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THE GRAPEVINE

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

James 1: 17

Ladies Bible Study

Come join us for bible study at Karen Watts' house Thursdays at 10:00 aM. We are studying the book of Romans. We have just gotten started, so you will just be getting in on the beginning of our study! Hope to see YOU there.

Trick or Treat on Inah

October 28th 6-8 pm

Sign Up to participate in the Trunk or Treat at the Church or by contacting the Church Office

614-878-6806

Lake Hope Family Retreat

Things didn't work out the way I had planned which I find happens more often than not. At the Last minute my family couldn't come. I was ready to give up on going. Pastor Rob and Dawn were persistent in persuading me to go regardless. I'm so glad I did. I had a wonderful, relaxing weekend with my church family; making new friends and growing closer to Jesus. My new sister in Christ, Carol Eller, and I shared a cabin.

Friday night our group sat around the campfire sharing stories, jokes, silly songs, and s'mores. It was great watching the children's glowing faces and listening to all the laughter. We didn't hear one siren, fireworks, or other sounds of the city. The stars were breathtaking.

My mornings were spent on the screened in porch with my bible and a cup of coffee, watching the sunrise and listening to the forest waking up.

Saturday, mid- morning we all met at the big shelter house for Pastor's Rob's conference. Dawn took the children for a learning hike. We looked at two different topics. "A Heart That Seeks After God". We went over all the compound names of God, such as Jehovah Jireh – God who provides. We discussed application to our lives, and prayer, meditating and memorizing scripture. The second topic was "A Clear Conscience." We discussed forgiveness and steps to obtain a clear conscience. After the conference we had a wonderful lunch. Three crock pots of different soups, salads, and more. Pastor Rob presented a challenge to memorize Psalms 3. The family that memorized the whole Chapter by Sunday won a prize.

Saturday afternoon was a time for families to spend together enjoying the lake and trails. We all met back at the shelter house for an amazing dinner. Pastor Rob and Dawn grilled pork steaks and corn on the cob, plus many sides and sweets. After the sun went down, we watched a classic movie. Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis. We had popcorn and good laughs.

Sunday service was great! Music and praise! Pastor Rob finished up the conference, and we had our memory challenge. Carol Eller and Andrew Watts did a great job, but the kids were absolutely amazing! It brought tears to my eyes, the way they recited the entire chapter in unison. Afterwards we ate brunch. Dawn cooked for everyone! It was so yummy!

Carol and I spent the afternoon finishing up a jig-saw puzzle. We had another campfire Sunday evening to finish off the weekend. It was a very restful, relaxing spiritual recharge. I'm already looking forward to next year. Gotta get a better squirt gun!! See you next year Pastor Rob!

By Ellen Cook



Cautiousness...is realizing that my greatest ability is also

the point of my greatest vulnerability.

When one ruler conquered the world, he praised the gods of gold and silver. The man who conquered this foolish king displayed much greater wisdom. He praised the God of heaven and earth who had predicted his rise to power one hundred and fifty years earlier.

Who was this discerning conqueror who understood that a person's greatest ability is also the point of his greatest vulnerability?

The prudent king pondered over the wrinkled military plans with great interest. The secret blueprints revealed the impregnable design of the mightiest city in the ancient world.

Massive stone walls rose up behind a broad moat that encircled the entire city. The towering parapets that overlooked the fertile valley were able to support patrols of chariots drawn by four horses. Surprisingly, this seemingly impenetrable stone barrier was not the city's greatest strength.

The king's clever general carefully traced the key to his invasion plans with the finger of his war-calloused hand. A victorious smile lit up the confident countenance of the old soldier as he pointed to the river that ran beneath the city gates.

He carefully explained to his sovereign that the city's greatest strength, an unlimited source of water, would provide the necessary point of vulnerability for his invading forces.

As the general's well-disciplined troops neared the ancient stronghold, entire divisions of enemy soldiers surrendered without a fight.

While plans of conquest slowly unfolded outside the walls, the arrogant ruler of the city sponsored a lavish feast to honor his own glorious achievements.

As the drunken king raised a golden goblet to wish himself long life and continued success, foreign soldiers were cleverly diverting the river and providing an underground access for their assault force.

That very night the city fell. The foreign monarch received a liberator's welcome. His spirit of understanding and generous treatment of his new subjects strengthened and unified the kingdom.

