

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: Suspended until fall

CSFBC MISSION STATEMENT

“Infusing TRUTH to produce selfless followers of God.”

PASTOR ROD'S MESSAGE

Times that try our souls

THESE are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman.

Tyranny, like hell, is not easily conquered; yet we have this consolation with us, that the harder the conflict, the more glorious the triumph.

What we obtain too cheap, we esteem too lightly: it is dearness only that gives everything its value. Heaven knows how to put a proper price upon its goods; and it would be strange indeed if so celestial an article as FREEDOM should not be highly rated. -

Thomas Paine, Dec 19, 1776

These are the words that rallied people for the American Revolution. We rarely if ever hear words that are as inspiring and aspiring as these. Because Jesus Himself told us that the Laodicean church would rather just be lukewarm rather than have a burning passion.

Do you have a burning passion? Do you find it in physical or spiritual things? Jesus had one passion, it was for eternal souls. Nothing else mattered. Remember when satan came for His soul? He simply said, "...for the ruler of the world is coming, and he has nothing in Me;..." John 14:30 There was no way to weasel his way into Jesus life. He had nothing to lure Jesus. How about us? We too often leave the devil with innumerable footholds. Anger and bitterness, unforgiveness,... Lust is a strong desire for anything. We can lust after wealth, a position, a home, car, spouse, kids, a perfect church, more self-control,... The list is endless. We've all experienced it

Here's the sinister part of all of this: "...promising them freedom while they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by what a man is overcome, by this he is enslaved." 2 Peter 2:19 What we seem to want is freedom, what we get is trading one set of chains and bondage for another. See when we buy the lie that something will free us (a political party, another house, a new spouse, the latest gadget on TV....), we're duped. James tells us we're lured and enticed by our own desires. (James 1:14) When we buy that lie, we get passionate for the latest 'thing' that will free me and make life better, even perfect. But alas, we find yet once more that it fails to live up to the hype. We sold out for it, but then we're on a search for another "fix". It's as Paine would say, "too cheap".

The real thing is only found at an extreme price. The price is a cross. It cost Jesus the agony of The Cross and now He calls us to the same. And He was saying to *them* all, "If anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. Luke 9:23 The cost is high, few there are that are willing to pay that price. It's easier to find a substitute, but the result is always the same slavery. Any chance that you'll quit looking for substitutes and say, "Yes" to following Jesus heart, soul, mind and strength?

I hope and pray, it'll be today,

Pastor Rod

JAMIES 1

11 For the sun rises with its scorching heat and withers the grass; its flower falls, and its beauty perishes. So also will the rich man fade away in the midst of his pursuits.

12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him.

13 Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one.

14 But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire.

15 Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

16 Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers.

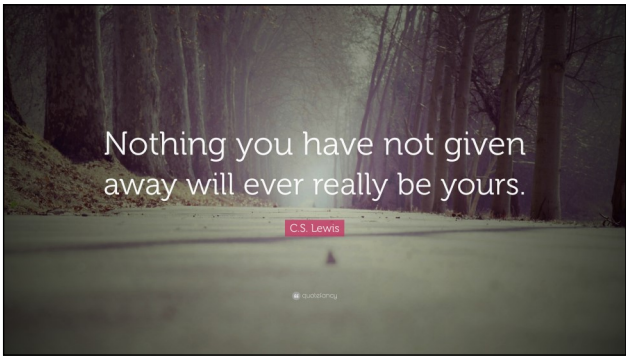
17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.

18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should



after desire has conceived

PASTOR PHIL'S MESSAGE



Paul sat in Corinth after a long day of tent making and teaching. He began to write the letter to Rome that had been in his heart for some time. The words flowed from his heart and the Holy Spirit was centered on the need to see self rightly and appealed to the Gospel, Good News, to transform hearts, minds, and lives. The culture of the church in Rome was being influenced by the culture around them. This is our context today, we have been influenced by the culture around us. We need to come under the Word of God and be transformed.

The Roman Emperor Nero was the Ruler at the time of Paul writing the letter to the Romans. Nero's reign was one of evil tyranny and perverseness. He was corrupt and wicked in all that he did. He was adopted as the heir not the actual blood heir for the throne. Tacitus called him the most wicked of all the emperors. So if there was anyone to possibly rebel against Nero would have been a good candidate. But this was not what God has called the church to do in the face of evil rulers.

