



The end of Summer!

Worry is Not a Trivial Sin

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But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the furnace, will He not much more clothe you? You of little faith!

Matthew 6:30

IT SEEMS ODD, DOES IT NOT, that we who have freely put our eternal destiny into Christ's hands would at times refuse to believe that He will provide what we need to eat, drink, and wear. Faith should extend to the ordinary, just as it extends to the extraordinary.

Worry is not a trivial sin because it strikes a blow both at God's love and integrity. Worry declares our heavenly Father to be untrustworthy in His Word and His promises. To claim belief in the inerrancy of scripture yet in the next moment express worry is to deny that very belief. Worry reveals that we are mastered by our circumstances and by our own finite perspective and understanding rather than God's Word. Worry is therefore not only debilitating and destructive, but also maligns and impugns God.

When a believer is not fresh in the Word everyday so that God is in his mind and heart, then Satan moves into the vacuum and plants worry. And worry pushes the Lord even further from our minds.

Paul counsels us as he did in Ephesians, "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. These are in accordance with the working of the strength of His might." Ephesians 1:18-19

Ask Yourself

Have you ever seriously considered the unspoken statement you make when worry defines your reaction to life's uncertainties? If you understand the root beliefs that fuel the fires of anxiety, what effect would this knowledge have on your level of fretfulness?

Daily readings from the life of Christ by John Macarthur



A Warning to Church Hoppers....

Just a Thought



Well-churched areas make fertile soil for the proverbial church-hopper. The Churches exert great influence and perform countless acts of service to our larger community. But in well-churched areas, the ecclesiastical pattern is often the rotation of the saints. The Church furniture keeps moving. The fish swim from fish bowl to fish bowl. The sheep sample a variety of flocks.

Perhaps it's just human nature to take good things for granted when surrounded by so much blessing. But how should we think about this trend?

Most pastors admit that too many people leave churches for superficial reasons. The span covers anything from music styles to carpet colors. Sometimes people leave because of disappointment with the pastoral staff not meeting their expectations. Some leave because they can't (or won't) get along with other church members. Community always tests the integrity of one's walk with Christ.

We are not called to walk alone. Yet walking together is a challenge. The little quip is well-heard: "To dwell above with saints we love will certainly be glory; to live below with saints we know, that's a different story!"

Good reasons for leaving a Church

There are certainly some good reasons for leaving a Church. Specifically, if the gospel is not preached, and the handling of God's Word is not the main thing. False doctrine, unqualified leadership, misguided focus (lack of commitment to evangelism and discipleship), absence of accountability for righteous living — these are issues to be taken seriously. But leaving a Church should not be taken lightly.

A closer look at Church hopping:

The problem of Church hopping is an example of the overall instability of our culture. It often reflects a deeply troubling trend of how easily people slide in and out of commitments. "Commitment" has become a revisable term in almost all spheres of life. With the prevailing discontentment in our culture, people are endlessly looking for something better. But better, often means more exciting, entertaining — more satisfying to the ruling self. The prevailing culture may not say so outwardly...but the reality is seen in "It's all about me anyway mentality."

Confessions of a Church hopper:

In an article entitled "Confessions of a (Recovering) Church-hopper," John Fischer acknowledged that, "In our free-market, commodity-rich society, it's understandable that we would approach church as we would a shopping mall of spiritual products and services. This is the way our culture operates. In our hymnals we can still find those great hymns of the church like 'A Mighty Fortress' and 'The Church's One Foundation,' but in our worship and practice we are probably more consistent with the Motown hit 'You Better Shop Around.'"

Fischer describes the following scene from a church-hopping family: "'Where shall we go this morning, dear?' he says. 'The music is great at Calvary but I like the teaching at Grace.' 'Don't forget the kids,' she says. 'The youth program at Bethany is the best of all.' 'I've got it. We'll drop the kids off at Bethany and go to Grace for teaching, and then we can start going to the Saturday night worship and praise services at Calvary.'"

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What's wrong with this picture? Fischer suggests at least three things:

First, we become critical consumers.

