus) flows from **John 3:16**. **"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whoever believes in him will not perish but have eternal life."**

The second half of the Gospel (We become like Jesus) is found in **1 John 3:16**: **"This is how we know what love is. Jesus Christ laid down his life for us, therefore we must lay down our lives for one another."**

Love is what the Gospel is about. God's love for us and in return our love for God shown in the way we love others. Which brings us to the above text in Matthew 5.

The way you pray for someone tells you about yourself. In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus commands his followers to **"love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, 45 that you may be children of your Father in heaven."**

The word love here is the key. In Romans 13:10, Paul reminds us what the least requirement of love is to do no harm to the other. And in its greatest form, love blesses, benefits, and does good to the other. (And as a reminder of what that looks like, re-read 1 Corinthians 13).

By connecting love and prayer here, Jesus gives us a way to evaluate ourselves and how we are progressing in the second half of the Gospel. How much like Jesus are we becoming? It's simple, how do we pray for our enemies? The way we pray for our enemies will tell us how we are progressing in becoming like Jesus.

If you pray, "Lord, catch their hair on fire", then at least we have started. You have prayed for them. But that prayer also says we have much work to do.

If you pray, "Lord, bless the bum." You have taken a good first step towards love, but this is the least that love requires and there is lots of room to grow.

And if you pray, "Lord, bless them and keep them. Let no harm come to them," then you are on your way to becoming like Jesus. Or in the words of Jesus, you are on your way to becoming **"perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect."** (Matthew 5:48)

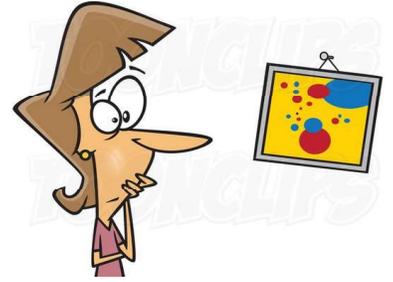
In His Grace

Pastor Brian



The Crooked Picture

Jeff liked the way he looked in his football picture. The team photographer had posed him in a traditional action stance, which made Jeff look big, tough, and mean. Jeff liked the way he looked in the picture so much that he had an enlargement made for his parents. They immediately framed the photo and hung it on the wall.



One day Jeff came home and noticed that his picture was hanging crooked. He pushed up the side that was hanging low, stood back, and decided that it was straight. It looked good.

The next day Jeff came home and noticed that his picture was crooked again. “Maybe I didn’t get it straight enough yesterday,” he told himself. So once again he pushed up the low side of the picture, stepped back, and decided that it was straight. And he couldn’t help admiring himself in that picture.

The next day Jeff came home and noticed the picture hanging crooked again. “Hey, who keeps messing with my picture?” he wondered aloud. “I’m sure I had it straight yesterday.” Once again Jeff straightened the picture and walked away, wondering if it would be crooked again tomorrow.

Sure enough, it was.

Jeff stared at the picture for a moment before an idea occurred to him. On the back of the frame was a horizontal wire that caught the wall hook. “Maybe the wire isn’t centered on the hook,” Jeff guessed. He slid the picture to the left about a quarter of an inch. When he let go, it hung straight.

The next day the picture was hanging perfectly straight, as it was every day after that.

And every day Jeff couldn’t help admiring how good he looked in that picture.

Jeff found that a picture frame will only stay level if it’s centered on the hook. If it’s not, any attempt to correct the problem will only be temporary. Gravity will always pull it out of whack.

In the same way, unless we make Christ the center of our lives, we’ll always be out of whack. In this case, though, sin—not gravity—is the problem. And there’s nothing we can do ourselves to fix it. We can try again and again to straighten ourselves out, but eventually we will always end up right back where we started. Is your life centered in Christ? Have you made him your Lord? If you have, you’ll always look good in the sight of God—and his is the only opinion that really matters.

Pastor Greg

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Legacy

Student Ministries 1 Timothy 4:12

Thoughts to Ponder #6:

"True Riches" by Helen Rush

To acquire true riches one should enrich the mind and heart. This kind of wealth is a gift of God, satisfying and pleasing. Real wealth is being aware of the important qualities with which we are endowed and putting them to good use for the common good of all.

