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Dangerous Dichotomies

I recently heard a speaker compare discipleship to riding a bicycle. He was urging his adult audience to get involved in the process of helping younger people walk with the Lord. I believe his motivation was, in part, to encourage people to take on the challenge even if they had no formal theological training or had not studied the scriptures all that thoroughly yet.

"It's like teaching someone to ride a bicycle," he said. "How many of you learned how to ride a bicycle by reading a book?" Of course no one raised their hand. Instead, people chuckled. He had made his point but still felt the need to belabor it. "You don't teach someone to ride a bicycle by telling them to read a book. You get 'em up on a bike and hold the seat while you run along side and urge them to keep pedaling."

My immediate thought was to wonder if he was despairing of all intellectual aspects of discipleship. I often have my radar up for such things and have become rather sensitive to cracks about seminary being a "cemetery" or the deadness of academic Christianity, etc.

My fears were confirmed a few minutes later when he drew a dichotomy between those who live the Christian life and those who stay in classrooms discussing it. In his final appeal, he made my jaw drop when he asked people to volunteer to disciple younger people. "I don't care what you know," he barked. "If you've got a heart for people and a heart for the Lord, we need you."

He doesn't care what people know? Surely this must have been an overstatement. But maybe not. I've heard this guy before and he obviously has a chip on his shoulder against thoughtful faith. Maybe his seminary experience was under professors who were theological eggheads who "only" wanted to discuss the faith rather than live it. He has implied that several times.

But that hasn't been my experience in two installments of seminary training (three years at the master's level and three more pursuing a doctorate). The professors I know and have sat under have tremendous hearts for God, deep concern for godliness, and years of experience in pastoral or missionary roles. Most of them still serve actively in their churches or mission agencies and diligently disciple their students to love God with all their hearts and minds.

Most disturbing to me was this speaker's ignoring of all the places in scripture that call us to engage intellectually with God. We are to correctly handle the scriptures (2 Tim. 2:15), renew our minds (Rom. 12:2), take every thought captive (2 Cor. 10:5), and meditate on God's law (Psalm 1:2). For a stimulating project, do a concordance study of the word "think" in the scriptures and see what's involved in that all-important task. Oh, and don't neglect the fact that when God chose to reveal himself to us, he chose to do so with a book – a rather big one with many intellectually taxing passages.

Is discipleship like teaching someone to ride a bicycle? I see far too many cautions in scripture against wrong thinking or bad doctrine to settle for such a simplistic comparison. We dare not construct dichotomies between the intellectual side of our faith and a so-called practical side. That would be like trying to ride a bicycle with only one pedal.

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For our nation as we are going through troubled times
For our national leaders and world leaders as they lead their respective nations.

For our troops in Afghanistan, Bosnia, Korea, Iraq, Liberia, Haiti and other places.

For the innocent who are suffering in the midst of war.

For the "people in the box"-- the lost in our families and community.

For those who are being martyred and persecuted for Christ in our own time

For marriage to stand in our laws as God ordained it.

For the church in Siliguri and Naresh Chetri

For the churches in Honduras and Haiti who partner with us in the gospel

Kelly Gampp continues to recuperate at home following surgery.

Tamera Green had a hearth cath on Thursday at KDMC.

Henry Coriell being treated for cancer.

Tim Wolfe dealing with a severe back injury.

Delores Gampp had cataract surgery on Thursday.

Kayla Meredith still no firm diagnosis.

Lainey Parker had her monthly check up at Children's Hospital in Columbus on Thursday.

Carol Gammon (Bill's daughter and Price's sister in South Carolina) going through chemo for cancer. **Edgar Allen** (Brenda Kallner's father) at Elbrooke and holding his own.

Marzelle Gardner (Julie Miller's grandmother in Jackson, MS) hospitalized for cancer.

Praise Report: Deedee Duduit (Troy Gahm's sister) who has been struggling with cancer was declared cancer free by the doctors this past week. PTL!