"As consumers we reserve the right to pass judgment on the products and services we use, and the companies that service us begin to cater to our demands. 'The customer is always right' may work well at McDonald's, but in a church it undermines the authority of the Word of God and the leaders God has called to represent Him. We do not go to a particular church to decide whether that church is doing everything right, but to hear from God and humbly find out where we went wrong that week in our own lives and what we need to do to make it right."

Second, we become invisible spectators.

"Church-hopping turns you into a nondescript pew sitter. A number. A statistic. When you're shopping around, you never stay in one place long enough to know anybody or be known. We like this because we have gotten into a habit of being anonymous in our culture. Church-hopping helps protect the anonymity we already possess, and it keeps us alone."

Third, we become detached from what we are.

"When you were a child, did you ever make a church with your hands folded together, forefingers pointed up like a steeple and all your fingers interlocked inside? Remember opening your hands to see all the people? Well, that's exactly it. We are the church. You and I are the fingers and toes and eyes and ears of the body of Christ. To be only a spectator in church is to detach yourself from who you are — like cutting off your fingers."

Again, it all comes back to the biblical model of what belonging to a church is all about. Its about God, and Him alone. It is what God has established in biblical marriage. Can you imagine a person married for several years finding themselves asking God if maybe there is another spouse that they should be checking out...? That's an appalling thought! And yet, in a real way that IS the reality of how God would react to the non-commitment of some church members.

The bigger question to be considered would be...WHY am I not content here? Why would I find it necessary to "shop around"? What is wrong with my heart? This is the real issue that God would want us to look at first.

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

August

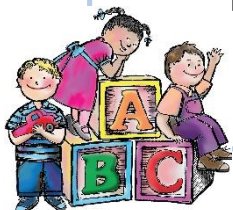
5th Jackie Teja & Gayle Knuver
12th Pam Morgan & Betty Sutton
19th Betty Angell & Norita Cooley
26th Chris Rottman & Renee Cook

September

2nd Sue Frens & Teri Ouderkirk
9th Marilyn Davis & Mary Helmus
16th Adriana Beckwith
23rd Nancy Eveland & June Frontjes
30th Barb Knight & Chris Rottman

Thank you ladies for your service in caring for these little ones.

*If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled
please contact Pam Morgan at 616-502-3423 as soon as possible.*





August 2018



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for August: <i>Luke & Alicia Beckwith</i>			1	2	3	4 Elders Prayer Time
Worship Service	Men's Bible study		Wednesday Night Service	Praise Team practice		Elders Prayer Time Church Picnic
Worship Service	Men's Bible study		Christian Women's Club Wednesday Night Service	Praise Team practice	Board Meeting	Elders Prayer Time
Worship Service	Men's Bible study		Wednesday Night Service	Praise Team practice		Elders Prayer Time
Worship Service	Men's Bible study		Wednesday Night Service	Praise Team practice		Elders Prayer Time
Worship Service Pot Luck	Men's Bible study		Wednesday Night Service	Praise Team practice		

Sundays

Worship Services
10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Night Service
7 p.m.

3rd Friday

Board Meeting
6:00 p.m.

August Birthdays

August Anniversaries



- 1: Linda Berkompas
- 12: Noah Cook
- 12: Pete Alley
- 16: Jenna Minor
- 16: Duke VanderArk
- 19: Vince Carter
- 23: Betty Sutton
- 24: Joyce Patrick
- 27: Brenden Mortensen
- 30: Tom Vanlaan

- 3: Don & Susan Foust
- 7: Paul & Pattie Morse
- 14: Bill & Sylvia Edwards
- 17: Joe & Karla Winter
- 22: Gary & Jackie Teja
- 26: Bill & Sue Walta
- 28: Al & Karen White
- 29: Randy & Peg Peters
- 30: Larry & Joyce Patrick (61 years)




