

September 2017

Forward Facing

Turn on TV, read the paper, or click on any news website, and it becomes easy to get discouraged. Between nuclear threats, terrorist activities, and domestic strife here at home, it's enough to give pause to the sternest of souls. What the world desperately needs is to embrace a message of forgiveness, peace, compassion, love and understanding – in short, the teachings of Christ. Yet the world has shown it has no interest in His teachings, and even less interest for those who espouse them.

What, then, is a follower of Jesus to do in these times? I would like to offer three suggestions.

Know that it isn't personal. In John 15:18, Jesus tells His disciples, "If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you." Believers ought to take some measure of comfort in this, and also see it as a tremendous opportunity. No one who really knows the Lord can't help but love Him. So, it follows that people who hate Jesus do so on the basis of not knowing Him. That means you have a chance to change hearts and minds. Let the world meet Jesus through you.

Know that a lot of the "noise" out there is exactly that. Jesus may have been the first to address the issue of "fake news." In Mark 13:7, He says: "But when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be troubled; for such things must happen, but the end is not yet." There is still good in this world. There are still people (and groups) with the capacity to love. Don't be so quick to believe everything you hear.

Know that you still have a job to do. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus talks about disciples of strong faith when He says, "...and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it." At no time in history has anyone ever used a gate as an offensive weapon, or stormed into battle carrying a gate! The people of God are tasked with taking the fight to the world! So, take heart! Their defenses will only hold for so long. The Word of God will prevail!

In John 16:33, Jesus commands His disciples: "Be of good cheer," He says. "I have overcome the world." Brothers and sisters, no matter how desperate things seem, stay strong. He has, indeed, overcome the world. And He's waiting for you to join Him in that endeavor.

May God bless you all.

Bro. David

Did you know that sermons are available online? Check out the church's website, click on the sermons tab, and pick out the sermon you missed, enjoyed, or want to share!

Youth Happenings

September is here, and that means the youth are all back in school! The transition from the end of the summer has been hard, but we are hoping that as we settle back into our routines in life, that our routine for the youth group will get back to normal as well. I always felt excited for school to start again, even if none of the students are! Learning new things is always fun, and at school you could make new friends and have a routine and learn a lot of important skills. However, the school year presents a whole new set of worries for a youth ministry. These kids are now faced with daily temptations, peers and curriculum challenging their beliefs, and such a busy schedule that trying to convince them to come to church two or three times a week is really quite difficult. As Madelyn graduates to Bro. David's class, and we may be getting more kids in, our group will have to face some changes in the midst of the school year transition. My hope is that I can use our time together to prepare them to remain faithful to The Lord this school year, and to defend their faith and share the gospel at their schools and extra curriculars. Please continue praying for our youth, we want to see big things happen in these school and in this group, and your prayer helps us follow God more and more to that end!



BUDGET REPORT

Financials

Regions Checking— \$19,480.69
Capital One Savings — \$61,870.91
July Outcome— \$269.22

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Lee's Music Notes

This article was written by Phil Mitz, worship leader at Christ Church Nashville. The choir's involvement in today's church:

The choir is an opportunity for involvement. A church's ministry is only as effective as the people in its congregation who choose to get involved. Small groups, outreach teams, and the arts have provided great opportunities for congregants to sow into the life of their church's ministry, and the choir falls under all three of those categories. I've often heard the choir referred to as "the church within the church." When you join a choir, you're not just singing notes together, you're doing life and ministry together. The choir is an extension of the pulpit. There are so many fantastic songs that have been written for the Church and many that have yet to be written. But not all songs are necessarily suitable for corporate worship. There are songs that teach, encourage, compel, and call to action, and the choir is a marvelous mouthpiece for such things. By presenting these kinds of songs, the choir takes on a pastoral role, and it brings a rich dynamic to the theme or message of that particular service. This is especially effective in special services like those during Easter or the Christmas season.

We must not discount the richness the choir brings to the church's worship experience. I think many would be surprised by the long-lasting effect a choir program can have on their local church. If your church is anything like mine, the choir is a long-held tradition, and traditions enrich the life of the Church. Just because something is thought of as "traditional" doesn't mean it's not relevant for the body of Christ today. Let's strive to keep these traditions alive while moving forward together into a richer and fuller life with Christ! On a Lighter Note

An inexperienced preacher was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.

September 4th—Labor Day (church office closed)

September 10th—Deacon's Meeting @ 4:30 pm

September 10th-17th—Week of Prayer Mary Hill Davis

September 11th—Patriot Day

September 13th—Business Meeting 6:30 pm

September 22nd—First Day of Autumn



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Should you want to financially support this ministry, you may give online at their website, or designate it appropriately on your offering envelope. Together, intent on one purpose—reaching the lost for Christ.

Last Month at a Glance:

7/30	SS: 81	Worship: 97
8/6	SS: 73	Worship: 87
8/13	SS: 58	Worship: 72

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Sunday:

Prayer Meeting—9:30 a.m.

Sunday School—9:40 a.m.

Morning Worship—10:40 a.m.

Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Prayer Meeting—6:30 p.m.

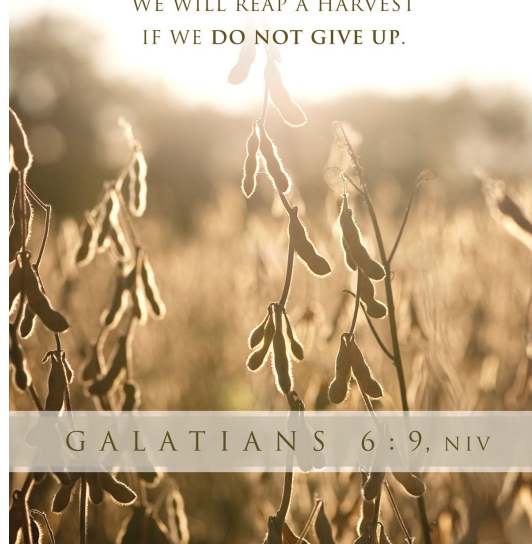
RA's, GA's, & Youth—6:30 p.m.

Millennials—8:00 p.m.



Let us not become weary in doing good.

FOR AT THE PROPER TIME
WE WILL REAP A HARVEST
IF WE DO NOT GIVE UP.



GALATIANS 6:9, NIV