



The Good News of Bath Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)

The Mission Statement of the Bath Christian Church is:

*“To serve the living God, to nurture our personal faith,
& to witness the good news of God’s love to others.”*

Pastor Jim’s Thoughts for June 2020

For the most part, we may feel that we have lost April and May due to the Covid 19 pandemic. We feel a sense of helplessness, in that we don’t have control over our own lives. This becomes rich soil for all kinds of conspiracy theories that add to our paranoia. In the last few weeks, we have seen armed militia marching on the grounds of state capitals in several states to demonstrate that some are ready to bring about change. They appear to be ready to use violence, if necessary, to achieve the freedoms that have been taken and not restored.

Perhaps we may understand their frustrations. Whether we agree with them or not, we feel some of the same frustrations and sense of doom. How will all of this shake-out? Will we ever return to anything slightly resembling normalcy? Society has always adjusted to the situation and over the long span of history, we may reflect on the relative issues of what should have been done. As we often say: “Hindsight is 20-20.”

One thing we need to remember is that violence is seldom the correct answer. Even when there seems to be just cause, violence leaves many unanswered issues. This month’s article will look at one particular event in history where violence was not used. It is an event where we could certainly see that it might have been justified. Yet, because the violent option was not used, the entire history of the world was changed.

Before I explain, it is good that I introduce you to a man named Ray who was born in a small town in Ohio in 1924. When he was 11 years old, his dad gave him a guitar. He became a regional celebrity and hosted “Ray’s Round-Up” on the local television station.

He left his television show to begin performing in various nightclubs. He started to drink and follow the exciting life of entertainer. Yet, he felt empty. He realized that his lifestyle was not bringing him the true measure of success. He told his wife that he was planning to quit and finally, one night at a nightclub in Battle Creek, Michigan, he left it all behind.

There is one piece of this story that I failed to mention. On that night, he had completed the first verse of a song that is very familiar to us. He had read of a scene that unfolded in the Garden of Gethsemane.

And behold, one of those who were with Jesus reached and drew out his sword, and struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his ear. Then Jesus said to him, “Put your sword back into its place; for all those who take up the sword shall perish by the sword. Or do you think that I cannot appeal to My Father, and He will at once put at My disposal more than twelve legions of angels? (Matthew 26:51-53 NASB)

A legion is a unit of 6000 troops so Jesus said that He could have had 72,000 angels at His disposal. By now you have figured out the song written by and responsible for the conversion Ray Overholt is ***He Could Have Called 10,000 Angels***. The chorus of this song is:

***He could have called ten thousand angels
To destroy the world and set him free.
He could have called ten thousand angels,
But he died alone, for you and me.***

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The scene of Jesus death on the cross would certainly seem to be one of defeat. Jesus died and His mission is over. He is nailed to the Roman cross. Good lost and evil prevailed. Well, that's not how it really turned out. Once more, God took what appeared to be a hopeless situation and turned it into the most magnificent event in all history.

We read in Romans chapter 8 that often-quoted verse: **And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose. (Romans 8:28 NASB)**

Yet we fail to grasp the fact that God is not promising to deliver us out of bad situations but that the final outcome will be according to God's will and if we are in God's will, it will be for our good.

So, how does this tie into the opening paragraphs? What does this have to do with the current situation in this country? For me, I am an American citizen. I enjoy all of the privileges and freedoms that are associated with this citizenship. I will always champion and guard those freedoms. However, I must never forget that I am first and foremost a citizen of heaven.

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself. (Philippians 3:20-21 NASB)

As a citizen of heaven, I need to model the example of my king. My king is Jesus whom God enthroned over all things. Jesus had the ability and the justifiable right to call for the destruction of the world to stop His crucifixion. Yet, he restrained that violence so that the ultimate good would triumph. The lamb is mightier than the lion. The cross preceded the crown. My citizenship in heaven far outweighs any other claim I may have. In that kingdom, I have been bought by the blood of Jesus.

Regardless of the current situation, let us always seek to see the perspective from God's point of view and not our own.

~Devotion~

Where's The Piccolo?

