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Church of Christ Northwest
Where Friends Learn
to Live Like Jesus

May 26, 2019



Sunday
9:30 AM
Bible Study
(all ages)

Worship Services
Sunday
10:30 AM

3:00 PM
@ Galena Park

Tuesday Morning
Men's Bible Study
@ Kennedy's
7:30 AM

Wednesday
Morning
Galena Park
Adult Bible Study
10-11:30 AM
David Spillman
Revelation

Wednesday
Evening:

Small Group
Bible Studies
@ 6:30 PM

◆ Campbell's:
T/B/D

◆ Kennedy's:
Meeting @
the Meyers'
Study Topic:
Hell

Men and women
of the Armed Forces
willingly put their lives on the line
for their country.



Let us never forget
that or them!

Our Vision...

is to glorify and honor our Lord and God with our lives, by bringing people to Christ and membership in His family and by helping to develop Christ-like maturity in each member, equipping them for service in the church and in the world.

Special
Ministry
Food
Pantry

Next Date:
June 11th
12:30-1:30 PM

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“Greater love has no one than this:
to lay down one's life for one's friends.”
John 15:13

MISSION MILESTONES



This year Marcie and Ellery Gardner, Riley Windell, Ann and Bryan Reeves, Jamie Householter, and Don Wilton traveled to Nicaragua as missionaries. They left on Wednesday, 5/22/19 and Lord willing will return on Sunday, 6/2/19. This was Marcie, Jamie and Don's first trip to Nicaragua. Let us all pray for the mission and the missionaries!

You Must and Will Disappoint Someone Learning to Say No by Faith

Article by Ann Swindell

Article published at: <http://www.desiringgod.org/topics/with-articles>

Our family had moved across the country for my husband to take a pastoral position, and I had thrown myself into commitments and opportunities. I was the new pastor's wife, and I felt a responsibility to go to the Bible studies and meetings and social gatherings. This is what others expected of me, I assumed. I needed to say yes.

But in my zeal to fit in and make new friends and fulfill the unspoken roles of a pastor's wife, I had made a glaring mistake: I had made many choices based out of fear, rather than by faith. I worried that if I didn't agree to everything, I would miss out on making friends, disappoint congregants, and fail to live up to people's expectations. So, I signed up for the Bible study, agreed to the dinner party, said yes to helping in the nursery.

The fear of missing out had driven me to agree to way too many commitments. I found myself ill-tempered and anxious. While everything I had said yes to was a good thing in and of itself, I was learning quickly that it wasn't all good for me *in this season*. My husband and children felt the consequences of my stress. I felt the constant strain on my body. Why? Because I was afraid to say no.

When We Let Fear Drive Us

Whenever fear drives our choices, we need to acknowledge this as a red flag that we are not walking in step with the Spirit. In John 14, Jesus speaks these profound words to his disciples: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid" ([John 14:27](#)).

When Jesus offers these words to his disciples, he alone knows that they are about to be faced with the most intense choice of their lives. The cross is ahead, and they will have to choose between aligning themselves with Jesus as he is wrongly accused and murdered or aligning themselves with the religious leaders and the mob.

We know how the story goes. Every one of them abandons Jesus. They give in to their fear of the Pharisees and the mob, and when Jesus is arrested, they flee. Peter goes so far as to verbally disown Jesus, swearing that he doesn't even know the man.

Why Do We Give In?

Why did these disciples — who knew Jesus so intimately — run away from him at the first real sign of persecution? (Cont'd on column #2)

They were afraid. And fear causes us to make choices that are neither godly nor good. When we are afraid, we operate out of self-preservation and self-protection, rather than from a place of wholehearted trust in God and joy in him. We focus on pleasing people, rather than on pleasing our Lord ([John 12:43](#)). And the apostle Paul warns us, "Am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ" ([Galatians 1:10](#)).

Jesus spoke his precious words about peace to his disciples because he knew that they would be afraid — afraid of what others would think or do as their teacher was taken to trial, beaten, and brutally killed. But Christ also knew that what he had to offer them — his enduring peace — was stronger than that fear. He was asking them to trust him, rather than the fleeting and empty desires of their leaders and the mob.

How to Unhinge Fear

Jesus was asking his disciples to do something difficult, and he asks the same of us today. So, how can we practically do this? How do we unhinge our hearts from the fear that causes us to agree to things that aren't good or godly for us (either in this season, or ever)? How do we untether ourselves from people-pleasing?

1. Bathe your mind in God's words.

Jesus is clear about what it means to love and follow him: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words" ([John 14:23-24](#)). We have to know the words of Christ in order to know what it means to obey him — to keep his word. We must **start** there, immersing ourselves in the Bible so that we will be able to discern and approve what is good and pleasing to God, rather than what seems good and pleasing to us or others.