Romans chapter 12 reminds us to submit to God's Word. I hope many of you have memorized verses one and two "I beseech you therefore, brothers by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And, do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." We are to submit to God's Word and God's Holy Spirit in order to grow in faith. God calls us to be discipled into the gifts He has given us and to behave in a manner like Christ. God ends the chapter by stating, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

Romans chapter 13 then opens up with a surprising command for we are called to come under the authorities (like Nero) that rule or govern over you for they have authority and power. There is no power and authority except from God Himself and those who have been placed over us are put over us as determined by God Himself. This is fascinating to think that God has placed over us even authorities that are evil and corrupt. We are called to submit even to them. God goes on to explain that those who resist authorities are resisting what God has appointed and are incurring judgment. We must continue to follow God while submitting to those who hold positions of authority over us.

The one exception is Gospel proclamation. We preach the Good News of the Kingdom by the Authority Christ has and this means following God rather than men (Acts 5:28-29). Christ is worth more than prison and death so we proclaim Good News to the captives through any and all means that we have at our disposal. Jesus is the one we proclaim warning everyone and teaching everyone with complete wisdom, so that we will present everyone fully grown up into Christ's life (Col. 1:28). So may our lives show Christ's greatness to a watching world!

So how do you speak of the Governor or state officials around us? Do we respect their office while we disagree over laws? When was the last time you spent time praying for those in office? Have you prayed for their salvation and good? Have you spent time repenting for rebellious attitudes towards those in office? We know the Bible is clear that rebellion is as divination and arrogance as idolatry (1 Samuel 15:23) so we must root out attitudes of disrespect and allow God to act and do what only He can. Let's pray for those who are in office and seek to tell others of the Good News for when God changes the heart, that's when transformation begins!

Pastor Phil



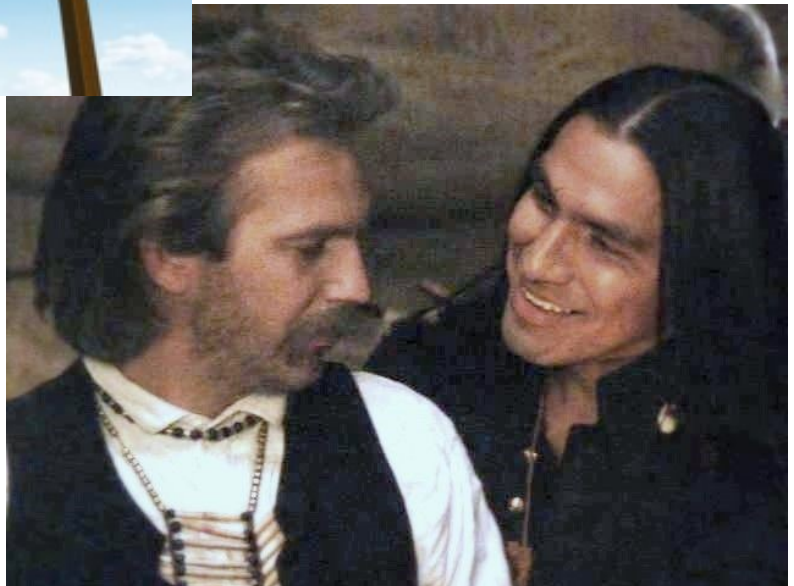
Deacons Devotional

Have you ever traded in anything you did not want or need? How did you feel about the trade? Did you talk to others before you made the trade, to see if it was a good idea? It made sense to do such a thing... right!

Well God had something to say about a trade that His people in Jeremiah chapter two were trading. "Look around you and see if you can find another nation anywhere that has traded in its old gods for new ones-even though their gods are nothing. Send to the west to the island of Cyprus; send to the east to the deserts of Kedar. See if anyone there has ever heard so strange a thing as this. And yet my people have given up their glorious God for silly idols." Jeremiah 2 :10-11. It sure sounds like God is saying, "What are you thinking?!" Or should I say, not thinking!!! Verse 12 will give the reaction to such a trade ... "heavens are shocked at such a thing and shrink back in horror and dismay".

I hope at this point you are thinking about some of the trades you have madeOh boy .. don't go there! And yet I must, because we all have made a bad trade at some point in our lives. It may have cost you some money or something you should have held on to. Maybe you still dismiss the fact that everyone has done such a thing and you didn't suffer that much of a loss. Still we can all think about some trades that were catastrophic.... sports trades, stock trades... well you get the idea. In the spiritual world some trades are catastrophic! We have at times traded a glorious God for a silly idol. The costs are shocking and brought upon ourselves.

