

## Words of Truth

The people of God desire and strive to honor Him above all else. We wake each morning with the call to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). We understand the need to "love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31)

It has never been popular but it has always been right to "fear the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all soul, and to keep the commandments and statutes of the LORD" (Deuteronomy 10:12,13).

The life that honors God walks within the boundaries of "doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

In spite of government atrocities throughout the New and Old Testaments, the people of God knew who the True King really was. In times of tumultuous social upheavals, the basic truth has been—and will be—to "Fear God and keep His commandments."

In the world of today, we humble ourselves in obedience to Jesus Christ, the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords. We obediently apply the words of 1 Timothy 2:1-4, "First of all that supplications, prayers, intercession, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, Godly and dignified in every way. This is good and it is pleasing in the sight of God Our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

May we always encourage one another to live the obedient, prayerful life that seeks to please the Savior and desires all people to be saved.

- Eddy Pitchford, Coahoma church of Christ, Coahoma, OK (via *Bulletin Digest*) -

### THE WORDS OF JESUS

"Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46).

The Words of Jesus are:

1. Gracious words (Luke 4:22)
2. Powerful words (Luke 4:32)
3. Astonishing words (Mark 6:2)
4. Living words (John 6:63)
5. Judging words (John 12:48)
6. Cleansing words (John 15:3)

What do the Words of Jesus mean to you?  
Have you obeyed them?

- Author Unknown -

### THE DECISION MAKER

Once there was a fellow who made decisions by opening the Bible at random and using as a guide the first verse he saw. One day, particularly plagued by a problem, he opened the Good Book and turned first to "Judas went out and hanged himself." Thinking that advice a little drastic, he shut the Bible and tried again. This time the verse that caught his attention was, "Go and do likewise." Desperate now, he tried once more and this time read, "What thou doest, do quickly."

- Author Unknown -



Christianity is not a way out — it's a way through

## News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. only and Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** The Covid-19 restrictions apply (masks & distancing).

**MEALS FOR THE WAITE FAMILY:** Schedule is for Tuesdays, and Thursdays; (**please, no meals prepared with nuts**). Sign-up sheet on the desk in the foyer.

**SYMPATHY:** To the family of **Jeanne Kinemond** (youngest daughter of Ruth Hartzell). Jeanne passed away recently at age 57 of cancer. You may contact Jeanne's son, Nick Kinemond at 1420 Benton Road, Salem, OH 44460, Phone: (330) 271-9644.

**PANTRY:** Tomato and vegetable soups.

**REQUEST FOR PRAYERS:** For Cindy Moore in California (niece of Pat Allison).

**SICK & SHUT-IN: Weirton Medical Center:** Mary Johnson (sister of Lois Hissom). **AT HOME:** Alex Harless (Send cards to: 103 Eleanor St., Mingo Junction, OH 43938), Randy Waite, Becky McKitrick, Shirley Beagle, Peggy Linger, Randy Beagle, Charlie & Barb Delong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Marlene Evans, Russell Martin, Emma Rine, Cam Adamson, Rick Beck, John McClung, Josh Morrison, 428 Burnside Rd., Canonsburg, PA 15317. **FOX:** Doris Dunham. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore (Room 210). **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

## BE HAPPY

Have you ever noticed how some always seem to be so upbeat and positive? It is not because everything is going great in their life, or that things are necessarily going better for them than everybody else. No, it is because they *choose* to be that way. They decide to look for reasons to be happy and to focus on the good things. In doing so they attract more of the same. It doesn't just happen; they make it happen.

This is how Paul teaches us to live our lives. "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). As a Christian we have every reason in the world to rejoice; today, tomorrow and every day. If, we choose to focus on the spiritual blessings that are ours in Christ. He has blessed us with the forgiveness of our sins, salvation from the bondage, guilt, and condemnation of sin, power over the temptations we face, strength to endure the trials of life, love that surpasses knowledge, peace that passes understanding, joy unspeakable and full of glory, and hope eternal. "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4).

- Author Unknown -

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