

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COURIER

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Live a Life that Matters

Sunday services: 8:20 and 11 am; Sunday School for all ages: 9:45 am

CSFBC MISSION STATEMENT

“Infusing TRUTH to produce selfless followers of God.”

PASTOR ROD'S MESSAGE

Lessons in Grace

I was struck again by John's Gospel and the story about "the woman at the well". John 4:4 says that *He had to go through Samaria*. Well, no He didn't naturally, in fact the 'real' Jews would avoid Samaria. But Jesus "had to" because He had a divine appointment with that woman at the well. The word means *necessary, or inevitable*. This was orchestrated from heaven. How many divine encounters do we experience every day and how many do we miss because we aren't sensitive to the Holy Spirit? Go on a God hunt this week and see how many times you see God working in your daily experiences.

Here was the weary, hungry Creator God, stopping for rest. The disciples went for food, for the one that can feed 5000. I wonder, if Jesus just didn't want them in the way, messing up what was about to be maybe the biggest revival of His ministry. Lord, keep me from being in the way when you want to work. Use me instead of having to go around me. Allow me to ask: are you a usable vessel? (2 Timothy 2:20-21)

This wasn't the time for creating food, food here is irrelevant, He wants to engage this woman in a soul-saving conversation. So, He speaks and asks for the favor of a drink. (4:7) When is the last time you ingratiated yourself to someone else, not because you had a need, but because you were concerned for their soul? The word *ask* in verse 9 means: *Ask, request, beg. The seeking by the inferior from the superior*. When Jesus 'begged' her, He was making Himself lower than a Samaritan woman. Do you have neighbor that you could ask for help, not cause you need help, but because it'd be a chance to offer Jesus to them?

Well she tried to turn Jesus' wisdom into a theological debate about where is it best to worship (4:20). Actually she uses the Greek word is *theoreo*, which is where we get our word 'theory'. In other words, I have a theory that you're a prophet and I don't want to let anyone into my private sin-saturated world. I'm perfectly content being a miserable mess. But Jesus always does something profound, He's not going to get into this fruitless discussion with her, He wants to talk about her soul. You do know that it's okay to forgo fruitless discussions, in lieu of reaching out for someone's soul? (1 Timothy 1:6)

When she realized that He was The Messiah, 4:28 can be translated she *let go* of her waterpot and it fell to the ground. Which would be the appropriate reaction to meeting The Savior. Well she went and told everybody about Jesus. 4:41 says and many believed because of her testimony. Do you realize how powerful your witness to what God has done in your personal life is to the conversion of others? The Holy Spirit uses it to help people come to belief, and get this- even before they actually met Jesus, they believed in Him!!! Now it was real belief. YET John 4:42 says *...and they were saying to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One is indeed the Savior of the world."* See there's real belief through her witness, but then there's a deeper belief when we draw near to Jesus too. You may be some individual's introduction to belief through your testimony, and then Jesus draws them even closer. Speaking of which have you drawn closer, so it's not just some day in the past that you believed, but have you "heard for yourself" from Jesus as you read His word daily and spend time with Him in prayer? If not, why not start right now.

By Jesus' wondrous grace,



Pastor Rod

PASTOR PHIL'S MESSAGE

"Let God's promises shine on your problems." — Corrie ten Boom

Psalm 46:1–3 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah (ESV)

It was August of 1527 and the bubonic plague had come to Wittenberg, Germany. Everyone who could get out of the village was getting out. Martin Luther during this time went through times of despair and anxiety but he penned the words of the great hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God". This song was based on Psalm 46 and whenever he would find temptation to despair He would turn to his right hand man Philip Melancthon and those around him saying, "Let's sing the 46th Psalm."

*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great, and, armed with cruel hate
On earth is not his equal
And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure
One little word shall fell him
That word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him Who with us sideth
Let God's and kindred go, this mortal life also
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still
His kingdom is forever*



Today we are in the midst of efforts to preserve human life and to look out for the least of these. While there are many bad actors in the political arena there seems to be many Christians working for the good of others. So today take some time to sing this Psalm and pray that God will use you this day to change the hearts of men and women to come to Christ by faith. Revive us O Lord!

Pastor Phil

Deacons Devotional

As I ponder what to share with you in the Deacon's corner, a couple things come to mind that might help with the current state of our nation or the prolonged time we are spending with the "same" family members all day. Although I seem to fail more than I succeed, these are some points that I keep trying to revisit in my daily Christian life.