Unlike the emperor he had defeated, the wise new ruler recognized that God had given him the victory. With a spirit of gratefulness, he allowed the Jewish exiles to return to Jerusalem and rebuild their temple. In return, he requested daily prayer for himself and his sons.

One hundred and fifty years earlier Isaiah had prophesied that this conqueror would one day rule the world and rebuild God's temple.

Thus, with God's help, King Cyrus perceived that Babylon's greatest vulnerability could be found within its greatest strength. With this important insight, he conquered the city without a battle.

From Daniel 5, Isaiah 44:28, Ezra 1:1-2, and the historical accounts of Herodotus and Xenophon.

01

Join us Friday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. for the Community Thanksgiving Dinner. Everyone is invited for this awesome evening. All the Home Churches are going to be in attendance sharing God's blessings. So, sign up, bring a dish, invite a friend and join us for a great evening of eating, fellowship, and worship.

03

Since the beginning of Covid, our Praise Team has worked hard to bring special music once a quarter to lead in Praise and Worship Services. They have been very powerful times of worship. The next worship service is going to be a great way to celebrate Christmas. This special service is going to be Sunday Morning, December 19th. Make plans now to attend, check us out on Facebook, and let's celebrate the Christmas together.

02

An open invitation is extended to any and all who would like to join a Home Church.

*Eagle's Nest Group on Friday's at 6:30 pm

*Taste and See Group on Thursday's at 6:30 pm.

*Ken Neff Group

*Youth Home Church on Wednesday evenings on Zoom at 6:30 pm.

If you'd like more information about any of these, contact the church office at 614-878-6808

04

Join us each Wednesday at 7 pm. for Table Talk with Pastor Watts and Richard Neff. It is on Facebook Livestream, or come in person. Right now we're working through the book of Leviticus having a great discussion on the make up of the blood. We also share prayer requests and praises, if you have any that you'd like to share with us, please feel free to contact the CW church office, 614-878-6808 or leave a note on Facebook or on daily Noontime Prayer.

Our Righteousness

Goal 1. We've been talking about our goals of our congregation. The first is to share the Love of Christ with all that we come in contact with. In order to do that we have to be Holy as God is holy, which is what we talked about last month.

This month, I'd like to move on to our next point Israel started establishing their own way of righteousness. Not much different than what we see today. People want to make themselves acceptable to God. So, Israel, like ourselves, came up with rituals, ceremonies, laws, works. They sought to save themselves by being as religious as they could. They drew up every rule. They drew up every rule they could. They drew up every regulation they could. They did this to make themselves religiously good and acceptable. They worked and worked to follow the rules and regulations. They sought to build their own way, their own route to God.

I know people like this. If I give enough. If I work hard enough. If I'm good enough. If I attend enough worship services. If I go to enough Bible studies. If I witness enough. If I volunteer enough. If i.... You see being acceptable to God has nothing to do with the "If I's," it has to do with "Lord I." Lord I come humbly bowing. Lord it's me. It's me coming in need of grace. It's me coming in need of mercy. It's me coming in need of forgiveness. It's me, it's me, it's me oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer. Not my mother, not my father, but it's me oh Lord, standing in the need of prayer.

Israel also refused to submit themselves to the righteousness of God. They refused to accept Jesus. Who is God's righteousness? There are some even today who refuse to accept Jesus as God's righteousness. Listen, zeal and sincerity are wonderful to have in the church. They are wonderful traits to have as individuals. I wish more people had those traits. It seems that we live in a society of "give me." "I want to be served and if you don't serve me right...I'll go somewhere else where the service is better." We need the zeal and sincerity in the church today. The zeal to get into the Word. The zeal to Hunger and Thirst after righteousness. The zeal for prayer. The zeal for worship. The Zeal to share the Love of God with our community. The Zeal to give to a dying world. The Zeal, the drive to share something that brings life.

We have life in our hands. We have the answer. We have the cure. We have the cure to depression. We have the cure to anxiety. We have the cure to oppression. We have the cure to suicide. We have the cure to all illness. We have the cure to what ails our world today. Let me share with you as I close this article what that cure is, that cure is Jesus Christ. That cure is a relationship with Jesus Christ. Will you this day put your hope and trust in Him? Only then can you have the Zeal and desire to share the Love of God with others.

Have a great month and month and see you next time. Keep trusting and leaning into the Lord. He will carry you through all things.

Pastor Rob