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Morning Worship: 10:45 AM
Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Bible Adventure: 10:45 AM

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Gary Etter
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"My words will not pass away."

LUKE 21:33, NRSV

WORSHIP LEADER:
Greg Goodner—Aug. 25

GREETER:
Marilyn Foskuhl—Aug.

DANGER: Christians Drifting Off Course

(Heb. 2:1-9)

Aretta Loving, Wycliffe missionary, was washing her breakfast dishes when she saw Jimmy, the five-year-old neighbor, headed straight toward the back porch. She had just finished painting the back-porch handrails, and she was proud of her work.

Come around to the front door, Jimmy, she shouted. There's wet paint on the porch rails.

I'll be careful, Jimmy replied, not turning from his path.

No, Jimmy! Don't come up the steps, Aretta shouted, knowing of Jimmy's tendency to mess things up.

I'll be careful, he said again, by now dangerously close to the steps.

Jimmy stop! Aretta shouted: I don't want carefulness. I want obedience! As the words burst from her mouth, she suddenly remembered Samuel's response to King Saul: To obey is better than sacrifice.

How would Jimmy respond? Aretta wondered. To her relief, he shouted back, *All right, Loving. I'll go around to the front door.* He was the only one who called her by her last name like that, and it had endeared him to her from the beginning. As he turned around the house, Aretta thought to herself; *How often am I like Saul or like Jimmy, wanting to go my own way? I rationalize, I'll be careful, Lord, as I proceed with my own plans.*

But He doesn't want carefulness. He wants obedience.

For most of us the threat of life is not so much that we should plunge into disaster, but that we should drift into sin. There are few people who deliberately and in a moment turn their backs on God: there are many who day by day drift farther and farther away from Him.

First of all, *what are we to do?* We are to tie ourselves firmly to truths we have heard. The Word of Truth which is given to us through the Holy Spirit must become a part of our thinking and way of life. It is a necessity rather than an obligation. The writer of Hebrews fears that his readers are drifting away from the gospel. This comes from a word that means "*being swept along past the sure anchorage which is within reach.*"

You may never turn your back on God, but there is always the danger of drifting in to sin. As we slip from God, we delude ourselves by thinking there is very little danger. Familiarity with sin is dangerous. When a believer drifts away from the Lord, his usefulness will be lost and his life may be wrecked. What happened to those who disobeyed God's Word spoken through angels? They were punished. Jesus Christ is greater than the angels.

In the second place, *how can we escape if we pay no attention to such a great salvation?* Jesus was God's full revelation and He is the source of this new and superior revelation. You can pity a person who is imprisoned and has no chance of release, but a person has only himself to blame if he is offered his freedom and refuses to take it. We have the word of Christ that He has opened the Way for us the escape.

If we do not follow close to Christ, we will start drifting further and further away. Most Christians will shrink back from bad temptations. Small temptations or day-by-day drifting causes many Christians to go away from God. Satan does not mind our

Attendance - Aug.11, 18 '13

8:45 — 31, 30

10:45 — 82, 69

Sunday school — 22, 19

Offering—operating income

(Monthly budget need is \$14,958)

	Income rec'd	+/- Amt.
Dec. '12	\$13,272	-1,686
Jan. '13	\$10,411.91	-4,547
Feb. '13	\$10,323	-4,635
Mar. '13	\$14,314	-644
Apr. '13	\$8,745	-6,212
May '13	\$10,436	-4,522
June '13	\$10,768	-4,190
July '13	\$11,204	-3,754

Happy Birthday

Bethanne Bleeke—Aug. 26

Allen Dicks—Aug. 26

Landon Dull—Aug. 26

Ron Lyttle—Aug. 26

Conner Elliott—Sept. 1

Joan Gastineau—Sept. 5

Marcella Miller—Sept. 5

Norah Stiles—Sept. 5



In Our Prayers

Doris Alexander

Russell Berk

Ginny Breckler

Jim Coleman

Norm Conn

Larry Earwood

John George

Sharon Gilmore

Kevin Bader

Glenda Boddie

Nolan Butts

Michelle Conn

Ceci (Cobb) Cole

Margaret Foster

Jamie Geswein

Ken Hambrick

Bill Hine

Dustin Knowlton

Barb LeBlanc

Bob McCray

Marcella Miller

Karolina O'Donnell

Cindy Romano

Deb Richey

Beverly Smith

David Stockton

Paul Stutz

Gina Van Camp

Pat White

Cathy Winn

Don Keltner

Onu Kolossova

Kelly McRonney

Lauren McClure

Hilda Mobley

John Parnell

Calire Riccos

Tom Scheit

Diana Smith

Wayne Stolich

Gloria Van Camp

Evelyn Wheeler

Mary Willett

As prayers are answered—please let the church office know, so we may give God thanks with you.

Those in Nursing Care

Mary Lou Chaney – Bethany Vlg.