The first I stole from a daily devotional entitled Radical Wisdom by Regi Campbell. Without typing the full devotional, the main point was to try to ask this question each day without arrogance and in humility: "Lord, what would you have me do today?" A friend of the author got up one day and asked this question. "His sister's name came to mind, along with a sense that he needed to call her. They had drifted apart because of a deep disagreement, but he called her anyway. She told him she was pregnant and had an appointment with an abortion doctor that morning. He asked if she would meet him instead." I don't want to spoil the ending if you ever buy this devotional, but I think you know how God worked the ending.

My second point that kind of goes along with the first comes from the idea a friend at work told me from a sermon entitled "And Then Some". Once you've asked God what would you have me do today, then what? Once you have an answer to your first question, as the sermon title would employ, don't just stop there. Follow through with action "and then some". An example would be if your spouse asked you to clear the table, why don't you clear the table, finish the dishes, and take out the trash. If we followed through in this manner with our families, co-workers, friends, and acquaintances, imagine the profound effect it could have on our relationships and allow us to demonstrate the love of Jesus more regularly.



Health Ministry

How to put on a surgical mask

Steps to putting on a face mask

Before putting on the mask, wash your hands for at least 20 seconds with soap and water, or rub your hands together thoroughly with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Check for defects in the face mask, such as tears or broken loops.

Position the colored side of the mask outward.

If present, make sure the metallic strip is at the top of the mask and positioned against the bridge of your nose.

If the mask has:

Ear loops: Hold the mask by both ear loops and place one loop over each ear.

Ties: Hold the mask by the upper strings. Tie the upper strings in a secure bow near the crown of your head. Tie the bottom strings securely in a bow near the nape of your neck.

Dual elastic bands: Pull the top band over your head and position it against the crown of your head. Pull the bottom band over your head and position it against the nape of your neck.

Mold the bendable metallic upper strip to the shape of your nose by pinching and pressing down on it with your fingers.

Pull the bottom of the mask over your mouth and chin.

Be sure the mask fits snugly.

Don't touch the mask once in position.

If the mask gets soiled or damp, replace it with a new one.

What not to do when wearing a surgical mask

Once the mask is positioned securely, there are certain precautions to keep in mind to ensure you don't transfer pathogens to your face or hands.

Do not:

- touch the mask once it's secured on your face, as it might have pathogens on it
- dangle the mask from one ear
- hang the mask around your neck
- crisscross the ties
- reuse single-use masks

If you have to touch the face mask while you're wearing it, wash your hands first. Be sure to also wash your hands afterward, or use hand sanitizer.



Flu Prevention

Health Ministry

How to remove and discard a surgical mask

It's important to remove the face mask correctly to ensure you don't transfer any germs to your hands or face. You also want to make sure you discard the mask safely.

Steps to taking off a face mask

Before you take off the mask, wash your hands well or use hand sanitizer.

Avoid touching the mask itself, as it could be contaminated. Hold it by the loops, ties, or bands only.

Carefully remove the mask from your face once you:

unhook both ear loops, or

untie the bottom bow first, followed by the top one, or

remove the bottom band first by lifting it over your head, then do the same with the top band

Holding the mask loops, ties, or bands, discard the mask by placing it in a covered trash bin. Wash your hands thoroughly or use hand sanitizer.

Personal hygiene for a healthy tomorrow.



Some fun things to do during a quarantine

1. Memorize scripture ~ if we are quarantined long enough you might be able to memorize a whole chapter of scripture
2. Keep a schedule
3. Bird watch
4. go on a treasure hunt
5. Bake together
6. Watch the Cincinnati Zoo livestream on their Facebook page everyday at 3 pm
7. Have an indoor picnic
8. Write cards and letters to loved ones.
9. Start a journal
10. Play Opposites. Whatever word you say the next person has to say the opposite of it. i.e. off ~ on
11. Set up an obstacle course for kids to go through
12. Create a fact sheet about your favorite animal
13. Start a garden
14. Learn a new hobby ~ YouTube has many tutorials on how to do just about anything.

The possibilities are endless!

If all else fails ~ call someone and talk to them. Before long you will no longer be bored.

*Do you always wanted to be a superhero? Yes, you can be a superhero in the world merely by staying at home.
Enjoy Quarantine Time!*



Due to the quarantine...
I'll only be telling inside jokes.



Announcements

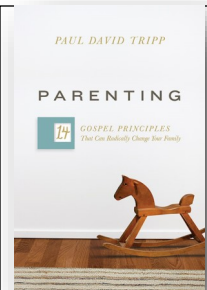


Tuesday
April 7th
Prayer Meeting
7 pm
TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID 19



L.O.V.E. Marriage Small group
will meet every 3rd Friday at
the Hovis'. The next meeting is
Friday April 17th at 6 pm.

