

The Words of a Friend

We live in a culture built on “rugged individualism.” We are a freedom-loving people and we don’t want anyone fooling around with our freedom and independence! There is a caution here, however. We must not let pride shut out our friends! Sometimes when we get into a tough situation, we don’t want to ask for help or cry out because that would not be in keeping with the rugged individual. We don’t want to take charity! Did you know that “charity” is a word that means “love”? I realize that we don’t want to be perceived as someone who always has his hand out, but the “charity” of our friends is a star in their crown and a blessing to them. If we deny them the opportunity to bless us, we deny them a blessing, as well.

Let me encourage you to let God help you and bless you through the friends and brethren who are around you. When you are in trouble, when you are besieged from every angle, let your friends be a help and a support to you. ~Unknown

Therefore we must give the more earnest heed to the things we have heard, lest we drift away. For if the word spoken through angels proved steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just reward, how shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord and was confirmed to us by those who heard Him, God also bearing witness both with signs and wonders, with various miracles, and gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will? (Heb. 2:1-4)

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Open Congregational meeting – 2nd Sunday at 5:00 pm. All are welcome

Attendance 09/27: 40

Budget \$2484.00

Contribution 09/27: \$2927.00

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Heed the Warning!

Tornado sirens catch our attention, especially if we live in close proximity to the tower from which its piercing alarm emanates. Depending on circumstances, levels of concern differ from person to person. A possible radar-indicated tornado will not be taken as seriously as an eye-witness account of a large tornado on the ground headed in one’s direction. Even then, there is an element of uncertainty. The tornado may change directions, lift back up into the clouds, or dissipate altogether. Tornadoes can be as fickle as the weather. Experience, however, teaches us to give heed to warnings whether they actually materialize or not.

There are many clearly-stated warnings in God’s word. Many of these warnings relate to specific nations in existence at the time—warnings of disaster or invasion. These warnings were often connected to an alternative outcome, depending on the peoples’ willingness to repent and change their ways. The people of Nineveh repented at the preaching of Jonah and the threat of God’s judgment was delayed for many years (Jon. 3:10; Mt. 12:41).

On other occasions, God’s warning of impending doom continued beyond the point of repentance. On the eve of Babylonian Captivity, Jeremiah, the weeping prophet, spoke of Judah’s hopeless condition, saying, “Harvest is past, summer is ended, and we are not saved” (Jer. 8:20). While many warnings of national judgment of a temporal nature occur in a context of possible repentance, there are times when swift and certain judgment can no longer be delayed.

The day of the Lord’s return is known only to the Father (Matt. 24:36). Though used as a source of derision by some, His delay is for the purpose of allowing more time for repentance (2 Pet. 3:9). God “desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4). But, the day of the Lord will come and this present universe will pass out of existence (2 Pet. 3:10). Judgment will follow and the wicked “will go away into eternal punishment and the righteous into eternal life” (Matt. 25:46). The warning has been sounded and the certainty of these events is squarely-based on the unchanging nature of God’s word (Matt. 24:35; Heb. 6:18). Therefore, today is the day to heed God’s warning and turn to Jesus in loving obedience.

–Glen Elliott–

Oh sing to the Lord a new song! For he has done marvelous things. His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory. The Lord has made known His salvation: His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations. He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Ps. 98:1-3)