Added to the Body of Christ

Edgar Allen (Brenda Kallner's father, Eric Miller and Aaron Kallner's grandfather) was baptized into Christ yesterday afternoon in Wheelersburg. Since then a lot of rejoicing has been going on in heaven and here in Scioto County. Edgar lives with his wife, Jean (already a Christian) at Elbrooke Pavilion. Cards of



congratulations and encouragement would be much appreciated.

Edgar Allen

Elbrooke Pavilion

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Prayer at the Flagpole/Gazebo

Every Monday morning at 8 am, at the Gazebo by Minford Elementary School, students, parents and interested adults are invited to a short time of prayer for the students, teachers and administrators as they begin their week. First meeting is tomorrow.



Bible Study Curriculum

Sunday

10/23 Home Groups
 10/31 Mt 21:28-22:14; 25:1-46
 11/6 Mt 22:15-23:39
 11/13 Mk 12:41-44;
 Jn 12:20-50
 11/20 Mt 24:1-51
 11/27 Preaching

Wednesday

10/26 Gen 19
 11/2 Gen 20-23
 11/9 Gen 24
 11/16 Gen 25-26
 11/23 Gen 27
 11/30 Gen 2



Coming Events

10/23 Last Home Group Meeting
 10/23 Flu Shot Sunday
 10/25 Drug Awareness Meeting
 11/5 Kenova, Ladies Inspiration Day
 11/6 Adoption Sunday at Sunshine
 11/11-12 Sunshine Ladies Retreat
 11/13-16 Islam v Christianity, Canal church
 11/20 Disaster Relief Report in PM
 11/27 Special Thanksgiving Service

Backpack Ministry Meets Today

In previous years the Secret Sisters have provided backpacks filled with personal care, school supplies and clothing to needy students at Minford School. This program has made a positive impact on these students; we have received good feedback from the teaching staff and parents. In the past we have helped 20-30 students grades K-5. We would like to continue providing the backpacks and are encouraging people of the congregation (men, women and teens) to help with this ministry. If you are interested in participating or finding out more information please meet with us today at the front of the auditorium right after services this morning.

Never Too Old for a Slumber Party!

Ladies, please sign up for the Ladies Retreat as soon as possible! Fliers about the retreat are in the foyer. Please, take one. The retreat will be on November 11th and 12th at Scioto Hills. Cost is \$70 per person. Bring a friend to this weekend full of fun with your sisters. There will be games, food, crafting, and spiritual classes. Please, see Kim McCray or Cheryl Villingner with any questions.

Ladies Inspiration Day

November 5, Kenova church of Christ, guest speaker is Ava Peters. Details posted.

Teen News

- **Lock-In:** There will be a lock-in here at the church, Friday night after the football games until 7:00 the next morning. We will have food and games mixed with devotionals all night long. Anyone planning to attend needs to bring a dessert or chips and drinks to share. A nerf gun will also be useful during the nights festivities.
- **Spiritfest:** Spiritfest is fast approaching and anyone wanting to attend needs to sign up by next Sunday. This year's event is Nov. 11-13 at Cumberland Falls State Resort Park. The registration fee is \$30 per person which includes lunch and dinner on Saturday. Please bring cold breakfast food like pop tarts and cereal bars because breakfast is not provided. We will be eating out 4 times on the trip please bring money for food. Space is limited so please sign up or there may not be room for you. If you have any questions please see Tim.

Islam Seminar

Canal church of Christ, November 13-16, Burt Jones speaking. Details posted.

Home Group News

Hosts, don't forget to record your attendance in your home group on the chart on the bulletin board. Please fill on all the blank spaces for your group from past weeks. Tonight is the last night of home groups for this round. Please take a few minutes and make suggestions to your group leaders for improving the groups for next spring.

Hunt to End Hunger



An opportunity exists for the sportsmen of our congregation to use their hobby to benefit others. Deer season is approaching, and there is an area food bank willing to accept processed deer meat for distribution to needy families of our local area. Ideally, each hunter would sponsor his own processing fees, but financial help is available if he cannot. See Barry Gampp or Karren Griffith for more details.