Margaret Cobb – Walnut Creek

Margaret Dill – Masonic Home

Doris Greenwood—Grand Court

Ginny Hambrick—Walnut Creek

Vern Hine—St. Leonards Center

Lottie Jaeger – The Oaks, West Kett

Lena Patterson – Liberty Woods

Vera Westfall—Elm Croft, Washington Tnsp

Military

Ian Bader - USA, (Brown's grandson)

Kirby Brooks— USA (A Brooks son)

Scott Certain –Afganistan (Jay's son-in-law)

Michael Mantia— USA

Nathaniel Nicholas—USA

Brian Nicholas—USA (Nicholas family sons)

Adam Reeves—USA (Edna's grandson)

Sam Rogers— USA (Jen Roger's son)

Casey Ryan - USA (Weyrauch son-in-law)

THANK YOU ALL

It is truly a blessing to have this caring church family. Thank you for the cards and prayers that sustain me. I deeply feel the prayers that surround me, and am grateful.

The process of treatment and recovery continue—but is moving forward in baby steps. I look forward to the day when I can be with you all again. - Barb LeBlanc

BRAIN TEASER HELPFUL CLUES!

If you look in the following places you will find the answer to the brain teaser in the last Chimes. So far one person has gotten the right answer. The clues follow:

What is one word and five letters that only appeared in the King James Version four times. Adam, God made out of dust but thought it best to make me first, so I was made before man to answer God's most holy plan. A living being I became and Adam gave to me my name. I from his presence then withdrew and more of Adam never knew. I did my Maker's law obey nor ever went from it astray. Thousands of miles I go in fear but seldom on earth appear. Hint: For purpose wise which God did see, He put a living soul in me. A soul from me God did claim. And took from me the soul again. Hint: And when from me the soul had fled, I was the same as when first made. And without hands, or feet, or soul, I travel on from pole to pole. I labor hard by day, by night. To fallen men I gave great light. Thousands of people, young and old will by my death great light behold. No right or wrong can I conceive. The scripture I cannot believe, although my name therein if found. They are to me an empty sound. No fear of death doth trouble me, real happiness I will never see. To heave I shall never go or to hell below. Now when thee lines you slowly read, go search your Bible with all speed; for that my name is written there, I do honestly to you declare. **CLUES: Gen 1:21; Job 7:12; Ezek 32:2; Matt 12:40**

1953 was an interesting year:

The first General Motors Chevrolet Corvette went on sale. Cigarette Smoking was first reported as causing Lung Cancer. The first color television sets went on sale for more than \$1,500 New York City installed three color traffic lights --- Red, Amber and Green.

April 3, 1953, saw the very first TV Guide published with Lucille Ball and Desi Arnaz Jr. on the cover. While the inventions of 1953 were historic nothing transformed the American life style and perspective like the TV Guide.

The following poem by an unknown author says it better than I ever could:

They lie on the table side by side
The Holy Bible and the TV guide.
One is well worn and cherished with pride,
Not the Bible --- but the TV guide.

One is used daily to help folks decide,
No, not the Bible --- but the TV guide.
As the pages are turned, what shall they see,
Oh, what does it matter, just turn on the TV.

Then confusion reigns, they can't all agree,
On what they should watch on the bold TV.
So they open the book in which they confide,
No, not the Bible --- but the TV guide.

The Word of God is seldom read,
Maybe a verse as they fall into bed.
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be,
Not from reading the Bible --- but watching TV.

So then back to the table side by side,
Lie the Holy Bible and the TV guide.
No time for prayer, no time for the Word,
The plan of Salvation is seldom heard.

Forgiveness of sin, so full and so free,
is found in the Bible . But not on TV.

Scripture: Matthew 22:29

Jesus replied, "Your mistake is that you don't know the Scriptures, and you don't know the power of God" NLT

Prayer: Father help me to turn off the TV and turn on to your Holy Bible. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

believing, so long as he can convince us that we need not take our beliefs seriously. He does not mind our praying if our prayer can be kept meaningless. How shall we escape if we neglect so great a Salvation? There is no escape from the consequences of neglect!

Last of all, *who is able to keep us from drifting?* Only Christ can keep us from drifting. However, we must believe and obey His Word. Man was made in God's image but man marred that image by sin. Man falls far short of the glory of God intended for him. Man should be free but he is bound by sin. We do not see man triumphant but we do see Jesus. Death has defeated man, but Jesus has conquered death. Jesus appeared lower than the angels by His death (angels are exempt from death). He suffered death, but He is crowned with honor. He suffered and died to make man what he ought to be. The scars of Jesus are the signs of His love. The cross is our symbol of hope and our sign of victory.

A famous children's specialist once said, *When it comes to a serious illness, the child who has been taught to obey stands a four times better chance of recovery than the child who is spoiled and undisciplined.*

Just as a child's obedience or disobedience may determine whether he will recover from an illness, so our attitude in this respect as children of God determines our spiritual health. God says, *this is love: that we walk after His commandments.* If we expect to be blessed by Him, we must obey Him and show forth His love to everyone.

