



T H E G R A P E V I N E

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Desire

Goals, we talked about them last month and our first one that we want to look at for CW Church is the “*Desire*” to see people come to know the Lord. In looking at Romans 10:1-11 we can see Paul’s heart and “*desire*” for Israel to be “saved.” What is “*desire*?” You might say that, “I desire that extra piece of pie.” Or “I desire to not be in isolation any longer.” Or, “I desire for the price of gas to come down.” (Don’t we all!!!)

Well, you’d be right in that use of the word. The word “*desire*” in Scripture (eudokia) means; longing, willing, yearning, craving. So, when we talk about Paul’s “*desire*” for Israel to be saved, he craved and yearned to see the salvation of his people. If he saw their salvation, his desire would be fulfilled. Make sense?

Have you ever longed for something that it hurt? Maybe it was for that car, that job, that house, that girl, that boy, that child, that education, or that extra buck. You knew that if you had it all your problems would be solved. Life would be good. Your desire would be fulfilled. If you just had that extra piece of cake, with that extra scoop of ice cream (can’t tell I’m dieting can you). If you don’t have those things you’ll die. It just hurts too badly. “I got to have it.”

Paul’s desire for Israel to be saved was so heavy that it hurt. It was so burdensome that it hurt. Paul prayed for Israel’s salvation. They could be saved. Their rejection of Christ was not hopeless. After all the door of salvation is open to everyone, the Jew as well as the Gentile. Just because the Lord is reaching out to non-Jews, doesn’t mean that He hates the Jew. That He has written them off. That they are no good and are just as bad as the Babylonians, or the Egyptians, or the Americans.

I mean have you ever had a burden that bad? Where you lost sleep because you were praying for someone to get saved. Where you lost sleep because you were praying for a turnaround in a ministry. Where you were just so burdened for a people that you knew that all you could do was pray. You couldn’t focus on anything else. You tried everything, Tylenol PM (didn’t work), Xanax (didn’t work), talking to a therapist (didn’t work). Just getting on your knees before the Lord and praying, praying, praying, praying. That’s where Paul was.

He knew that God’s mercies were new every morning. He knew that God’s love reached beyond racial lines. He knew that God would care for everyone who wants to be saved. God wants all to be saved. That no one should be lost. After all isn’t that why Jesus came? Isn’t that why He died? Isn’t that why He shed His blood? Isn’t that why He rose again? So that everyone could know Him? So that everyone could experience His love? So that everyone could know His grace?

Paul had this burden to see the Jews saved. Paul had this burden to see the lost saved. I wonder...what burden do we have for the lost? What burden do we have for those that we know, our Israel, to see saved? Is the desire so strong that it keeps us up at night? Is it so strong that we’re burdened? How would our families change if we would have a burden for them like this? Or, have we become so complacent in our “Christian” walk that we have just let things slide on through? Have we become to “tolerant” of things?

We’ll continue down this path next month, but until then...let’s do some inventory as to where we are in praying for the lost. Let’s check to see if our goal is to see people won to the Lord and then disciplined.

God bless,

Pastor Rob

Ken and Diane Neff Home Study Group

Building Usage / Maintenance Coordinator

This has been a very busy couple of Months at the Church. We rented out the multi-purpose room and are getting the dates set for Fall Activities. If you have anyone interested in renting the facility, please have them get in touch with me at the Church office

614-878-6808; or by emailing @
buildingrental@columbuswestchurch.com

I'd like to thank all those who came out for our last Church Work Day. We were able to get a lot accomplished with just a few willing souls.

Volunteers: I'd like to thank Bud McKinney and Pastor Rob who have been mowing the grass this summer. If you would be willing to assist, I know they would be happy to instruct and add you to the mowing personnel. Many hands make lighter work!!!

I know we schedule "Work Days" at the Church from time to time, but if you are ever "Needing" something extra to do, there are ALWAYS jobs at the church that need attended to. Please get into contact with me with any interest or suggestions.

