

Sunrise Christian Church

October 2017 Family Newsletter

As members of Christ's church, we are dedicated to **Love, Learn, and Lead**

All Creation proclaims God's glory



Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it.
Let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them;

let all the trees of the forest sing for joy.

Let all creation rejoice before the LORD,
for he comes,

he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness

and the peoples in his faithfulness.

Psalms 96:11-13



"This is what the LORD says: 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls'" - Jeremiah 6:16

Have you considered this?

A quote from a woman who was held in a WWII Nazi prison camp: "You can never learn that Christ is all you need, until Christ is all you have"- Corrie ten Boom.



A recent *Reader's Digest* had a story about an elderly couple who thought a cricket had moved into their house. Look as they might, they could hear it but not find it. So they decided to simply enjoy its chirping sound.

That is, until one day when a neighbor happen to stop by when their "cricket" was chirping. "Why don't you replace the batteries in your smoke alarm?" she asked. "Then it will stop that noise."

Like this elderly couple, could we also be missing something- missing what God is trying to tell us?



What is the power of generosity?

Recently I read a story about a church that one Sunday gave everyone attending a five dollar bill.

The minister then stood up and asked everyone whether the five dollars would make a difference in their life. Only five or six people raised their hands- mostly single-mothers.

The minister then asked all the others to give their five dollars to the ones who raised their hands.

One woman was so moved that she had tears streaming down her face. She was told to keep back thirty-five dollars (a tithe) as an offering to the Lord the next week, and to use the remainder.

What was the congregation's response to this experiment? Much, in many ways: eight times the usual offering was collected that next week, plus five people were baptized into Christ.

So what's the moral of this story? When we learn to give- even a small amount, others are blessed. Plus, when we learn to give we also grow in faith. And until we learn to give, we will never grow but remain spiritual infants.

Jesus promises this: "Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you"- Mark 6:38.

A conviction from above

Dave Earley, author of the book, *The 21 Most Effective Prayers in the Bible*, wrote this: "When God convicts us of sin, the easiest thing to do is to say, 'Yes.' Silence, excuses, rationalization, and deflection don't work.

Forgiveness comes through confession."

Could Dave have been thinking of King David's prayer of confession, as found in psalm 51?

This is what David wrote:

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your unfailing love;
according to your great compassion
blot out my transgressions.
Wash away all my iniquity
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is always before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight;
so you are right in your verdict
and justified when you judge.

Psalm 51:1-4

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In speaking of Israel, God makes this loving promise to them in Isaiah 66: "I will extend peace to her like a river."

In the same way, God is also willing to give to you and I a "river of peace."

Need a word of encouragement?



Behind every dark and stormy cloud of life is a ray of light waiting to shine through.

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Jesus promises us this: "I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live"- John 14:18-19.

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Using your G.I.F.T.

- G-** Greet someone
- I-** Introduce someone to another person
- F-** Follow up on someone
- T-** Thank someone



Upcoming events:

- 1) **Bob Brewer-** guest speaker, Sunday, Oct. 1.
- 2) *Baskets of Love* food drive- Oct. 1
- 3) **Crockpot Sunday-** Oct. 1
- 4) Faithful Men **men's breakfast-** 7:30am, Saturday, October 7, at Rusty's
- 5) SCC's **Trunk or Treat-** Tuesday, Oct. 31.

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The Sunday school teacher was carefully explaining the Bible's story of Elijah the Prophet and the false prophets of Baal. She explained how Elijah built the altar, put wood upon it, cut the steer in pieces and laid it upon the altar.

Then Elijah commanded the people of God to fill large jars of water and pour them over the altar. He had them do this four times.

"Now, said the teacher, "can anyone in the class tell me why the Lord would have Elijah pour water over the steer on the altar?"

A little girl in the back of the room raised her hand and with great enthusiasm said, "To make the gravy!"