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Sunday School 9a

Worship Service 10:15a

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GVBC NEWS

In the beginning was God...



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Please contact
office if you
would like to get a
hold of anyone of
these leaders.

Our weekly
sermons and
Wednesday night
studies are
recorded and can
be found on our
website.

FROM PASTOR DEAN

A PICTURE OF A CRITICAL SPIRIT

-The Sentiment of a wife. ***“Curse God and die!”***

The words spew out of the mouth of an embittered wife who is stunned and stymied by tragedy. Gone ... destroyed ... are *all* their possessions and all their children as a result of God’s allowing Satan to test her godly husband in order to prove his faith.

Job mourns their losses but doesn’t malign the goodness of God. Instead he submits himself to the sovereignty of God by declaring, ***“The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away; may the name of the LORD be praised” (Job 1:21).***

But ... ***“Curse God and die!”*** is her rant, especially after seeing her husband suddenly stricken—afflicted from head to toe with painful sores. She observes this once respected man—so revered in the community—now broken and reduced to sitting in a pile of ashes scraping his sores with a jagged piece of pottery.

Job’s noble stance before the Lord is absolute nonsense to her. She doesn’t want to hear one more word of devotion from her disease-ridden husband. A critical spirit consumes the wife of the one whom God calls ***“... the greatest man among all the people ...” (Job 1:3).*** However, she’s had enough, and she wants Job ... and God ... to know it!

“Are you still maintaining your integrity?” she pounds, unleashing her toxic tongue: ***“Curse God and die!” (Job 2:9).***

- The Sentiment of Friends

Everything is fine ... until they open their mouths.

They are aghast at the sight before them ... their once highly respected friend is now horrifically humbled. Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar (Eli, Bill, and Zo for short) have set out from their homes to pour out comforting words upon their troubled friend, but now they find themselves speechless. For seven days and seven nights they sit on the ground and sympathize, and ***“No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was” (Job 2:13).***

Soon their sympathetic presence transforms into a barrage of stinging rebuke that further crushes the spirit of poor Job. He responds in deep emotional pain....

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NEEDED

We are in desperate need of nursery workers.
If you are interested please fill out connection card and put in the offering box.
You need to be a member and we will do a background check.

NURSERY SCHEDULE

08/02-
Missy & Jessie
08/09-
Pamela & Whitney
08/16-
Judy & Sharon
08/23-
Ashley & Missy
08/30-
Jessie & Nyla
09/06-
Ashley & Rachel
09/13-
Missy & Whitney

HELPING HANDS

While our church fellowship hall is inaccessible, please contact Twyla if you have item or service you can offer your fellow church brother and/or sister, or if you are looking for an item or service.
She is also keeping the facebook page updated with these requests and offers.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT FROM PASTOR JEREMY

Doctrine of the Church. Paragraph 5

“In the execution of this power wherewith he is so intrusted, the Lord Jesus calls out of the world unto himself, through the ministry of his word, by his Spirit, those that are given unto him by his Father,⁹ that they may walk before him in all the ways of obedience, which he prescribes to them in his word.¹⁰ Those thus called, he commands to walk together in particular societies, or churches, for their mutual edification, and the due performance of that public worship, which he requires of them in the world.” -John 10:16; John 12:32; Matt. 28:20; Matt. 18:15–20-

-Brothers and Sisters, we have been looking at the doctrine of the Church and on this section, we will probably look at this for a couple of months, as there is much to be said about this paragraph and these truths. Please read through the Scriptural References, I believe God will be Glorified, we will be blessed and it will help us in our obedience and discipleship by having a better understanding of Christ's Church.

There are two problems that greatly afflict the church of Jesus Christ in the world today. First, the widespread lack of spiritual vitality that characterizes many congregations. While there are obvious exceptions, liberalism, humanism, modernism and post-modernism have played their part in the service of our sworn enemies, the world, the flesh and the devil.

In addition to the lack of spirituality is the low opinion that so many today have of the church of Christ. This is true not only of the world in general (which is expected), but also of professing Christians. Many parachurch organizations generate more respect and loyalty from Christians than the church does. Church membership is increasingly regarded as irrelevant if not completely unbiblical. Many Christians think that they can faithfully follow Christ on their own, or while being only tangentially associated with a church.

In the face of such realities the need to reexamine what Scripture teaches about the role of the church is vitally important. So we will do just that. Lord Bless and May we all strive to grow together, through Christ.