At certain times in life we may feel insignificant and useless. Surrounded by people with greater talent than ours, we are tempted in our weak moments just to settle back and let somebody else do the work. We reason that what we have to offer won't make much difference anyway. We forget the truth suggested by our Lord's use of five loaves and two small fish to feed a multitude (John 6:1-14).

Each of us has something important to offer in His service.

Sir Michael Costa was conducting a rehearsal in which the orchestra was joined by a great chorus. About halfway through the session, with trumpets blaring, drums rolling, and violins singing their rich melody, the piccolo player muttered to himself, "What good am I doing? I might just as well not be playing. Nobody can hear me anyway." So he kept the instrument to his mouth, but he made no sound. Within moments the conductor cried, "Stop! Stop! Where's the piccolo? It was missed by the ear of the most important person of all.

It's much the same way with the use of our abilities for the Lord. Whether our talent is great or small, the performance isn't complete until we do our best with what we have.

.....Richard De Haan

The Master needs what you have to offer no matter if you think it's small. His work on earth is done through His children so give Him your best, give your all.....Hess

In God's eyes it is a great thing to do a little thing well.From Our Daily Bread

When I say ... "I am a Christian"

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I'm saved"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!"
"That is why I chose this way"

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I don't speak of this with pride
I'm confessing that I stumble,
and need someone to be my guide

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong,
I'm professing that I'm weak,
and pray for strength to carry on

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success,
I'm admitting that I've failed,
and cannot ever pay the debt

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are way too visible
but God believes I'm worth it

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartaches
which is why I seek His Name

When I say ... "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority,
I only know I'm loved!

.....Carol S. Wimmer - 1998

~June Schedules~

Greeter Schedule:

June 7 Terry Woolard
 June 14 Joyce Aydlett
 June 21 Mary Lynn Edwards
 June 28 Terry Everett



Flower Schedule:



June 7 Sallie & John LaCava
 June 14 Frankie & John Jordan
 June 21 Becky Tuten
 June 28 Jean Winstead

Nursery Schedule:



June 7 Barbara & Gerald Morris
 June 14 Kandice & Billy Dean
 June 21 Rachel & Cliff Jordan
 June 28 Kathy & Tori Dupree

Reminder: At least 1 person should be in nursery
 by 9:45 AM and remain for late arrivals.

Children's Moment Schedule:



June 7 Nancy Hill
 June 14 Alice Wingate
 June 21 Kids of God's World
 June 28 Ellen Heck

Serving Schedule:

June 7

Elders: S. Stell & L. Wingate
 Deacon of Wk: S. Stell & B. Tuten
 Deacons: B. Tuten, D. Woolard
 L. Woolard & D. Adams

June 14

Elders: L. Wingate & J. Barnhill
 Deacon of Wk: L. Wingate & C. Cartwright
 Deacons: C. Cartwright, P. Chrismon
 B. Dean & E. Gurganus

June 21

Elders: J. Barnhill & C. Dupree
 Deacon of Wk: J. Barnhill & L. Gurganus
 Deacons: L. Gurganus, B. McRoy
 B. Norman & L. Schmitt

June 28

Elders: C. Dupree & G. Morris
 Deacon of Wk: C. Dupree & R. Smith
 Deacons: R. Smith, B. Tuten
 D. Woolard & L. Woolard

*Be a
 Pineapple
 Stand tall,
 Wear a crown
 And be sweet
 On the inside.*

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~Announcements~

Open Church June 7, 2020

We will begin Phase 1 of opening our sanctuary for Sunday morning 10:00 AM services June 7, 2020. This will be done practicing social distancing in entering, seating, interacting with one another and leaving.

Vulnerable populations are encouraged to stay home for their own safety.

In the beginning we will only have the 10:00 AM service, NO Sunday school. Procedures for Service are being sent under separate mailing to church attendees. All other church services will be phased in as safety concerns with the coronavirus are levelled out. This pandemic has created isolation for our church goes for several months and we feel its time to begin the Sunday worship service in the church using safety precautions.

The church calendar for June, 2020 is not attached since all activities are currently cancelled. We will print the calendar again when normal activities resume.