In His Service,
Dawn E Watts

Dianne and I invited several of our friends to a recurring Gathering of Disciples of Jesus Christ. What does it look like? Jesus will be there (i.e. "wherever 2 or 3 are gathered in my name...") in those who attend, through the Spirit, and through The Word. It will be a BYO ("Bring Your Own"). Bring your own food (to share). Bring a story, a verse, a word, a song, a praise, an "Ah Ha", an "Oh My", an "Uh Oh", (you get the idea) ... to share. It is pretty informal (dress and structure). Our friends are free to bring others with them (family and friends). What are the expectations? That we honor God. That we help each other become better disciples. That we take away something we can replicate with another group of people (i.e. multiply).

Where and when do we meet? It depends on how many are interested and who shows up. My preference is in someone's back yard or patio. It doesn't have to be the same place every time. No more than twice a month but maybe just monthly.

We have about 7 folks who expressed interest. Our first meeting is June 23. It appears we will be meeting in a couple different ways. One, as a group. Second, in one on ones in order to accommodate schedules. We asked for questions to talk about prior to our meeting.

Here is what we have so far...

Is there a time where you have seen God intercede/move in your life?

What does the word "worship" mean to you?

How many people would you consider intimate friends? What does that mean to you?

What are you reading?

What themes, messages, topics are being repeated over and over in your life?

It is all about our "Gather Of Disciples" or GOD for short. What do you think?

To find our more or attend, send me a note...
ken@kenneff.com or contact us through the CWC Office.

Ministry Opportunities

01

Daily Noon Prayer on

FaceBook: Here at CW Church we are dedicated to pray for each other and spend time with the Lord. We would love for each of you to join us each day on the church FB page at noon for prayer and worship. If you have a prayer request or a praise, leave it as a comment on FB and we'll include it with prayer.

03

All Music Service: The Praise Team has been working hard on some new music for an "All Praise and Worship" service. Each quarter we've had some awesome praise services led by the Praise Team. Join us August 29th for some great music and a great worship. Join us in person and also live on FaceBook.

02

Wednesday Table Talk: Pastor Watts and Richard Neff have been leading us through some awesome Table Talks. Right now we're talking about Exodus and Holiness. Of course each Wednesday we get a great history of a hymn and hymn writer. Join us each Wednesday on FaceBook at 7 p.m. for a great discussion "Around the Table."

04

Home Church: We currently have two exciting Home Church groups for everyone to join. These groups are discussing the same Scripture that Pastor Rob preaches on Sunday. Pastor Watts meets at Eagle's Nest (his house) on Friday evening. Dinner is included. Ken Neff meets at his house once a month. Attending one of these groups is a great way to grow in your relationship with others as well as with the Lord. If you'd like more information, contact the church office.

R A L P H A N D K A R E N W A T T S

H O M E S T U D Y G R O U P

We have been having a wonderful time of fellowship and growing together in our relationship with the Lord, and with each other on Friday nights. We meet together at 6:00 and have a great time sharing around the table as we partake of the meal that has been prepared for us. Sometimes we just share about what has been happening in our lives the past week. Other times, someone has a deep question that they expect Pastor Watts to answer, which sparks great discussion as he avoids giving a succinct answer. At the beginning of the meal, we observe the traditional opening of the Jewish Sabbath which is being celebrated in Jewish homes around the world, which also has great, deep meaning for the individual who has a personal relationship with Jesus.

Following the meal, we gather in the living room for a special time of sharing and prayer followed by a discussion of the Scripture that was a part of the message the past Sunday. We also share the Scripture that may be used in the message the coming Sunday. This is usually a wonderful time of sharing the Word with lively discussion from everyone. While Pastor Watts starts off the discussion with sharing the Scriptural reference, there have been times in the discussions when he has hardly shared another word until he says, "Amen!" indicating the evening is finished, around 8. We usually have between 10 and 15 in attendance. We have been joined by 2 individuals who do not attend CW Church as well, hoping there will be more in the weeks ahead.

Breakfast Babes and Bobbies

We have had a year of hibernation from Breakfast Babes - I'm ready to start back up How About You???

We will start back up on July 20th 2021 at 9:00. We will be meeting at the Bob Evans on West Broad Street next to 270 in front of the old Westland Mall.

We will be meeting the 3rd Tuesday of each month at this same location; and the same time. Men, Women, and children are all invited, along with any friends that you might want to tag along.

Cost is always on your own.

I am kinda the leader of this group so if you have any questions, please direct them to me. As always Pastor Rob is my advisor so complaints can go through him. Hope to see you all there in July.

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