Items on this calendar are subject to change



September 2018



	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Sundays Worship Services 10:00 a.m.	Greeters for September: Phil & Chris Rottman						1 Elders Prayer Time
Mondays 1 st & 3 rd 10:00 a.m. Ladies Aid Bible study	2 Worship service	3 	4	5 Wednesday Night Service	6 Praise Team practice	7	8 Elders Prayer Time
Mondays 6:30 p.m. Men's Bible study	9 Worship service	10 Men's Bible study	11 AWANA Kick-off	12 Wednesday Night Service	13 Praise Team practice	14	15 Elders Prayer Time
Tuesdays 5:30 p.m. Supper 6:00 p.m. AWANA	16 Worship service	17 <i>Ladies Aid</i> Men's Bible study	18 AWANA	19 Wednesday Night Service	20 Praise Team practice	21 Board Meeting	22 Elders Prayer Time
Wednesdays Night Service 7 p.m.	23 Worship service	24 Men's Bible study	25 AWANA	26 Wednesday Night Service	27 Praise Team practice	28	29 Elders Prayer Time
3rd Friday Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.	31 Worship service						

September Birthdays

2 nd Ann Workman	20 th Dennis Helmus
6 th Barb Adkins	21 st John Dudeck
7 th Brad Cook	22 nd Nancy Eveland
8 th Carter Mortensen	24 th Alicia Beckwith
Wayne Balliet	25 th Lorie Kellogg
11 th Alayna Cook	26 th Eric Morgan
Larry Patrick	27 th Sue Walta
19 th Teri Ouder Kirk	



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September Anniversaries

- 7th Leon & Barb Adkins
- 8th Jason & Ronica Garrod
- 12th John & DaleAnn Dudeck
- 13th Vic & Linda Berkompas
- 22nd Tim & Renee Cook

WEEDS

Last spring, I was putting in my flower bed when I noticed a pretty little plant growing in a few different spots. I knew it wasn't anything I had planted and that it must be some type of weed. It was small and pretty so I decided to let it grow and see what it turned into. What a mistake!

Some days later, I was tending to my flower bed. To my dismay, that plant had massively spread. No longer was it small and pretty. It was big, ugly, and everywhere!

As I started pulling them out, I thought about how weeds are like sin in our lives. Sin can start out small and innocent, even disguised as something pretty. But before you know it, it is big, ugly and everywhere. I had to be extra diligent the rest of the summer with these weeds, pulling them as soon as they appeared and not letting them grow. Again, like sin. When we become aware of sin in our lives, we must be quick to remove it, not let it take hold and grow because it is small or attractive or seemingly innocent.

This year, I know when I see that particular weed to pull it immediately. The problem is, there are new plants appearing daily. Plants I'm not sure about. They are small and pretty. They look innocent. So I question, "Is it a weed? Will it take over the flower bed again?" I'm constantly trying to decide if I pull that weed or let it grow...

By Shelley Cook



BEGINS TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH!

WHO: Children K-6th grade

WHEN: Tuesday evenings, beginning September 11, 2018

SUPPER: 5:30 to 6 p.m. for the children and their families

SCHEDULE: *Large group time* begins at 6 p.m. The night wraps up with *Game time* and will end at 7:30 p.m.



If you would like to serve in this area or have children who would like to attend, please see Shelly Werner or call the church office at 231-689-2164.



Why People Get Frustrated With Their Churches

The reasons for someone's frustration in a church vary. Maybe they are upset because of a style change in the church. Maybe a certain program they love and believe in has ended. Maybe they feel like the decisions being made about finances are not the decisions they would make if they were in charge. Maybe they see a change in leadership that they don't agree with or don't understand. Maybe the methods are different than what they would choose. Maybe the church is putting a stronger emphasis on outreach, and in their opinion ignoring discipleship. This list isn't exhaustive.

Not always seeing eye to eye is normal. Having different opinions is normal. But what is sad and breaks the heart of God is that many individuals who get frustrated or leave the church respond in an unloving and ungodly manner, and it creates a chain of negative results.