If you are not obedient to Christ, you are already drifting off course. The Word of God is within reach; do not let

Satan cause you to drift on by.

May God help you to commit your life to Christ today.

(Frank Sparkman, pg. 19, PULPIT DIGEST, No. 11, Volume 15, August 1990)

Shalom, Dr. B.



September 8th, 2013

A special worship service is being planned for the 10:45 Service and we hope you will invite everyone you know to come and join with us that morning. It will be fun and uplifting and enjoyable for all age levels as we hear God's message in a little different form. The youngest to the oldest should enjoy the message of the Gospel as it is presented to us that morning. More info will be forthcoming hopefully by this Sunday morning. Stay Tuned!!!!



LaComedia Dinner Theatre

The WINGS ladies are organizing an evening out to dinner & theatre, for the fall. If interested in attending, please sign up on the WINGS bulletin board and indicate what date would be best for you.

The program is "The Church Basement Ladies" and they do a comedy show around the church theme. Those who know of them, say the evening is full of laughs and good hymn singing. We will have a group rate price if we have 20 or more attend.

Fall Sunday School Schedule

The Fall schedule will resume on Sunday, Sept. 15, 2013.
 9:30 AM—Confirmation class
 - lead by Dave Roalef
 9:30 AM—High School/College
 - lead by Bob Colvin
 9:30 AM—Adult Bible class
 - lead by Frank Taylor
 9:30 AM—Adult Contemporary
 - lead by Laura Von Holle
 10:45 AM—Bible Adventure
 (during worship continues for all 4yr. Olds to 5th graders)
 10:45 AM—Nursery (babies to 3yrs)

**Chimes Article Deadlines are:
 Sept. 3 & 16 & 30**

Church T-Shirt Sale

The Membership/Fellowship Committee has green-Greenmont-Oak Park Church T-shirts for sale, at a cost of \$8.00. They will also be giving a free T-shirt to our new members. If you would like to purchase a new T-shirt contact Marilyn Foskuhl 426-9280 or Cheryl Barnett. 429-



6 Month Giving Statements Ready
 Please pick up your 6 month giving statements, located on the table at the back of the sanctuary. We thank you for helping us save on the postage.

Search Committee Update

We are currently meeting 4-6 times a month reviewing ministerial profiles, and we have begun the process of interviewing some Pastor's . We continue to move forward with the process .

Please keep our Search Committee in your prayers and thank you for your support! We believe God has wonderful & exciting plans for us in growing His church!



Congratulations to the Newest Grandparents At GOPCUCC

August 7, 2013 was a busy day for the growth of our Church extended family, two new arrivals happened.

Brooks Cox was born to Jessica & Tony Cox, and proud grandparents, Bob & Bernice Colvin. The young family are all doing well. Your GOPCUCC family share in your joy. (we've seen wonderful photos from grandpa Bob)

Lauren Sink was born to Adam & Sherry Sink, and proud grandma—Connie Sink and Uncle Eric Sink. This new family is also doing well. Your GOPCUCC family share in your joy. (Connie shared beautiful photos)

This is a year of first time grandparenting for many church members. We are expecting three more precious births before the end of the year.



Capital Improvement Project:

WOW what a rousing success, we asked for \$26,000 and we have reached and surpassed our goal!

This summer the north parking lot has been repaved and restriped. We have created 3 additional handicap spaces.

By the time you receive this, the south part of lot will have been sealed and restriped.

This part of the lot has a diagonal speed bump to control water flow. Please take care.

We have and will continue to solicit bids for a new digital sign, so far all are out of our range of affordability.

We the Finance & Trustee committees hope you are pleased with our use of your funds.

Gary Etter Trustee



56 School Kits Handed Out!

We thank everyone who donated to the school supply collection. We handed out 56 school kits to pantry families, and took the remaining supplies to the Greenmont Elementary school so they could help more children. - Connie Sink

Help Needed

I finally have an effective date for my move to Georgia (8/25/13). Therefore, I am humbly requesting someone to step up and complete my term as Official Board secretary. Time commitments is minimal—one hour board meeting and 15 minutes to type up the notes (see sample on bulletin board outside the office).

Please prayerfully consider this small but important role in our church.

-Thanks ! Jacque Fisher

Meet our Newest Child Fund Sponsored Child

Thirteen year old Ayanna Burrell, lives in Mississippi with her grandmother, mother and two sisters. She is an active, helpful and curious girl. She likes to draw, color, swim and play ball. Ayaana's favorite subject in school is art. She wants to be an artists when she grows up.

Her favorite foods are pizza and French fries. Ayanna is helpful at home, keeping her room clean, washes dishes, and helps to keep the bathroom clean.

Ayanna's birthday is February 9th.

(If anyone wants to write Ayanna, please call the church office for details on corresponding.) Ayanna's photo and information is posted on the bulletin-board beside Jasmeen's.

Please add Ayanna & Jasmeen our other newly sponsored child to your prayer list. May we share Chirst's love with these Children.

