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I've Decided It's Not a Sin

In an episode of "Everybody Loves Raymond," Robert and Amy are in the middle of an uncomfortable meeting between his parents and her parents. Amy confesses to her churchgoing parents that Robert often "sleeps over" and states "I've decided it's not a sin." I know it is just a TV show. But TV shows often reflect the thoughts of society.

In real life many people, even professed Bible believing people, govern their lives the same way. If the Bible forbids your belief or behavior but you want to do or believe it anyway, just decide it's not sin. As if declaring it so makes it so. That way we can each create a god in our own image that approves or disapproves whatever we permit. We can throw in a dollop of Bible here and there to give it a flavor and hint of "Christianity" but not so much that it requires repentance.

We live in an age that is guided more by emotions and personal opinion than objective truth. The belief, "If it feels right to me then it is right" is the polar star leading many to hell. "For they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever" (Romans 1:25). We are enticed by the thought of being the captain of our own ship and setting our own course. Yet the prophet Jeremiah concedes to God, "I know, O Lord, that a man's way is not in himself, nor is it in a man who walks to direct his steps" (Jeremiah 10:23). We have the law of God because we are accountable to the God who gave the law. Thinking that we must answer to none higher than our own "inner voice" is a delusion of the most dangerous kind.

"I have decided it's not a sin" may work with your family, friends and co-workers. Say it often enough and it may even work to silence that nagging conscience. But don't count on it working with God.

Brad Fry
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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 “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 Chhetri and Ashok Basfor.

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

Jim Young (Terri Young's husband) now under hospice care at home.

Peggy Hollback at her home on Bussey Rd now. Continuing peritoneal dialysis until kidney transplant. Cards still appreciated. Please limit phone calls.

John Gampp cranial shunt placement at Cleveland Clinic on Friday. Surgery went well. Home on Saturday.

Brittany Gillam (Bev Norman's relative/friend in Florida) blood infection.

Dick Havens now back at Heartland.

Jim Cunningham now in Riverbend. Cards very much appreciated.

Bud Coriell (Josh, Ryan and Ira's father) cancer spots being evaluated for treatment. In an auto accident this week.

Praise Report - Alan Graff: Recent CT and MRI scans show no tumors in his brain and nodes in lungs have shrunk significantly.

Carroll Klinker (Sharon Gampp's sister) released from Cleveland Clinic for a few days and then readmitted on Friday. In critical condition.

David Gampp had emergency appendectomy 3 wks ago, still having problems.

Penny Ball MRI revealed pinched nerves. Scheduled for EMG on 9/4.

Russ Gilliland finally at home doing rehab.

Henry Mason has decided to resume treatment. Cards to Alexandria House, 811 Findlay St, Portsmouth 45662.

John Gardner (Julie Miller's father) goes to the doctor Tuesday to see if the large mass behind his eye is cancerous or not. John preaches for one of the churches in Jackson, Mississippi.

Sue Book (Rich Book's mother) eye surgery this past week.

Amanda Montgomery (Sarah Gilliland's sister) in SOMC with heart problems.

Clyde Ball scheduled for cataract surgery on August 28.

Judi Allison recuperating from knee replacement surgery at home.

Area Events

Details for all of these events are posted on the bulletin board in the foyer.

- 9/6—Rio Grande church Ladies Day. Regina Rhodes speaking
- 9/6—Love & Marriage Seminar; Flatwoods church, Alan Cole speaking. If attending, need count this week
- 9/11—Beginning of classes for Flatwood Bible Institute, The Godhead
- 9/13—Ladies' Day at Elm Grove church of Christ—The Virtuous Woman
- 9/26-27—Men's Leadership Retreat at Roundlake Camp
- 10/5-26—Home Groups at Sunshine
- 10/6—Sweet Monday Resumes

Monthly Pancake Breakfast

Set your calendars for the first Sunday of every month. The Deacons will be serving pancakes to the congregation before morning worship services. The first pancakes will be flipped on September 7th. We will start serving at 8:45 a.m. and stop serving at 9:40 a.m. Plan to come early and spend some good time with everyone.



Updated Directories Available

The latest edition of our Fellowship Directory is on the table in the foyer.