Where does all of this frustration come from? I believe James 4:1–2 gives us insight about where this problem stems from: "What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? You want what you don't have." Isn't that really the problem? We want our way, and when we don't get it, we get upset. Whether it's the man at the hotel or you in the church you attend, if we don't get our way, we get upset. Many of us create a lot of pain, heartache and damage to the kingdom of God.

A good friend who is pastor of a large church in Asia once told me, "I would never want to pastor in America. The people of your country have no idea what loyalty is." He went on to say, "The people in my country don't leave a church simply because they get upset or because they don't like something. They work it out and talk it out, but they don't abandon their spiritual family. We are loyal to Jesus and loyal to our church family."

Loyalty in America runs paper-thin. One of the reasons for this problem is the wide variety of choices we have. This get-what-you-want-when-you-want-it system has bled into other areas of our lives, including our church life. If we aren't happy with something in the church, or if something doesn't go our way, we simply wander down the street to the next church or isolate ourselves from relationships and watch our favorite church online. The only problem with this solution is that as soon as the new pastor or church doesn't live up to our expectations or do things the way we think they should be done, we head off to the next church.

YOUR CHURCH WILL NEVER BE PERFECT

Let me clarify some misunderstandings you may have about your church. It isn't perfect. Your pastor isn't perfect. The leadership isn't perfect. The people who attend—and that includes you—aren't perfect. Nothing is perfect about your church except Jesus. So because no one in your church is perfect and it is made up of imperfect people, there are and always will be problems.

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As I always say, “If you find the perfect church, don’t go there, because once you do, it won’t be perfect anymore.” Yes, it is sarcastic, but it is nevertheless true. This chapter is titled “Quit Expecting to Wake Up in Heaven,” because your church isn’t heaven. Quit looking for the perfect church; it isn’t out there.

We are called to give our heart, prayer, love, support, faithfulness, loyalty, encouraging words and positive attitude to the church that God has us at. There may be times when someone you know in the church starts to complain or become negative. When that happens, just remember that you are not responsible for other people’s responses; you are responsible only for your own. You do what is pleasing in the sight of God when it comes to your church, and the rest is in His hands.

I am not saying that no matter what happens, stay in a church and keep supporting it. There are some rare occasions when exiting (without talking to everyone about it) may be the right thing to do. But in my experience, leaving should be the exception and not the rule. It should never be our initial response. Too many people, when things don’t go their way, respond with negative words and painful reactions, and ultimately abandon their spiritual families. This is not what God intended for his bride. God’s desire for the local church is that we operate in a spirit of unity and love; that we are faithful to each other, encourage each other, and believe the best about each other; that we speak words of life to each other and about each other.

Again, your church isn’t perfect. No church is perfect. The imperfection found in all of us can create tension. How do we handle it? How does God want us to operate and function in His body of believers called the Church? God loves His church and every person who attends it. He wants us to have healthy relationships with each other, to act and react in a healthy and godly manner, and to be a family that He can be proud of and that people on the outside want to be a part of. This is the kind of family God wants. This is the way He wants us to be with each other.

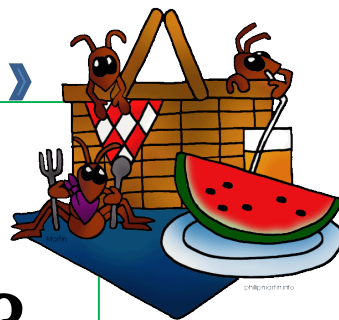
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Annual Church Picnic

BRING YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR
GAMES, FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP
UNDER THE PAVILION ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 11.

Please bring a dish to share.

Table service and drinks will be provided.



Food For Thought...

Tomato Gratin Lasagna

This is not your typical lasagna. It's a much fresher, lighter, more produce-forward take on the classic—a bright-tasting mash-up between a tomato gratin and a lasagna that makes the most of peak-season tomatoes. We call to squeeze out the seeds from one-third of the tomato slices; this keeps the final lasagna from being too watery and is a step well worth taking. You wouldn't want to remove all the seeds, as some tasty tomato-garlic juice is a good thing to have in the bottom of the baking dish. Just be sure to serve with crusty bread so none of the juices go to waste.