Material wealth gives a certain power to do either good or evil but it cannot buy contentment, beauty, sound health, or true respect and

esteem. Possessions are good only as we make good of them by sharing this good with others without hesitation.

Have we shared enough---love, ideas, goodwill, as well as money---to yield abundant returns for a life eternal? All that we can take with us when we leave this life expression is a consciousness of the good we have done.

Steve

What's Happening

Sunday School Class is at 10:15am.-11:00am. In the Well....

"Mask wearing and social distancing is recommended"

NO SUNDAY EVENING YOUTH FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER!!!

Oct. 21st = Youth 5:30-7:30pm.

Oct. 25th = TRUNK OR TREAT 5:00-6:00pm. LET US DECORATE A VEHICLE!!!

Oct. 28th = Youth 5:30-7:30pm.

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GATHERING

Sundays - 5pm - in the Parlor

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

FOOD PANTRY



Seven years ago, our church began a food pantry. We gave out 3 sacks of groceries each Thursday for about a month. We are now giving away 65 - 85 sacks of food each week. That is over 21,000 pounds of food a year. What a blessing for those families in need, and we are thankful for the local ministries that partner with us in food donations making this possible.

Beyond financial donations, our church has donated hats, coats, socks, sweaters, and gloves. We have a wonderful man nicknamed "Grumpy" who has carved approximately 300 wooden crosses to give as encouragement to those in need of God's comfort.

Approximately 25 people donate their time and

energy throughout the week so that Thursdays can happen. These people spread your love for Jesus by not only picking up the food and distributing it, but by praying with the people coming to the church. We have had many answered prayers-- finding shelter, healing of cancer, transportation needs, comfort from losing loved ones are just a few. Some people that come to the pantry just need a smile. So we thank each and every one of you for your donations of money, work, and prayers.

Our prayer is that Jesus will continue to grow this ministry so our church can express His love to all.

In His love, the Food Pantry Ministry Team!

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Sunday @ 9:00am
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Find the link on Facebook
or our website.

Charge Conference - November 16, 2020
7pm in the Food Court



We are now publishing the LifeLine newsletter once a month. For events that will require an announcement or article, please plan ahead into the next month.

2020 LifeLine schedule: week of November 15 and December 13

December Birthdays

November Birthdays

- 1 - Robert Schouten
5 - Patricia Shaffer
6 - Harold Shiew
8 - Marian Lindstrom, Shawn Parkhurst, Trey Summers
9 - James Allen
11 - Emmett Strunk
12 - Marsha Melone
13 - Eunice Eubank, Neta Garza-Ortiz
15 - Remy Carreno, Lisa Davis, Cathy McKim
16 - Marcy Martin, Julie Bealle, Janice Wofford
18 - Josiah Lynn
19 - Loretta Reeves
20 - Nancy Barnett, Tony Keck, Annabella King
25 - Freda Lytle
28 - Paul Snyder
29 - Wanda Chambers
30 - Barbara Bowles



- 4 - Zoe Devault, Brian Mangan
5 - Philip Fincannon
7 - Mildred Abbett, Gina Fincannon, Patrick Garrett, Steve Irvine, Susan Rott, Susie Shepherd, Carl Wood
9 - Patrick Cuthbert
10 - Barbara Graybill, Thad Ernst, Margaret Plumlee, George Zahler
11 - Nellie Ashmore
12 - Stephanie Malone, Lee Stewart, Bridget Wyatt
15 - Tenneson Irvine
16 - Carolyn McBeath, Kent VanFossen
18 - Stan Irvine, Laura Kelley, Jane Wolfe
20 - John Carnes
21 - Robin Hardwick, Wallace Henry
22 - David Melone
23 - Kg Freeman
24 - John Graybill
25 - Tim King
27 - Ruth Goodpasture, Mildred Turner
28 - Hannah Irvine



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M/M Jim Lawson
Sallye Harris, Food Pantry

Wanda Ekhoﬀ

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Garland Pelzel

Patty Leifheit, Funeral Fund

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by Colleen Stinnett, UMW

Geneive Larson

by Geneive Larson's family, UMW
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