

THREE DOLLARS WORTH OF GOD



Wilbur Rees once wrote the following describing the average man's view of God:

"I would like to buy \$3 worth of God please, not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine. I don't want enough of him to make me love a black man or pick beets with a migrant. I want ecstasy, not transformation; I want the warmth of the womb, not a new birth. I want a pound of the eternal in a paper sack. I would like to buy \$3 dollars worth of God please."

Disturbingly familiar isn't it? We want to believe that there is a good and gracious God who loves and accepts all people, but suggest that this same perfect Being might also be moral, Holy, righteous and pure; or that He may ask something of us in return and suddenly our enthusiasm to know Him begins to wane.

The call of God for each man and woman is to a changed life. He is bidding us to come to him, to embrace Him – all of Him, and having been with Him to go forth from His presence and be an agent of change in the world.

We change the world by being part of His church, His instrument for global transformation. His church is not a social club, a convenience store, or a spa, it is an army, a family and it is His Body reaching out to the world. We, the church, His body are His only means for global transformation. We are His feet, His hands, His voice, His heart; to care for the lost, the broken, the rejected and the weak.

Perhaps this revelation, that we the church are His only option for reaching the world, is so uncomfortable, that we would prefer the \$3 dollars worth of God instead. Three dollars worth may be comfortable, but it is not what we, the church, were made for!



May 22, 2022

10:30 A.M.

To Follow Christ



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Order of Service

Announcements

Welcome

Preparation for Worship

-----God's Greatness-----

Call To Worship

Hymn of Praise

"What He's Done" Stanfill/Leonard/Golden/Sooter

Prayer of Invocation

Affirmation of Faith: The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

Song of Praise

"Mighty Cross". William/Ingram/Ntlele/Furtick

Children are dismissed to Sunday School.

-----God's Renewal-----

Scripture Warning

The Law of God

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort: 1 John 2:1-2

Song of Renewal: "Thank You Jesus for the Blood"

. . . Gayle/Kennedy/Musso/Gentiles/McCleery

-----God's Grace-----

Scripture Reading: Mark 3:7-19

Prayer

The Sermon

"To Follow Christ"

Song of Communion: "There is a Fountain". . . . William Cowper

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of Approach

Scripture Reading: Mark 14:22-25 (Optional)

Holy Communion

-----God's Blessing-----

Parting Hymn

"Center My Life". Ivy/Land

Benediction

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism, along with the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger Catechism, serve together as the statement of faith for the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA). Formulated in the 17th century England, they are a second level of authority under the Scriptures and serve to explain the system of doctrine revealed in the Bible.

2. Don't look so much at what you can do for God, but at what God can do through you. As pioneer missionary William Carey once said, "Expect great things from God, and attempt great things for God."

Zechariah 4:6 (ESV)

Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

The disciples were just a rag-tag group of ordinary people who responded to Christ's call. But our God is an extraordinary God who uses ordinary people to accomplish his work in this world.

What will you allow God to do through your life?

¹MacArthur, J. (2015). *Mark 1-8* (p. 162). Moody Publishers.

²Hughes, R. K. (1989). *Mark: Jesus, servant and savior* (Vol. 1, p. 87). Crossway Books.

*"We spend more time asking
what would Jesus do instead
of what did Jesus do."*

— Tullian Tchividjian

with him and he might send them out to preach ¹⁵and have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶He appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷James the son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Zealot, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

This is a commissioning narrative, utilizing the language of election—called, wanted, came, appointed. It stands as a divine appointment in salvation history. There was an exchange of soul, and ultimately a profound identification—word for word, breath for breath, emotion for emotion, volition for volition.²

By selecting twelve apostles, Jesus was sending an unmistakable message to the leaders of Israel that they were spiritually disqualified, and therefore shut out of His kingdom. He confronted them directly, publicly, and repeatedly with such denunciations. Instead of repenting, their determination to kill Him increased.

Two reasons why He appointed the twelve

First, so that they would be with Him. By constantly spending intimate time with Jesus, the Twelve would be personally mentored by the Messiah Himself.

Second, Jesus appointed these men so that He could send them out to preach. They were trained to be the first generation of heralds of the good news of salvation, following in the footsteps of their Lord.

Jesus also gave them authority to cast out the demons.

Matthew 10:1 adds that they were also given the power “to heal every kind of disease and every kind of sickness.” In order to authenticate their position as His representatives,

Jesus gave them authority in both the physical realm (over disease) and the spiritual realm (over demons). Like Jesus Himself, their message was confirmed by the supernatural signs that they performed by His power.

Conclusion

1. Discipleship is Christlikeness.

To follow Christ is to try to emulate him in every area of our lives and to live out an explicitly Christ-centered life.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, May 24 6:30-8 P.M. Youth Group(Grades 6-12)
at the home of the Deicherters.

Wednesday, May 25 7:00 P.M. Men’s Small Group
at the home of Karl Yorgey

Saturday, June 4 6:00 P.M. Prayer Dinner
at the home of Pastor Rick and Barb

Tuesday, June 7 6:00 PM to Dusk (includes Supper)
Summer Youth/Young Adult Bible Study
Youth will meet with Emmett; Young Adults with Matt

Sunday, June 12 10:30 A. M. Graduate Recognition Sunday

Sunday, June 19 6:15-7:15 P.M. House of Prayer
GCC Prayer Gathering —1300 High St.