If you go on reading Jeremiah chapter two to the end God makes His case against Israel. What spoke out to me was when God said "What sin did they find in me that turned them away and changed them into fools who worship idols". When I begin to ignore the fact that it was the Lord who brought me safely out of my barren wilderness of certain death, how is it possible to disown my God like that? Trading in a glorious God for the idols of this world is simply a very, very bad trade. Thanks for a God of unlimited grace and mercy! His son did the ultimate trade, His life, for ours.



Health Ministry

What is a pollen allergy?

Pollen is one of the most common causes of allergies in the United States. Pollen is a very fine powder produced by trees, flowers, grasses, and weeds to fertilize other plants of the same species. Many people have an adverse immune response when they breathe in pollen. The immune system normally defends the body against harmful invaders — such as viruses and bacteria — to ward off illnesses. In people with pollen allergies, the immune system mistakenly identifies the harmless pollen as a dangerous intruder. It begins to produce chemicals to fight against the pollen.

This is known as an allergic reaction, and the specific type of pollen that causes it is known as an allergen. The reaction leads to numerous irritating **symptoms**, such as:

Sneezing Stuffy nose Watery eyes

What are the different types of pollen allergies?

There are hundreds of plant species that release pollen into the air and trigger allergic reactions. Here are some of the more common culprits:

Birch pollen allergy: Birch pollen is one of the most common airborne allergens during the spring. As the trees bloom, they release tiny grains of pollen that are scattered by the wind. A single birch tree can produce up to 5 million pollen grains, with many traveling distances of up to 100 yards from the parent tree.

Oak pollen allergy: Like birch trees, oak trees send pollen into the air during the spring. While oak pollen is considered to be mildly allergenic compared to the pollen of other trees, it stays in the air for longer periods of time. This can cause severe allergic reactions in some people with pollen allergies.

Grass pollen allergy: Grass is the primary trigger of pollen allergies during the summer months. It causes some of the most severe and difficult-to-treat symptoms. However, the [AAAAI reports](#) that allergy shots and allergy tablets can be highly effective in relieving symptoms of grass pollen allergies.

Ragweed pollen allergy: Ragweed plants are the main culprits of allergies among weed pollens. They're the most active between the late spring and fall months. Depending on the location, however, ragweed may begin spreading its pollen as early as the last week of July and continue into the middle of October. Its wind-driven pollen can travel hundreds of miles and survive through a mild winter.

What are the symptoms of a pollen allergy?

Pollen allergy symptoms most often include: nasal congestion, sinus pressure, which may cause facial pain, runny nose, itchy, watery eyes, scratchy throat, cough, swollen, bluish-colored skin beneath the eyes, decreased sense of taste or smell, increased asthmatic reactions.

Medications

If you still experience symptoms despite taking these preventive measures, there are several over-the-counter (OTC) medications that may help: [antihistamines](#), such as cetirizine (Zyrtec) or diphenhydramine ([Benadryl](#)); decongestants, such as pseudoephedrine (Sudafed) or oxymetazoline (Afrin nasal spray); medications that combine an antihistamine and a decongestant, such as Actifed (triprolidine and pseudoephedrine) and Claritin-D (loratadine and pseudoephedrine)

Allergy shots: Allergy shots may be recommended if medications aren't enough to ease symptoms. Allergy shots are a form of immunotherapy that involves a series of injections of the allergen. The amount of allergen in the shot gradually increases over time. The shots modify your immune system's response to the allergen, helping to reduce the severity of your allergic reactions. You may experience complete relief within one to three years after starting allergy shots.

Home remedies: A number of home remedies may also help relieve pollen allergy symptoms. **These include:** using a squeeze bottle or neti pot to flush pollen from the nose ~ trying herbs and extracts, such as PA-free butterbur or spirulina ~ removing and washing any clothing that has been worn outside ~ drying clothes in a dryer rather than outside on a clothing line ~ using air conditioning in cars and homes ~ investing in a portable high-efficiency particulate air (HEPA) filter or dehumidifier and vacuuming regularly with a vacuum cleaner that has a HEPA filter

When to call the doctor

You should tell your doctor if your symptoms become more severe or if your medications are causing unwanted side effects. Also, be sure to consult your doctor before trying any new supplements or herbs because some can interfere with the effectiveness of certain medications.

GRADUATES

OUR GRADUATES

6th graders going into 7th grade: Everett Gardner ~ Zachariah Hovis ~ Megan Howell ~ Harmony Mateja ~ Alexandra Pabon ~ Eric Steudler ~ Jason Baer

12th grade graduates: Jolisa Baer ~ Cyrus Gage ~ Karissa Belfiore ~ Tyler Hauf ~ Ryan Hart ~ Ashley Walters ~ Jacob Risjan

College Graduates: Camryn Schmidt ~ Amelia Lilly ~ Adam Jardina

The Christian Ed Board also recognizes our children that are going into **1st grade:** Beckett Joslin and Kobe Wheeler

Happy Father's Day to all our Dads!