Keep These Dates in Mind	October Birthdays and Anniversaries		
<p>Since we have entered into this time of uncertainty with those in the government asking us to keep our assemblies to a minimum and to use caution and discretion as we meet, any activities that may be planned will be announced in a timely fashion a week before they are planned to happen and will be put out on the call multiplier.</p> <p>Sandy Gray has volunteered to put out an informational email during the week to update the church of immediate prayer needs or information that needs to be disseminated before/in-between our scheduled meeting times. If you wish to be on this list, please email her and give her your email information.</p>	<p>LeRoy & Sue Pierce 10/4 Michael Manning 10/5 Kenneth Winstead 10/6 LaVern Engelke 10/8 Mark & Sue Minor 10/9 Tom & Lupe Mendoza 10/13</p>		<p>Clarence Botts 10/22 Melinda Botts 10/25 Harvey Jones 10/25 Tom Mendoza 10/25 Melinda Botts 10/25 Norm & Phyllis Hubbard 10/29</p>
<p>Ongoing Health issues: Pansy Caywood, Shirley Childers, Marilyn Davis, Sandy Gray, Fran Henniger, Linda Laferty, Pat Lindsay, Karen McBurney, Lupe Mendoza, Shannon Mendoza,, Tami Pennington, Eunice Petros, Helen Pierce, Bill & Linda Lafferty's daughter-in-law, Michael Stimson, Fred Fleming, Hubbard Family</p>	Bible Studies		
	<p>Adult Bible Classes Sunday a - O.T. Sunday p -Colossians Wed p -Thessalonians</p>	<p>Youth Classes Classroom Wing Teen Class - Teen Room</p>	<p>Ladies Class Thursday 10:00 a</p>



In Our Prayers

Shannon Mendoza as she recovers from surgery
Jack Danley had tests this week, and it was determined he will be able to have his next surgery on schedule during the first week in October. This is related to the emergency surgery he had in May.

Pray for comfort and peace for the Hubbards, Fran Henniger and the Danley's as they begin to walk down the road of life without their loved ones by their sides.

The collection for the Mountain States Children's Home is quickly approaching. Please bring your donations and let this work we have chosen to support prosper.

If we always helped one another, No one would need luck

Our Ministries
Mountain States Children's Home
 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27)
Peru Ministry - Oscar and Anna Maria in Peru
 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the son and of the Holy Spirit
Food Pantry - Our food pantry is located in the small room next to the library.
 "Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will repay him for his deed." (Proverbs 19:17)

He That Soweth Discord Among Brethren

The psalmist wrote, "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psalm 133:1). That is what God wants for us. The Lord Jesus prayed for that kind of unity. "Neither for these only do I pray, but for them also that believe on me through their word: that they may all be one; even as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be in us: that the world may believe that thou didst send me" (John 17:20-21). The apostle Paul commanded it. "Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment" (1 Cor. 1:10). But, unity doesn't just happen, it is the result of hard work on the part of people who seek to do the will of God. "I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph. 4:1-3)). If we are to have peace and unity, there is a price to pay. We have to be willing to work for it, and put up with each other to achieve it.

I witnessed a boy one time, with two dogs following him. He began to pick at one dog and then the other. It wasn't long until I was watching the boy going merrily on his way while a dog fight raged behind him. That boy sowed discord among dogs. Most of us have seen people who acted in the same way in "sowing discord among the brethren." God hates that, and so should we! It isn't difficult to set people against one another. A little remark here, a small word of gossip there, a hint of something sinister and soon discord is sown. It really takes no skill to sow discord among brethren, it just takes a willingness to serve the devil! But it does take skill, and effort to bring people together in unity.

Christians are members of one another. "For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another" (Rom. 12:4-5). Because we belong to Christ, and thus to each other, that means "that the members should have the same care one for another" (1 Cor. 12:25). The apostle sets forth the basis by which we can be one in Christ. "Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit; with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel...make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; doing nothing through faction or through vainglory; but in lowliness of mind each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others" (Phil 1:27, 2:2-4). That will do it! Too often does impatience, lack of concern for others, lost tempers, harsh and unkind words cause wounds that are never allowed to heal. It is easy to be a sower of discord. But, "let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works" (Heb. 10:24).

If we would abide in the love of God, let us avoid that which he hates. "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. Let all that ye do be done in love" (1 Cor. 16:13-14). Let us learn to be healers of wounds and reconcilers of brethren, that God's love dwells in us. There are things God hates, let us strive to avoid each and every one of those things, building up the body of Christ, honoring His name. ~ Clem Thurman