2. Focus on your eternal reward.

While it may seem temporarily beneficial to agree to doing, saying, or engaging in things here on earth for the sake of pleasing others, the truth is that other people have no ultimate power over our lives or our futures. They cannot save us, deliver us, satisfy us, or secure our eternal destiny. Christ alone can do that, and he promises to reward us eternally when we follow and obey him alone ([Matthew 25:23](#); [Revelation 2:7](#)).

3. Ask others to help you say no.

We need to ask other believers to help us make the hard and holy choice of saying no when we need to. It is difficult to say no to things when we know we will disappoint others — especially when what they are asking us to do is something inherently good. But we cannot say yes to everything all the time, and we don't want to operate out of the fear of frustrating others, rather than from the desire to please Christ. Ask your spouse, friends, and pastor to help you respond to opportunities and requests from a place of biblical wisdom and prayer, rather than from a place of fear of disappointing someone else.

What Isn't Yours to Do

Peace and fear cannot exist in the same heart at the same time. In place of the fear of letting others down, Jesus gives us more of himself. And when we seek Christ and his kingdom through his word — through an eternal perspective and alongside the saints — we can say yes to what God has called us to and no to what isn't ours to do.

Although we may temporarily disappoint others, we can move forward confidently, knowing that we are ultimately pleasing the Maker and Redeemer of our souls. He will give us his peace here on earth, alongside the promise of eternal reward and delight in him today as we follow and obey his word.

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Jill Humes Family in the loss of Jill's uncle Ernie. **Sebastien Meyers** has walking pneumonia. **Connie Carlson** is experiencing heart issues which causes difficulty in breathing. She is to undergo a stress test. **Kay Clark** (friend of Sandy Burch) diagnosed with lung cancer that has traveled to her lymph nodes. **Wally** (infant child of friend of Routh family) has C-Dif. **Margaret Thomas** — fell and hurt her head. **Connie Schiele** — fell and hurt her ankle. **Flooding Victims** throughout the USA. **Shut-Ins: Texie Ray, Eleanor Richey and Linda Cotrell.**

Our military. Christian men & women suffering with PTSD. Our nation for unity. Our president, judges & elected officials—wisdom to make Godly decisions. Our police as they struggle to do their job. Unsaved souls(you supply the names). **Those who have left the fold** and need a helping hand to find their way home. **Our college students. Our enemies. Those being persecuted** for being Christians. **Those who persecute others** — may their hearts be changed! **Our young! The families of the victims of the many school shooting** throughout our nation. **Those dealing with earthly disasters. Victims/Families of violence and terrorism. Our Bible study groups. Our volunteers** who give of their time and talents providing much needed services. **Those Traveling. Those being persecuted and killed because of their Christian faith.**

Praises/Thanksgivings/Updates: Baby Cecelia born at 28 weeks has gone home from the NICU after 106 days. Parents Molly and Troy Timmerman (family friends of the Routh's) are stationed at the Air Force Base in N. Carolina. **Betty Humes** (Rodney's grandmother) is out of the hospital and home, hoping the rains will not drive her out of her home again. She does have some additional testing following her stay at OSF. **Jim Wright** (Jill Humes' father) is home from the hospital. He had stents put in and heart is doing well. His kidney disease is at stage 4.

I know that the Lord is always on the side of the right; but it is my constant anxiety and prayer that I and this nation may be on the Lord's side.
—Abraham Lincoln



The clouds covered the sky,
The winds blew and the rains came.
The thunder roared with crashing sound,
Sleep eluded me.
But at the break of dawn out came the sun,
Along with the smell of a clean earth.
Lord — ever so often, you remind us of who is in charge — thank you!

We salute the soldiers and their families of this great nation, for they sacrifice every day in countless ways!
Let us be grateful for them.



May 27th—Norma Goble
May 29th—Matthew Flowers, Keegan Gardner, Tatum Gardner & Kavione McCall
May 31st—Susan Moreland
June 1st—Kyle Eisenbarth

Jerry & Deb Bane	Members	Health
Mark Buettner	Friend of B. Meyers	Pancreatic Cancer
Carrie's 8-yr old son	Friend of C. Schiele	Terminal Illness
Cecelia	Infant — Rouths friends	Dead bowels
Frankie	Meyers' Acquaintance	Needs Marrow Transplant
Harold Clark	Cindy DeVore's brother	COPD/Lung Cancer
LaDonna Clark	Cindy DeVore's sister	Cancer in her brain
Linda Cotrell	Member	Lung/Breathing Issues
Shirley Darnell	Former Member	Eye Problems
Marsha David	Jeff Goble's Aunt	Cancer
Scott Eisenbarth	Kyle's brother	Liver/Lung Cancer
Pat Haines	Member	Lupus
Matthew Doty Horne	Nephew-Grant & Burton	Addiction/Depression
Carol Humes	R. Humes' Mother	Recovering
LaDonna Clark Hunter	Cindy DeVore's sister	Lymph/Lung Cancer
Barb Juers	Member	Job Hunting
Walt Koch	Member	Parkinson's
Gene Muehring	Member	Cancer — recovering
Ray Muehring	Gene's Brother	Prostate & Bone Cancer
Lynn Molleck	Friend of N. Goble	Stage 4 Cancer
Ronnie Polston	Brother of L. Cotrell	Cancer Surgery
Judy Powell	Cindy DeVore's cousin	Cancer
Rachel	K. Juers' Co-Worker	Baby born w/tumor
Becky Sharp	Spillman Cousin-I-L	Brain Tumor
Carol Sunkin	Member	Shoulder/Back
Margaret Thomas	Galena Park Resident	Signs of COPD
Trish Veytia	Member	Depression
Diane Yaeger	Friend of Meyers'	Cancer