How to listen to God everyday.

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

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Pastor Daren in the News

'What is more important: a candy store or worship?' Winnebago residents pack council meeting to discuss church

By KEVIN MORTENS
Register Staff Writer

Approximately 25 members of the public attended the Winnebago City Council meeting on Tuesday, May 12, to express their concerns with the ongoing Stay Home order, businesses not being allowed to reopen and churches not being allowed to hold worship services.

The attendees were spread out in the community room in order to practice social distancing.

Upon learning the people were all in attendance for the same reason, mayor Jeremiah Schutt told the crowd he would limit speakers to three minutes to ensure everyone who wanted to speak would have the opportunity to do so.



Pastor Daren Barnett, at right, speaks to the Winnebago City Council and shares he has concerns about his congregation's individual freedoms. He, and 24 others, attended the meeting to talk Stay at Home order.

Pastor Daren Barnett of Winnebago spoke first.

"Domestic cases, alcoholism and suicides are all up and my counseling has tripled," Barnett told the council. "Businesses are hurting, but some owners are afraid to speak. Without people being able to interact it is causing problems in the community."

He continued, explaining what he would like to see happening.

"We (our congregation) have a plan in place to split our services so we can practice social distancing," Barnett said. "I am worried about our individual freedoms."

Council member Rick Johnson responded. "I agree with Daren."

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Social distancing has been preached to everyone and I think most people have been responsible," Johnson commented. "It seems churches, salons and barbershops are the last ones being allowed to open."

Council member Jean Anderson spoke next. "I agree with Daren and Rich but we cannot afford to lose our state funding by going against the governor's order," Anderson explained. "We do have to be safe. But, nobody can understand the yellow candy store being allowed to open."

"If you don't want to go to the yellow candy store, you don't go. If you don't want to go to McDonalds, you don't go," Johnson remarked. "But we are not even being given the choice with going to church."

Council member Paul

Eisenmenger offered his thoughts.

"I do not see why a church cannot be open; it is no different than what we are doing tonight," Eisenmenger stated.

"Worship is important and we should be allowed to worship. I really wish this was over and I had some answers."

Calvin Howard was the final council member to speak.

"I am surprised the government has exercised this much power," Howard said. "Do we have the authority to do anything?"

Winnebago city attorney David Frundt was at the



David Frundt

meeting and responded to Howard's question. "I have not researched this matter but am willing to do so if the council desires," Frundt remarked. "The courts are delaying a lot of things because of staffing problems related to COVID-19."

"Why do we want to lose the businesses we have? What is going to encourage people to stay or to come to Winnebago if there are no businesses left? We can open and still respect social distancing and we need to reopen our town before there is nothing left to reopen."

— MaKayla Nepp

"I wish we knew if we could make a decision without fear of repercussion," Howard responded.

More members of the

public then came forward to speak. "I am here in support of the idea of getting back to normal(ish)," Doug Hill of Winnebago said. "I think we have some people living in fear and that is not good. There is an economic repercussion occurring that we do not even know the extent of yet."

MaKayla Nepp of rural Winnebago spoke next.

"From the beginning we

and Utility Improvement Project and the council received an update from city engineer Travis Winter.

shut everyone down. We shut down because we did not have enough staff. We now have 330 ICU beds available and only 130 are being used," Nepp commented.



Jeremiah Schutt

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Winnebago resident Bill Erickson offered words of advice to the council. "I encourage council

MWOWA (Minnesota Wastewater Operators Association) Annual Conference was approved.

members to take an attitude of what can we do, not what can't we do," Erickson shared. "We can meet safely and we need to continue to look at ways to operate in a safe manner."

Howard shared his final thoughts on the subject. "As a representative of the council, I appreciate these people coming forward and speaking to us," Howard said. "I think attorney Frundt should look into this and we can meet later depending on what the governor announces on Wednesday."

Schutt offered his thoughts in closing.

"I never wanted to see the churches closed," Schutt remarked. "I thank you all for speaking and giving us a chance to work with you."