Grace and Peace, Pastor Jeremy

JUST SAYING FROM PASTOR RICK

Matthew 28: 18-20 V.18 and Jesus came up and spoke to them, (His disciples) saying “all authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. V.19 go therefore and make disciples of all nations baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, V.20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always even to the end of the age”... So how do we share the Gospel? John 3:16. Brothers and Sisters, we should already know this scripture by heart. If not, I encourage you to memorize it today.

It says in the 1689 Baptist Confession of Faith 20:4...

The gospel is the only outward means of revealing Christ and saving grace, and it is abundantly sufficient for that purpose. Yet to be born again, brought to life or regenerated, those who are dead in trespasses also must have an effectual, irresistible work of the Holy Spirit in every part of their souls to produce in them a new spiritual life. Without this no other means will bring about their conversion to God.

Brothers and Sisters, this was not a suggestion given to you and I, it's a command. We are commanded to share the gospel (the good news) with those whom the Lord puts in our path. Live the gospel boldly, share the gospel boldly. You and I know how this world shares its wickedness and evil sin boldly. We have the advantage, we serve the Lord of Lords, the King of Kings, our Messiah, Jesus and He always goes before us. So, share the faith with those around you in loving kindness, praying always. Romans 10:14 says “How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in Him of whom they have never heard? And how can they hear without someone telling them? Eternity is a very long time.

Brothers and Sisters, it's my prayer that God places someone in your life today, that you would be able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with. Whether it be a family member, a neighbor, co-workers, or even someone in the marketplace... Remember God does the work, we need to be available... Let's encourage each other in this endeavor, share the gospel. “Jesus said, I am the way, the truth and the life, no one comes to the Father but through me John 14:6.

Are you being bold in your faith? Praying you are. Prayer changes everything. Just saying!

As always,

May God's grace, love and mercy abundantly be yours, Amen. Pastor Rick

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Golden Valley Construction/ Remodel

The FEM team will be meeting with an architect to work on the drawing of plans. Once completed, they will be going to the county for permits. As promised, the church will be updated regularly. Thank you for your patience. Please continue to pray for the situation.

MINISTRIES- INFORMATION & UPDATES

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mixed Adults (Les Stromen) meets in the Educational Building, purple door and is doing a multi book study. The 1st one will be Triumphing Over Sinful Fear
Men's (Chris La Mere) meets in the Koinonia Bldg. and is studying The Redeemed Man
Women's (Nani Chrimes) meets in the sanctuary and will be studying 1 Peter.

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

Sundays:
Pastor Dean
1p
Tuesdays:
Pastor Rick
3:00p
Thursday:
Pastor Jeremy
4:30p
Friday:
Brother Les
11:00a

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Potluck breakfast and Bible study every first Saturday of the month starting at 8:30a

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

(Sylvia Huddleston)

Women's Ministry will be meeting on Saturday, August 8th at 9am in the Koinonia Building. We will be having a pot luck brunch, a devotion and fellowship. We take prayer requests and support each other with prayer and encouragement. This a great time to meet other Sisters in Christ. Ladies Game Day will be on Monday, August 10th at 11am in the Koinonia Building. Bring a snack to share and be ready to relax and have some fun and meet some new Christian friends.

YOUTH

(Pastor Jeremy)

Our youth meets in Pastor Jeremy's office in the Educational Building, green door and is studying Systematic Theology.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

We would like to invite you to Wednesday Night Discipleship hour from 6-7p
We are studying "A Biblical View of the Regulative Principal of Worship"

CHILDREN'S

(Nancy Kemp)

On Sunday mornings our 4-8 year old children are using True Way Kids & The Biggest Story Curriculum; and taught by Ms. Rosa or Ms. Sue. Our 9-11 year old children are studying the Book of Proverbs, taught by Ms. Marcie and Ms. Brenda
On Wednesday nights they are being taught this month by Ms. Coloni and they are going through The New City Catechism.

BUILDING & GROUNDS

(Greg Sparks)

Meets every Tuesday morning at 8:30a

OCC

The Women's Ministry has set out the donation barrel for Operation Christmas Child in the Connection Center. There are lists on the counter that have what items are acceptable for the shoeboxes. We are thankful for any and all donations you may be able to give. Thank you again.