June Birthdays:

June 3	Lori Norman
June 14	Ann Everett
June 20	Barbara Morris Margaret Midyette
June 23	Dick Adams Barbara Oliver
June 24	Peggy Davis
June 27	C. M. Cartwright
June 28	Mark Aydlett
June 30	Betty Schmitt

Church Directory Updates:

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Gary Sheppard, PO Box 246, Swansboro, NC 28584, Phone # 252-945-2399.

Please make the church secretary aware of church directory changes to include birthdate (month/day).

Eagles Wings

Thank you for continuing to support the Eagles Wings food pantry. Since the Church and Fellowship Hall are currently closed due to the coronavirus outbreak Joyce and/or Mark Aydlett are placing the basket on the bench outside the fellowship hall daily. Your nonperishable items are greatly needed as Eagles Wings anticipates a spike in new clients during this time. Monetary gifts are also needed but do not leave cash in the basket. Checks are accepted made payable to Eagles Wings. There is still a need for plastic grocery bags. Bags can be placed in the basket along with other items.

Church Fall Bazaar

It's time to start preparing for our fall church bazaar. Hopefully the coronavirus will be over or at least levelled out so we can proceed with the bazaar in November. Marcia Norman is making strawberry preserves and needs jelly jars or half-pint size jars. Please contact her directly at 252-944-3393 if you have extras.



Prayer Requests : Church Family Prayer Concerns:

Charlie Clark; Ella Mae Smith
& Michael Corless; Bill Cutler; Peggy
Davis; Bobby Drake; Neal Duncan;

Marian Everett; Liz & Pete Fell; Beverly & John Holt;
Jackie Mullen; Carol Richardson; Gary Sheppard;
Beverly & Ron Tincher, caregivers &

Unspoken Requests.

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Jane Bass;
Mark & Mary Scott Baver; Frankie Black; Vera Boseman;
Judy Boyd; Susan Boyd; Barbara Britt; Roy Buck;
Tilman Carter; Virginia Chrismon, John Conway; Evan
Cornelius; Anthony Cutler; Glenda Douglas; Sylvester
Eberson; Deborah Everette, Esther Flowers; Dianne
Floyd; Chris Gibbs; Gail Gibbs; Danny Gonzalez sister;
Larry Green; Pauline Gurganus; Jon Hadel; Amy Adams
Hardee; Chris Harris; Hunter Hasty; Mike Isbell; Vickie
Jessen; Sheila Cox Jones; John Kelly; Sue Kemmer;
Linwood Lewis; Carol McRoy; Allison Mills; Josh Moye;
Alvin Norman; Gladys Owens; Mavis Owens; Emily
Page; Mike Painter; Wilson Paul; Brian Peele; Cynthia
Pendleton; Joyce Pitt; Brandi Robbins; Wendy Rouse;
Larry Rowe (CT's friend); Stephanie Sabbra; Dean
Sheppard; Michael Spencer; Raymond Spencer; Don
Steffa; Susie Swinson; Melisa Thompson; Sonya & Roger
Tuning; Becky Sheppard Waters; Faye Waters; Ronnie
Watson; Margaret Ann Woolard; Miranda Woolard;
Wendy Woolard; teenagers throughout the world;
students/teachers/families; those affected by the
coronavirus & Unspoken Requests.

The families of Shirley Asby; Andy Beacham; Tommy
Bennett, Jr.; David Warren Brinn, Sr; Maxey Bunch;
Norman Cash; J. C. Cox, III; Jane Fisher; Billy Ivey;
Steve Jackson; Dorothy Leggett; Grace Lombardi; David
Wayne Mason; Nelda Newman; Bruce Noble, Larry
Poore; Ray Spencer; Charles Vaughan.

Military Prayer List:

Jim Bass, Blane Boyd, Chase Brooks, Zack Cook, Timm
Cox, Will Cutler, Zack Davis, Grant Fath, Kerry Mills,
Hayden Tankard, Grayce Woolard, Lucy Wallace.

In Nursing Homes: Dorothy Mathews, Bob Miller.

Please submit news to me
for the July newsletter by
9:00 am Tuesday, June 23rd. Thank you!
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