L.O.V.E. stands for Living Our
Vows Everyday. **TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID 19**



Parenting Small Group
Friday April 3RD
7 pm
@ Lowther's
TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID 19

**Men's
Breakfast
Fellowship**

TENTATIVE DUE TO COVID 19

★**PRAY**★
ENGAGE
★**VOTE**★

June 2nd is the new date for Pennsylvania's
Primary Election. Please be sure to remem-
ber to vote.



**JUNE NEWSLETTER
ARTICLES ARE DUE
TO THE OFFICE BY
MAY 22ND.**

**WHETHER COVID 19 QUARANTINE
IS STILL IN EFFECT OR NOT!**

PRAYERS and Monthly EVENTS

The Grieving: Charlotte Kirk, Kay and Dwight Dunton, Karen Held family, Leona Smith, Terry & Renee Terrill, Lynn Smith

Cancer: Meghan Cunningham, Chris Peterman

Health Issues: Rose Cummings, Brian Smith, Bob Wilmoth, Randy Gorske, Lee Manross

Rehabilitating: Janet Wise, Judy Wrye, Randy Gorske, John Belfiore, Ed Kovschak, Bill Weaver, **Judy Santey**

Nursing Home: Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, Bill Hodge

Military: Dillon Lang, Keith Bentley, Howard VanMatre, Adam Alm, Jimmy Humes, Gregg Merritt, Wesley Fleischer, Christian Ross, Austin Shearer, Wyatt Fleischer, Tyler Hauf, Bryce Kirk, Wyatt Doubet

Guidance: Brian & Lynette Smith, Eugene and Fawn Pabon, Lucas and Estela Crowe

College Students: Madison Klemm, Mark VanMatre, Stephen VanMatre, Katie Duda, Jordan Anderson, Neely Colvin, Clayton Dingle, Zachary Dingle, Austin Jones, Jillian Risjan, Cami Schmidt, Cori Schmidt, Ryan Shaffer, Alex Wheeler, Brenna Rindfuss

Newborns: Jonathan Held

Expectant Moms: Bettina Baer, Brean (Walczak) Longnecker

Others to be in prayer for during this Quarantine:

Bartlett Gardens: Janet Beanland, Judy Wrye, Judy Santey, Juanita Robinson, Raetta Porter

Home Bound: Vince and Audrey Byrne, Phyllis Gaines, Louise Gamble, Betty Held, Betty Rhodes, Bill Weaver

All school students and teachers

Laid off workers

"Front Line" workers



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

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Once again when
this COVID 19 stay
at home quaran-
tine is lifted I will
publish the calen-
dar. Until then
stay safe and stay
home.



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May Birthdays and Anniversaries



22nd: Rob Boylan
 Jamie Frank Rodgers
 23rd: Stephen VanMatre
 Karis Lowther
 24th: Aaron Morrow
 25th: Adam Morrow
 27th: Eulalia Beers
 28th: Ken Hale
 Lynette Smith
 29th: Alexandra Pabon
 31st: Parker Schmidt
 Tori Colvin

1st: Bob Burchill
 Brad Burchill
 2nd: Amy Jones
 Micah Humes
 4th: Bill VanMatre II
 5th: Eugene Pabon
 7th: Austin Jones
 Connie Stearns
 Phil Lowther
 8th: Sarah Humes
 10th: Brian Kightlinger
 12th: Laura Stone
 13th: Lucas Crowe
 17th: Conrad Shearer
 18th: LuAnn Wheeler
 20th: Tony Jardina
 McKenna Joslin



1st: Ken and Debbie Dine
 9th: Jeff and Lisa Rindfuss
 22nd: Paul and Lydia Sellers
 26th: Ken and Penny Hale
 27th: Jack and Kathy Parsons
 28th: Bill and Brenda VanMatre
 Tim and LuAnn Wheeler

1st Service:

3rd: Carol Thumm and Teresa Findlay
 10th: Brenda Beers and Cindy Billingsley
 17th: LuAnn Wheeler and Brenda VanMatre
 24th: Karen Burchill and Missy Zimmerman
 31st: Amy and Cassidy Boylan

Sunday School:

3rd: Pam Lowther and Lydia Sellers
 10th: Debbie Dine and Karen Joslin
 17th: Ken Dine and Paul Sellers
 24th: Josh and Emily Mumau
 31st: Wendy Gardner and Stacie Klemm

2nd Service:

3rd: Ken and Debbie Dine
 10th: Kristin Held and Barb Beardsley
 17th: Darlene Gorske and Robyn Kovschak
 24th: Andi Lundin and Brenda Morrow
 31st: Stacie and Aubrey Klemm