Monday, June 20—Wednesday, June 22 Jim Thorpe Camping Trip
for Youth and Young Adults: grade 6—age 30.
See Deana for more information.

Crossing Cultures International **David and Mindy Nelson**



Indonesia

Please pray for CCI Indonesia's plans to hold a God's Financial Principles (GFP) seminar at Waikabubak with 15 participants. Please pray for those who will attend. Pray they learn to manage their finances with biblical wisdom and become good stewards of what God has provided.

DiscipleMakers: Tim and Holly Holden

- Praise for a successful Women’s Conference.
- Pray that the recently completed Core Values Video will energize students to reach others on their campus.

CRU: Steve and Kristin Scholl

- Pray for the family of Jason Spieker, who died in a tragic accident last month. He is survived by a wife and two young daughters.
- Pray Maddie and Jonathan as they transition to their new home.
- Pray for breakthrough in marriages and families as they experience God’s power to heal even the most impossible situations.

Prayer/Praise.May 22, 2022

- Praise that Austin, the stepson of Lorraine Blanski's niece, is doing well one year after his accident. Pray for continued healing and God's strength for Austin as he navigates his new life using his prosthetics.
- Pray for Anthony and Janet Conte, parents of Mandi Yensan's friend, Christine. Anthony is in the hospital with fluid buildup around his heart and needs a new valve. Christine's mom is struggling to be strong. Pray for Anthony's surgery to be scheduled soon and strength for Christine's mom during this difficult time.
- Pray for John Kurtyka, cousin of Lorraine Blanski's husband, Matt. John's 32-year-old son passed away suddenly on May 8th. Pray for his daughter, Leah, who is struggling with drug addiction and is away at an 8-month drug rehabilitation program. Pray for God's strength, peace, and comfort for John and his family.
- Pray for Terry Cecchetelli's grandnephew, Liam, who is 1-year old and has a rare disease called PDHA-1. He will need a feeding tube. Pray for God's wisdom for Liam's doctors and strength and comfort for Liam's and Terry's families.
- Pray for Steve Simons neighbor, Mrs. McCabe, who has dementia. Pray for God's strength for the McCabe family, who are caring for Mrs. McCabe during this difficult time.
- Pray for Igor Parfeniuk, a North Coventry police officer with Matt Deichert. Pray for Igor's sister and her family, as they are still living in Ukraine.
- Pray for Dawn Rhoads, Igor's mother-in-law, who had her 4th cancer treatment on April 25th. Pray for God's healing for Dawn.
- Pray for Lynn Rhoads, a friend of Donna Jenkins, who is back in the hospital again. She will be having tests done to determine what is wrong. Pray for God's wisdom for her doctors and God's healing for Lynn.
- Pray for Donna Jenkins' friend, Debbie Breyer, who was in Quakertown Rehab for observation was moved to a nursing home. Pray for Debbie's husband, who is in the hospital with undetermined issues. Pray for God's healing for Debbie and her husband and wisdom for their doctors.
- Pray for Nic Collins. The new school is not being launched as their director stepped down. Pray that Nic receives an internship with the church.
- Please continue to pray for Donna Jenkins' nephew, Evan James, who has a very rare disease, CDA. Praise that Evan can be off the breathing machine for the hours he is awake. Pray for God's healing for Evan and for his family and wisdom for his doctors.
- Pray for Denny Bartchak. Denny has completed physical therapy on his arm. Pray for strength as he faces many more tests on his cancer journey.
- Pray for Justine Schumaker, mother of Renee Schumaker. Pray for healing for Justine through her chemotherapy treatment.

Message

To Follow Christ

Mark 3:7–19

Popular Appeal

Mark 3:7–9 (ESV)

Jesus withdrew with his disciples to the sea, and a great crowd followed, from Galilee and Judea ⁸and Jerusalem and Idumea and from beyond the Jordan and from around Tyre and Sidon. When the great crowd heard all that he was doing, they came to him. ⁹And he told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, lest they crush him,

Jesus's remarkable healing powers had mesmerized the people.

Nothing certainly like it in the experience of these people. Massive healings happening before their eyes, people being delivered from demons. It was a wonder of wonders, the likes of which no one could ever imagine, miraculous displays unlike anything in history. The Lord's miracles were public and undeniable, which is why the people kept coming. No one questioned His miracles. There is no record of any effort to deny any of them.¹

Power and Authority

Mark 3:10–12 (ESV)

for he had healed many, so that all who had diseases pressed around him to touch him. ¹¹And whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." ¹²And he strictly ordered them not to make him known.

This is a cosmic battle, and Jesus's victory is overwhelming and final.

"You are the Son of God!"

They fearfully recognized Him for who He truly was, the Sovereign of the universe (cf. Mark 6:6–7). Though they were His most vicious enemies, they were constrained to submit to His commands.

Creating the Twelve

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