

THE DEVIL HAS A PLAN

The Devil has been scheming, planning and finagling since before the beginning of time and he certainly is active now. Before God created man, he was figuring out ways to get to him and he started off with a bang when his temptation caused Cane to kill Abel and he has never let up since.

World History records his evil deeds of hate, murder, killing, devastation, hunger, sickness and the list goes on and on. Annulations of whole races of people are being carried out to this day. Rwanda, Nazis treatment of the Jews, Stalin's starving Ukrainians, Mao killing of 600 million of his own people in the name of Communism and Pol Pot destroying 1/3 of the population of Cambodia and these are just some of the things that have happened in the last 100 years, not to mention all the individual crimes that are committed daily.

But The Devil has a new gimmick today. He's using the COVID Pandemic to convince people they don't need the church and God. "After all," he's telling them, "You've been getting along fine, staying at home and doing your worshiping without going to meet with others so why go back now?" "God is everywhere so you don't need the church or your fellow Christians," he's saying.

Isn't that interesting? The Devil is using human reasoning to convince us that all the truth in the Bible about the importance of worshiping and communing together are not important and if you stop reading the Scripture his arguments may sound pretty good.

BEWARE! Hebrews 10:23-25 "hold on to our faith" ... "stir up one another with Love and good works" ... "don't neglect meeting together ... but encourage one another." The Devil knows we can't do that if we don't come together so he keeps us apart and we suffer. Eventually those who stay away lose their faith and commitment and not only do they die in sin but they often take their families and or friends with them. "We are what we think about ..." and our thoughts control our actions. If we aren't meeting together we aren't feeding each other and without spiritual food we will die spiritually. Don't get caught in the devils deceit. SEE YOU SUNDAY!

- Bill McDonough

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Knowledge and Wisdom

We too often mistake knowledge for wisdom. Impressive initials at the end of one's name may well indicate knowledge, but they in no way guarantee wisdom. As the saying goes, "When you educate a fool, you end up with an educated fool." A brain laden with facts may be empty of common sense.

While knowledge gathers and stores information, wisdom puts such to good use. Knowledge comes from learning facts about life; wisdom comes from learning to live. Knowledge comes from study; wisdom, from experience, and thus, and most importantly, from the God of heaven (James 1:5, 17)

Patience and wisdom walk hand in hand. Knowledge may be hurried along, but not so with wisdom. Wisdom simply will not be rushed. For our own good (and no doubt out of consideration for those with whom we live). God bestows wisdom upon us slowly, a little at a time, not in over-filled bushel baskets, but by bits and pieces, here and there.

And among the odder aspects of wisdom is this: just when we think we "have it", we are soon humbled, forced by the facts to admit we have a long way yet to go! "Wherefore let him that thinks he stands take heed lest he fall" (1 Corinthians 10:12). When it comes to wisdom, we're all works in progress, and the sooner we admit it, the closer to wisdom we'll be.

- Dalton Key, *Bulletin Digest* -

If Christians praised God more, the world would doubt Him less.

News & Notes

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: Until further notice: **Sunday Worship at 10:30 a.m.** and **Wednesday Bible Study at 7:00 p.m.** (auditorium class only). **Masks and social distancing required.**

CONGRATULATIONS: To the McKittricks on the birth of a great grandson, Callan Cam Baumgardner. Parents: Ian & Danielle Baumgardner; Grandparents: Randy & Susan Baumgardner. Best wishes to all.

SYMPATHY: To Twila Adamson at the passing of her niece, Sandra Loy in Ohio.

MOVING MEMBERSHIP: Dana and Emma Rine have decided to move their membership to the Weirton Heights congregation due to health issues. They are fine Christian examples in service, good works, and fellowship. Both are loved and will be missed here. God bless and keep them.

SECRET SISTER REVEAL: Those sisters that are participating will leave their final gift for the year **next Sunday, August 23rd** on the back table and also reveal themselves. They can talk and exchange thank you's outside after morning worship.

LIVE ESTATE AUCTION: **Thursday, August 27th, 5:00 p.m.** The Stillwell house and contents, car, and riding mower will be auctioned. The address: 15889 Highland Drive, East Liverpool (Calcutta).

PRAYER REQUESTS: **Jim Loy** in Cleveland Clinic (brother of Twila Adamson). These have tested positive with Covid-19: **Fred Larrimore**. Also, **Regina King** and **Benjamin Radford** (members in Florida).

SICK & SHUT-IN: Leroy Burdine (Willard's brother), Ernie Robinson, Bill Robinson, Skip Haught, Melvin "Pete" Reed, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Emma Rine, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Alex Harless, Don & Judy Floding. **FOX:** Mary Jane Bowers, Tom Postlethwait. **CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

Be-Attitudes

We are familiar with the beatitudes in Matthew 5.

Here are a few additional Be-Attitudes to help you enjoy a better life.

Be- content with what you have.

Be- willing to share what you have.

Be- loyal to your friends.

Be- patient and understanding with others.

Be- strong in the face of adversity.

Be- weak enough to seek God's help.

Be- charitable to those in need.

Be- wise enough to know that only God is wise.

Be- quick to share your smile.

Be- willing to weep with others.

Be- a leader when others are lost.

Be- first to lift up a fallen opponent.

Be- last to boast of your own victory.

Be- sure you know the path, so you will not stumble.

- Author Unknown -

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