Nursery

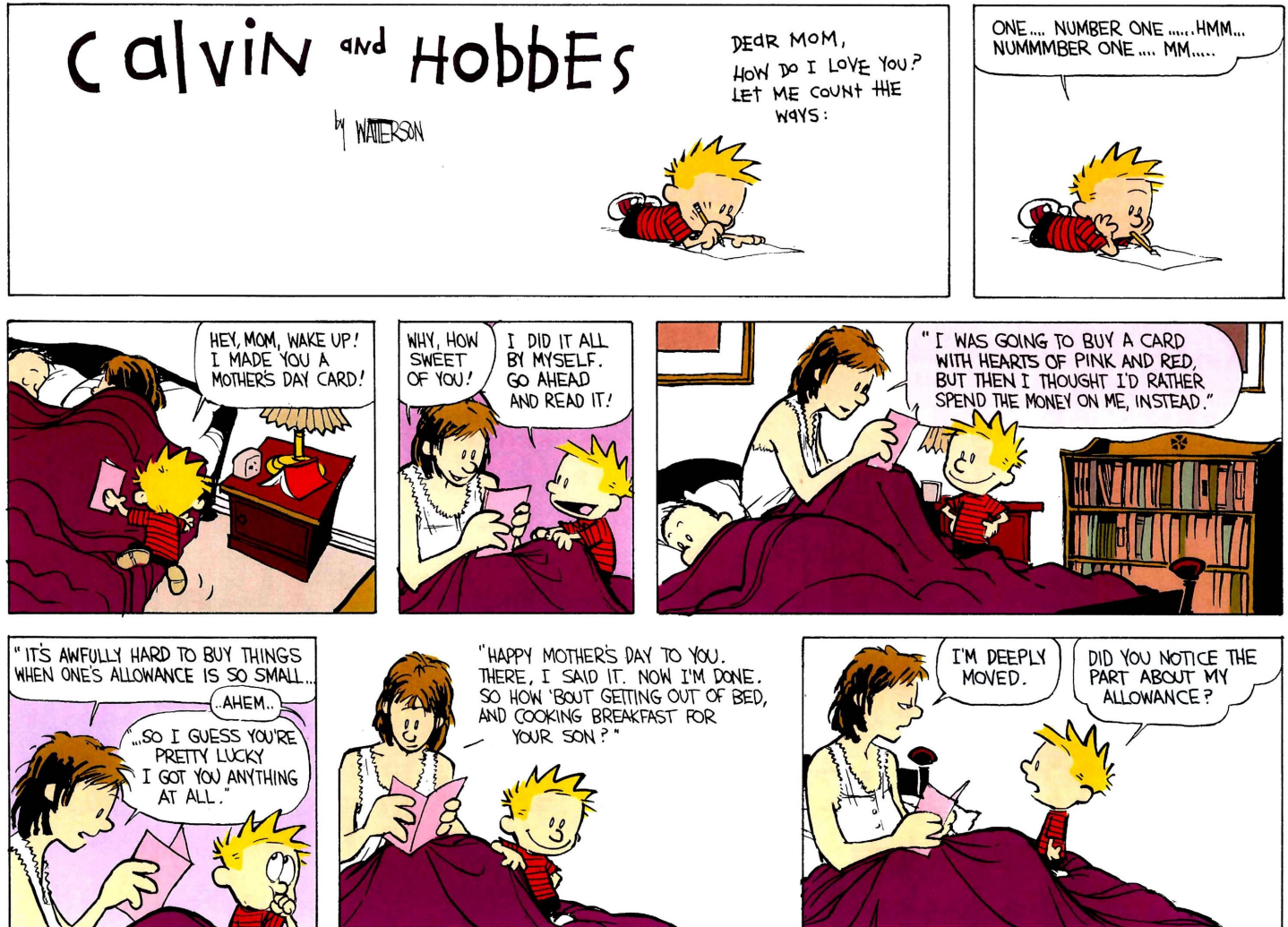
Garden Room Schedule

Please be sure to call your partner prior to working to confirm. If you are unable to work, please call to switch with someone and notify your partner. If you cannot work or find anyone to switch please call Laura at 398-2507

2nd: Laura Stone and Kris Bancroft
 9th: Toni Merritt and Karon Runyan
 16th: Bonnie Boylan and Debbie Shearer
 23rd: Closed for Memorial Day
 30th: Lynn Smith and Dana Encapera



Happy Mothers Day God Bless You



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How to listen to God everyday.

Radio Stations: WCTL 106.3; Moody Radio 91.9; Family Life Network 89.9

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