Directory Updates

Unfortunately, this information did not make it into the latest edition of our fellowship directory, so add this information: **Jones, Tyler and Katie**; 379 Bennett Road, Minford, Ohio 45653. Phone numbers stay the same as before. **Rase, Kyle and Melissa, Christopher Hayes**; 210 Clark-Borders Rd, Lucasville, OH 45648; 820-9518 and cell for Melissa 285-5518.

Next Sunday Night

Mark Villinger will be preaching for us in the auditorium. Be there.

Special Presentation Tonight

April Brown and Becky Dawson from Elizabeth's Hope (a Christian crisis pregnancy / counseling / support ministry in Waverly) will be here tonight to make a presentation concerning the ministry. They will have baby bottles for each of us to fill up with our pocket change. We would like for adult, teen and junior high classes to stay in the auditorium for the presentation. For those who are interested we collected about \$1350 last fall for this ministry.

Home Groups Coming

October 5 through October 26 the congregation will be meeting in small groups in various homes. If you would be willing to let your home be used as a meeting place for one of these groups, please sign the pad on the table in the foyer.



More on Home Groups

The material we will be using for our home group sessions will be part of a video Bible study by Andy Stanley entitled "**Christian: It's Not What You Think It Is**". I have been previewing this material and I think the congregation will find plenty to discuss and challenge us to greater faith and service in the Kingdom. In the weeks to come we will be showing a short video trailer at the beginning of services to promote the series. When the sign up pads are laid out, I want you to find your place and be a part of these meetings. There will be food for the soul and fellowship available in abundance.

Community Service Opportunity

Friday evening, September 26, we have an opportunity to serve the school system, the foot ball team and the community at large as volunteer workers in the concession stands at the MHS football game. We need 20-25 volunteers to work the stands beginning at 5:45 pm and working until after the game in clean up (roughly 10 pm). If you are willing to do the work, sign the pad and put down your T-shirt size beside your name. This year we are ordering special T-Shirts for the game. Need the list of volunteers by Sunday, September 14.

Food for the Weekend

It's that time again. We are still sending food home on the weekends for students in need. Please donate non-perishable items that kids can easily open. These items would include things like fruit cups, pudding/Jell-O cups, breakfast bars, Vienna sausages, crackers, juice pouches, etc., things that kids can easily open. We currently have about 30 students who have need for this kind of food. Questions, see June Book.

Sweet Monday Returns!!

October 6, 7:30 PM. We are starting a whole new year, so if you have never joined us or if it's been a while since you have attended please plan to come! There is nothing to bring but yourself. See Heather Gragg with questions.

Hope for Haiti's Children

In February, some from our congregation will be returning on a medical mission trip to Haiti. As the children go through the clinic, they receive a bag with basic school and hygiene essentials. Our congregation has been asked to contribute 1500 medium quality washcloths (any color) for this cause. A suitcase will be in the foyer for the purpose of this collection.

Class Promotion Tonight

Tonight at the beginning of our Bible classes, all eligible students will move up to their next class. If you have a little one, be sure to go along with them to the next class.

School Supply Boxes

Some of the students at Minford Elementary are needing basic school supplies. We have been asked to take care of that need. Please purchase and assemble the following items in a school supply box: crayons, pencils, big pink eraser, pens and Fiskar scissors.

THOSE WHO SERVE

Sunday Morning

Welcome & Prayer
Song Director
Worship Leaders

Message

August 31

Rich Book
Nick Davis
Dale Kuhn
Pete Kouns
Steve Miller

August 24

Don Coriell
Shaun McCray
Tim Gamp
Tyler Jones
Steve Miller

Sunday Evening

Song Director
Scripture Reading
Lord's Supper
Assist
Prayer

Shawn Gragg
Mike Gamp
Jason Coriell
Tim Coriell
Aaron Kallner

Matthew Hoskins
Aaron McCray
Steve Williams
Mike Coriell
Mark Villinger

Wednesday Evening

Song Director
Prayer

Gabe Coriell
Troy Gahm

Zach Coriell
David Deacon

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 Proverbs 3 has been scrambled using a letter substitution code. Determine what letters have been switched to reveal the scripture. Solution to the puzzle is on page 3.

RAXVR WY RPL SMAZ TWRP GSS

RPWYL PLGAR; GYZ SLGY YMR

XYRM RPWYL MTY

XYZLAURGYZWYF.

HINTS:

H=D, L=R