"I encourage council

Announcements



Tuesday
June 2nd
Prayer Meeting
7 pm
Use CDC guidelines

★PRAY★

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

★VOTE★

Cambridge Borough Residents Clean Up Day

Sat. June 6th 8 am—3 pm

Items **NOT** accepted: Tires, Batteries, Liquids, Hazardous Materials, and items with Freon

\$5.00 per car load

\$10.00 per truck load

\$25.00 per
trailer or
dump truck
load



spring cleanup



Cambridge Springs Community Yard Sales Day
Saturday June 27th
8 am till 4 pm

All regular board meetings will be taking place.

If you hold a meeting in the church you will be required to sterilize whatever you have used. Such as: Tables, Chairs, Door Knobs, Light Switches etc. A "sterilization" cart will be available with all necessary items needed to do this.

You also must practice social distancing at your meeting.

Watch your emails for other changes as we re-open our facility.

PRAYERS and Monthly EVENTS

The Grieving: Karen Held family, Leona Smith, Terry & Renee Terrill, Lynn Smith, Linda Roth, Karon Runyan

Cancer: Meghan Cunningham, Chris Peterman

Health Issues: Rose Cummings, Randy Gorske, Lee Manross, Cathy Williams

Rehabilitating: Janet Wise, Randy Gorske, John Belfiore, Judy Santey, Marilyn Dine

Nursing Home: Ralph Batchelor, Judy Klemm, Bill Hodge

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

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

Newborns: Jonathan Held

Expectant Moms: Bettina Baer, Brean (Walczak) Longnecker

Others to be in prayer for:

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 | THU | FRI | SAT |
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| J U N E 2020 | 1 7 pm Trustees Pray for Pastor Phil | 2 7 am—8 pm Primary Election 7 pm Prayer Mtg. | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 8-3 CS Clean up day Pray for Pastor Rod |
| | 7 COMMUNION Pray for Pastor Phil | 8 6 pm C.E. Board Pray for Pastor Phil | 9 | 10 10 am Women's Bible Study ~ location TBD | 11 | 12 |
| 14  | 15 6:30 pm Deacons Pray for Pastor Phil | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Pray for Pastor Rod |
| 21 FATHER'S DAY <i>Happy Father's Day!</i> | 22 6:30 pm Board Chairmen 7 pm Advisory Pray for Pastor Phil | 23 | 24 10 am Women's Bible Study ~ location TBD | 25 | 26 | 27 8-4 CS Yard Sale Day Pray for Pastor Rod |
| 28 | 29 Pray for Pastor Phil | 30 | | | | |
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June Birthdays and Anniversaries



- 26th: Pastor Rod Beardsley
Judy Jardina
- 27th: Janet Morton
- 29th: Marilyn Dine
Lynn Smith
Paul Smith
- 30th: Paul Sellers

- 1st: Mark VanMatre
- 3rd: Michael Baer
- 5th: Patty Porter
- 7th: Jillian Risjan
- 10th: Natalie Held
- 12th: Aubrey Klemm
Anna Held
- 14th: Adam Jardina
Pam Lowther
- 16th: Amber Shearer
Elaine Christie
Brylee Kula
- 20th: Jordan Joslin
- 21st: Audrey Byrne
- 22nd: Jay Acklin
- 24th: Jan Cory
Joyce Cory



- 9th: Ken and Chris Zirkle
- 12th: Matt and Misty Hovis
- 16th: Justin and Kristin Held
Jamie and Wendy Gardner
- 18th: Joshua and Emily Mumau
- 28th: Larry and Stacie Klemm
- 29th: Paul and Lynn Smith

Birthdays and Anniversaries will still be taking place regardless of the COVID 19 guidelines!!

When COVID 19 guidelines are no longer in place we will have nursery.

1st Service:

- 7th: Marilyn Dine and Debbie Dine
- 14th: Gina Brace and Tenae Gage
- 21st: Carol Thumm and Teresa Findlay
- 28th: Brenda Beers and Cindy Billingsley

Sunday School:

- 7th: Pam Lowther and Lydia Sellers
- 14th: Debbie Dine and Karen Joslin
- 21st: Ken Dine and Paul Sellers
- 28th: Josh and Emily Mumau

2nd Service:

- 7th: Andi and Jillian Risjan
- 14th: Ken and Debbie Dine
- 21st: Kristin Held and Barb Beardsley
- 28th: Andi Lundin and Brenda Morrow

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

- 6th: Laura Stone and Kris Bancroft
- 13th: Toni Merritt and Karon Runyan
- 20th: Bonnie Boylan and Debbie Shearer
- 27th: Nancy Gage and Dana Encapera

When COVID 19 guidelines are no longer in place we will re-open the Garden Room