HEARTS ON FIRE Calendar



- May 26th: NO YOUTH GROUP DUE TO MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND!
- June 2nd: Fondulac (3:30-6 PM)
- June 2nd—9th: Camp—Senior Week
- June 9th: Pantry Set-Up (2-4 PM)
- June 9th—12th: Camp—Junior Week
- June 16th: Singing Night (4:30-7 PM)
- June 23rd: Devo/Game Night (4-7 PM)
- June 24th—27th: VBS (6-8:15 PM)



SAVE THESE DATES !!

VBS Work Dates are: June 1st (9 AM-2 PM) and June 15th (9AM-until we are finished). **VBS is the evenings of June 24th — 27th. BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



May 30th
Jim & Jennifer Thompson

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASSES

ADULTS—AUDITORIUM

A study of the book of James

Facilitators: Aaron Campbell & Terry Hargrove

ADULTS—Fellowship Hall

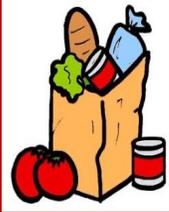
Being A Healthy Family & Raising Godly Children

Rick & Meg Hipp, Facilitators

Hearts on Fire Sunday School Classrooms

Glimmers	Birth—3	Upstairs—Room 7
Sparks	Ages 3-Pre-K	Upstairs—Room 6
Embers	Kindergarten-Grade 2	Upstairs—Room 10
Flames	Grades 3-5	Upstairs—Room 9
Heat	Grades 6-8	Downstairs—Room 13
Blaze	Grades 9-12	Downstairs—Room 16/17

PANTRY NEWS



Tuesday, June 11th is our next service date. Please help out, if you possibly can. This is a loving act of service! In May we were a bit short-handed.

We unload the truck at 9:30 — 11 AM and begin serving at 12:30 PM.

Thanks to all who helped in May!



If each person (110 people) gave \$2.01 more each week, we would have an additional \$ 11,497 in 1 year; that is \$ 7,869 more than 1 week's budget and \$43 more than our current shortfall. \$2.01 per week for 52 weeks totals \$ 104.52. Let us give as we prosper, for we live in a prosperous country, thanks to the Lord!

Giving Changes Everything!

STATISTICALLY SPEAKING

		Last Wk.	Year-to-Date
2019 Budget	\$	4,800	\$ 94,000
2019 Contribution	\$	3,585	\$ 82,546

Date **May 19**

Bible Study Attendance 74

Worship Service Attendance 147

EEM — Funds Collected To Date (for the purchase of Bibles) \$ 21,028

Shults-Lewis Children's Home
Coins in the weekly contribution + \$10 of each Dining Tour Book!!! \$ 103.11

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Worship Leader: Alan Moreland

Children Sing: Ryan Martin

Songs: To God Be the Glory
Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
Blessed Be Your Name
Worthy is the Lamb

Communion: Rick Meyers
Ryan Stivers, Elston Rasbury, Tom Prichard, Wendelle Haines

Offering

Scripture Reading: Mark Pleasant (*Mark 9:14-29*)

Sermon: David W. Spillman
MEMORIAL DAY 2019 — REMEMBERING

Song: Mighty to Save

HOF Announcements: Ryan Martin

Shepherd's Time: Rick Hipp

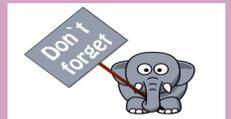
Greeter: Cheryl Quine

Facilitator: Mike Quine

Nursery Attendant: Moneth Punzel

Communion Preparation: Grants

May 27th— Memorial Day Observed — Office Closed
June 2—8th — Senior Camp
June 9 —12th — Junior High Camp
June 9th—We Are One Luncheon (after service)
June 11th — Pantry (12:30-1:30 PM)
June 15th — PIP (Partners in Projects) (8:30 AM—?)
June 16th — Father's Day
June 18th — Local Homeowner's Association is using the auditorium (4-8 PM)



Elders

Rick Hipp

Dean Kennedy

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Terry Hargrove
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(MWF)

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See something that needs to be fixed — Please report it to the office.

Thank you to **Tom Flanagan** and others for taking such good care of the building!

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Challenge: Pray daily for our entire church family (by name)!