CRAFTY LADIES

(Missy Sparks)

Due to the remodeling, we will meet every Tues morning @ 9:30am in the Children's Building (not the Koinonia) so we can keep Sharon company

FELLOWSHIP

(Rod Pierce)

Serving and encouraging unity with each other thru gatherings.



FROM PASTOR DEAN CONTINUED...

“Anyone who withholds kindness from a friend forsakes the fear of the Almighty.”

(Job 6:14)

Like Job’s friends, has someone in your life assumed the role of your personal *heavenly sandpaper* :/... a self-appointed expert at finding fault and continually focusing on your faults in an attempt to “refine” you? The abrasive words are not helpful, but hurtful, and qualify as verbal and emotional abuse. Such criticism grates against the grain of your soul ... wearing you down ... stripping you of your worth.

God holds all of us accountable for how we use our words, especially words that wound. Harsh, critical words don’t pour out of the hearts of godly people. Jesus said ...

“For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him.”

(Matthew 12:34–35)

- A Critical Spirit

Eliphaz, perhaps the eldest among the friends, speaks first—ever so cautiously. But then his words take on a presumptive tone.

By the time Eli finishes, he insinuates that Job is being disciplined by God because of sin and that the wise way for Job to proceed is to submit to the discipline.

But there’s a problem with his critical presumption.... Job’s tortuous troubles have nothing to do with sin. Instead, they’re all about a showdown between God and Satan over his testimony. Will Job stand? The Bible says ...

“Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.” (James 1:12)

At the Wimbledon tennis championship in England, a judge sits on an elevated chair to the side of the net between two competitors. The judge is hired for the prestigious match by earning the reputation for consistent fairness and accuracy. When a ball is served outside the boundary line, the judge yells, “Fault!” These judgment calls are appropriate and appreciated.

The person with a critical spirit, however, hasn’t earned the reputation of being accurate or fair-minded. This judge sits uninvited and elevated above others, yelling “fault ... fault ... fault!” These calls are inappropriate and unappreciated.

The Bible is not silent about those who have a critical spirit ... those who sit smugly in the judgment seat ... looking down arrogantly on others....

“You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat.” (Romans 14:10)

• A **critical spirit** is an excessively negative attitude characterized by harshness in judging.

— Criticizers judge others severely and unfavorably.

— Hypercritical people judge others with unreasonably strict standards.

— Faultfinders look for and point out flaws and defects with nagging and unreasonable criticism.

For example, certain circumcised Jewish believers unjustly criticized the apostle Peter for daring to fellowship with the uncircumcised. The issue of circumcision (was it necessary for salvation or not) created sharp division in the early church....

“So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him.”

(Acts 11:2)

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FROM PASTOR DEAN CONTINUED...

- **“Criticism”** comes from the Greek word *kritikos*, which means “able to discern or skilled in judging.”
- **Criticism** has two different meanings:
 - Speaking fairly with discernment in regard to merit or value (A literary critic is expected to give a fair critique by accurately analyzing, judging, and reporting.)
 - Speaking unfairly with trivial or harsh judgments (A person with a *critical spirit* gives unfair criticism by faultfinding, nitpicking, and quibbling.)

The Bible stresses the powerful impact of our right and wrong words....

“The tongue has the power of life and death....”

(Proverbs 18:21)

Be careful less you find oneself with a critical rather than w heart of grace.

Next month I will follow up with what a caring Spirit looks like.

LADIES DON'T DELAY ANY LONGER

The September 30, 2026, early bird registration deadline is approaching fast! After September 30th, the fee goes from \$75 to \$125. How to register?

(1) sign up in the Welcome Center

(fill in all contact information),

(2) register online at

GVBC website>more>Women's Conference,

or (3) email gvbcnani@gmail.com

with name, phone, email, allergies,

and special access requirements.

Come grow with us!



A NEW SCHOOL YEAR, THE SAME FAITHFUL GOD.

As another school year begins, we want to encourage every family in our church. Whether your children are homeschooled, attend public school, or another educational setting, our prayer is that Christ would be honored in every home and every classroom.

Parents, continue pointing your children to Christ through your words and example. Students, remember that your highest calling is not simply to learn, but to know and glorify God.

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men" (Colossians 3:23).

Church, May we continue to disciple these families, Love, walk along side, encourage and spur one another towards Christ.

May God grant our families wisdom, perseverance, and joy as we seek to love Him with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let us encourage one another, pray for one another, and remember that our hope is not in any educational model, but in the Lord who is faithful in every season.