Ingredients

- 1 (15-oz.) container part-skim ricotta cheese
- 2 large eggs, lightly beaten
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil, divided
- 4 teaspoons grated garlic, divided
- 1 1/4 teaspoons kosher salt, divided
- 3/4 teaspoon black pepper, divided
- 4 pounds firm globe and beefsteak heirloom tomatoes (about 5 large), cored and cut into 1/2-in.-thick slices
- 6 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, divided
- 1 tablespoon white wine vinegar or red wine vinegar
- Cooking spray
- 9 no-boil lasagna noodles (such as Barilla), divided
- 2 ounces whole-grain bread, torn into pieces
- 2 ounces Parmigiano-Reggiano cheese, grated (1/2 cup)

How to Make It

Preheat oven to 375°F. Stir together ricotta, eggs, 1/4 cup basil, 2 teaspoons garlic, 1/4 teaspoon salt, and 1/4 teaspoon pepper.

Remove and discard seeds from one-third of the tomato slices. (If tomatoes are particularly seedy or juicy, remove seeds from one-half of the tomatoes.) Combine all tomato slices, 1/4 cup oil, vinegar, remaining 2 teaspoons garlic, remaining 1 teaspoon salt, and remaining 1/2 teaspoon pepper in a large bowl; toss gently to combine.

Coat a 13- x 9-inch glass or ceramic baking dish with cooking spray. Arrange one-third of the tomato slices in a single layer on bottom of baking dish; top with 3 lasagna noodles. Spread ricotta mixture evenly over noodles; top with 3 lasagna noodles. Arrange one-third of the tomato slices in a single layer over noodles, and top with remaining 3 noodles.

Arrange remaining tomatoes over top, shingling if necessary. Pour any tomato juices from bowl evenly over lasagna. Cover baking dish with foil, and bake at 375°F for 15 minutes.

Meanwhile, place bread in a food processor; pulse until coarse crumbs form, 4 to 5 times. Heat remaining 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium. Add breadcrumbs; cook, stirring often, until toasted, 3 to 4 minutes. Transfer to a medium bowl; cool 5 minutes. Add cheese and remaining 1/4 cup basil; toss.

Remove lasagna from oven; remove foil. Sprinkle breadcrumb mixture over lasagna. Return dish to oven; bake at 375°F until top is browned, about 10 minutes.



"...A merry heart doeth good like medicine..."

HOW YOU LOOK

**TRYING TO HIDE
SIN FROM GOD**

So today, in church,
a guy in a dress tried to drown me

And, I kid you not,
my family just stood there
taking pictures!

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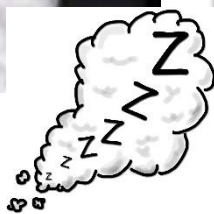
**OK DEVIL I DON'T NEED YOUR
DISTRACTION TODAY....**

**A "PAWS" For
Prayer**



Daniel slept in a lions den
Peter slept in a prison
Jesus slept in a storm

No matter your circumstance, you
can take a nap.



ACTIVITY PAGE

The Beatitudes ~Matthew 5:3-10



1. _____ are the merciful:
2. Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the _____ of God.
3. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be _____.
4. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the _____.
5. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be _____.
6. Blessed are the pure in _____: for they shall see God.
7. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of _____.
8. Blessed are they which do _____ and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.
9. Blessed are the meek: for they shall _____ the earth.
10. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the _____ of heaven.
11. Blessed are the _____: for they shall inherit the earth.
12. Blessed are the _____: for they shall obtain mercy.
13. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain _____.
14. Blessed are they that _____: for they shall be comforted.
15. Blessed are the _____: for they shall be called the children of God.
16. Blessed are the _____ in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
17. Blessed are the _____ in heart: for they shall see God.
18. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after _____: for they shall be filled.
19. Blessed are the poor in _____: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
20. Blessed are they which do hunger and _____ after righteousness: for they shall be filled.