Disaster Relief Report

Sunday evening, November 20, Dwane Casteel of the Disaster Relief Effort based in Nashville, TN will be with us to bring us up to date on this ministry. We have been supporting this effort since 1997.

Community Meetings

Two Part Series for Conquering Drug Abuse

- **October 25-** Community / Town Hall Forum 6:00 p.m. Minford High School Cafeteria with the Scioto County Prescription Drug Task Force Committee
- **November 17** - 6:00 PM K-9 Resources will be presenting a major educational event for parents and community members (adults only). Please spread the word. It's not just for Minford. All parents are encouraged to attend.

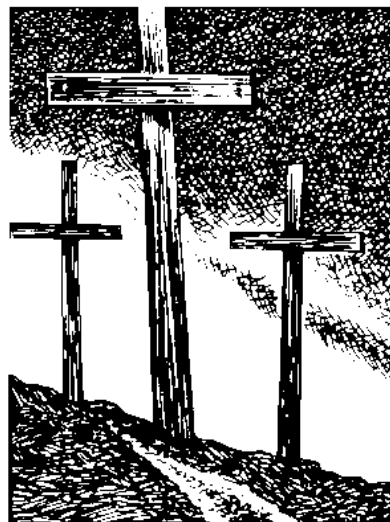


Flu Shots Today

Before and after services this morning flu shots will be available through our health ministry team to any and all who need them. Cost for the shot is \$20.00. Medicare billing is available.

Fellowship Meal For Adoption Seminar

Saturday, November 19th is National Adoption Day. To recognize this special day in the United States, Tim and Jennifer Gampp will be conducting a free Christian adoption seminar (as associates of America World Adoption Association) here at Sunshine. The seminar is from 10AM to 12PM and Tim and Jennifer would like Sunshine to provide a meal afterward for anyone that attends the seminar. (Sign up sheet will be out soon) There will be families coming from several miles away to tell their adoption stories as part of the seminar. In addition to those families, there will be singles and couples, from other congregations and in surrounding communities, attending the seminar for information about international adoption. It would be very hospitable to feed these families, a free meal before traveling back home. Anyone bringing food to the seminar lunch is encouraged to stay and eat. During the fellowship meal, please keep in mind that people in attendance are potential families for children around the world needing a family. Tim and Jennifer know Sunshine will be supportive of adoption and encouraging toward these families. We may see some of these families returning to become members of our congregation. Child care during the seminar will be provided for America World Adoptive families only. All other families in attendance will need to make plans for child care themselves. See Jennifer Gampp for more details.



The saddest day in history and the gladdest day in history were only three days apart.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders
Message

October 23

Tom Kelley
Shaun McCray
Jason Coriell
Terry Grashel
Jamie Riley

October 30

Rich Book
Nick Davis
Troy Gahm
Shane Mougey
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer
Bible Class Text

Home Groups



Ira Coriell
Tim Coriell
Aaron Kallner
Mark Gamp
Caleb Miller
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Wednesday Evening

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Prayer
Bible Class Text

Shawn Gragg
Aaron McCray
Genesis 19

Gabe Coriell
Gary Glispie
Genesis 20-23

Children's Bible Time

October Theme: *Manners*

3-5: Julie Miller, Hannah Miller
6-8: Jodi Kallner, Abbie Kallner,
Aurie Coriell

November

3-5: Mandi Coriell
6-8: Stephanie Copas, Eric Copas,
Debbie Sullivan

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Worship - 10:00 am
Bible Study - 6:30 p.m

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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A verse from Galatians 5 has been scrambled vertically. Drop each letter in the top columns into it's correct position in the grid at the bottom to reveal the scripture. Hint: Find one and two letter words first, or start with columns containing the fewest letters. Solution is at the bottom of page 2.

