



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

Last year, at this time, we were beginning to see that the original estimate of a two weeks to slow the curve was turning into an indefinite change in our lifestyles. Now, with the CDC and our governor easing many of the restrictions, we begin to see that things are returning to a normalcy. During the last year, we have all had a chance to reflect on the things we hold dear and important. For some, the loss of some of our freedoms for the sake of safety is worth the price. Others will argue that safety without freedom is not worth the price. We may never be able to find the balance that will satisfy either side. So, how do we determine the value that govern our choices?

Few things are worth the price we pay. Some things are worth a price and we may choose not to meet the price. This brings me to the point of this month’s article; it is the question: “What is Jesus worth to us?” This may seem like a rhetorical question but it’s not. It is a question that we all answer through our actions. There are several similar questions that help us understand if we are putting the proper value on Jesus.

Is He (Jesus) worth studying the Bible? Many people talk about not understanding the Bible so they don’t read it. I reflect back on our ancestors. Most of them were not well educated, they did not have television or other diversions to fill up their spare time so they read their Bibles. They knew the importance of knowing what God said to them through His word. They followed the instruction Paul gave to Timothy when he wrote: **Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth. (2 Timothy 2:15 NASB)**

Our failure to read and study His word speaks volumes about His importance in our life.

Is He (Jesus) worth giving up our attachment to the worldly activities we allow to crowd out our time spent with God? This time with God may be Sunday worship service or time with His word. The way we spend our time and treasure clearly indicates what we hold as important. Far too often we allow worldly attractions to replace time spend with God’s people. James, the brother of Jesus, makes the choice an either or (binary) choice when he wrote: **Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God. (James 4:4b NASB)** This does not mean that we can never have outside interest it comes down to the Hebrew word honor. Honor in the Hebrew speaks of weight. Where do we spend the most time? When we place worldly concerns and heavenly concerns in the scale of time, which way would the scale tip?

Is Jesus worth walking away from family or friends who come between us and our service to God? Jesus stressed the cost of discipleship as recorded in Matthew.

“Do not think that I came to bring peace on the earth; I did not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I came to SET A MAN AGAINST HIS FATHER, AND A DAUGHTER AGAINST HER MOTHER, AND A DAUGHTER-IN-LAW AGAINST HER MOTHER-IN-LAW; and A MAN’S ENEMIES WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF HIS HOUSEHOLD.

“He who loves father or mother more than Me is not worthy of Me; and he who loves son or daughter more than Me is not worthy of Me. And he who does not take his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of Me. He who has found his life will lose it, and he who has lost his life for My sake will find it. (Matthew 10:34-38 NASB)

The idea of turning away from family or friends is a price some are not willing to pay. Is Jesus worth it? Are we willing to suffer persecution for Jesus? We have been fortunate that this has not been an issue for many of us. However, each passing day, the world moves in a more secular direction and attempts to dictate what followers of Jesus should do, think, and speak. Persecution is more of a possibility. Paul cautions us that to follow Jesus we must be ready for persecution.

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Indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12 NASB)

Is Jesus worth being persecuted? This may indeed become a serious question that we will be forced to answer.

Remember, we answer through our actions or inactions.

Finally, is Jesus worth denying ourselves? For many of us, we were reared to “take care of number one” and thus place our needs and wants above anything else. Jesus was very clear in His expectations. We read His words as recorded in Luke: **And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. (Luke 9:23-24 NASB)**

We have been programmed to take care of ourselves first. Self-preservation is not an evil. However, when we allow our interest and appetites to dictate our life, we are now worshiping ourselves and not allowing Jesus to have the appropriate place.

As we begin to return to a form of normalcy, we have time to reflect on the most important question we will answer; what is Jesus worth?

~Devotion~

Ice Cream and French Fries

“Try it. You’ll like it,” my dad said. Hesitantly, I dipped my french fry into the chocolate ice cream. Salty and sweet, cold and warm all at the same time. It was wonderful. We gobbled up our french fries and ice cream supper, all while talking and enjoying each other’s company. Chocolate shakes and french fries became a regular part of time spent with my dad as a teenager.

As Father’s Day approaches, I am grateful for those special ice cream shake and french fry moments. Thankfully, I have a wonderful father who has strived to honor Jesus with his life and taken time for me, but I know this isn’t always the case. For many, Father’s Day is a reminder of someone who was never there or who caused deep pain. For others, it’s a day of sadness as their father has passed from this life to the next. This holiday can evoke such different emotions depending on the person.

One thing we can all decide to do today, though, is take a few minutes and celebrate Father’s Day with our Heavenly Father. Tell Him what He means to us. Pour out our hearts to Him in a way that we haven’t done in a long time. [Psalm 62:8](#) (NLT) says, “O my people, trust in Him at all times. Pour out your heart to Him, for God is our refuge.” Remember the times when we were the closest to Him, when He, indeed, was our refuge. Remember the times when He showed up in amazing ways. The moments when we felt distant or disconnected. Then recall what great lengths He went to draw us back. Remember sweet memories when we were simply walking by faith, step by step, day by day. Think about the day we accepted Him into our lives and turned away from the world. Remember how He was with us at the births of our children and the day of our marriages, when we became grandmas and grandpas, or even at the death of our loved ones. Now, think of how He has been with us these past few days and what He is doing in our midst as we speak. Even if the season has been tough, let’s thank Him for sustaining us and being good in the midst of suffering and hardship.

Today, yes, make time to celebrate our earthly fathers. Thank them and honor them. But also make sure to stop and praise our Heavenly Father and thank Him for all of the wonderful ice cream and french fry moments we have experienced together.

“The faithful love of the Lord never ends! His mercies never cease. Great is his faithfulness; his mercies begin afresh each morning.” [Lamentations 3:22-23](#) NLT

Let’s celebrate Him today with our words and our lives. And thank Him for everything.

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~CWF~

The CWF met on Tuesday, April 27 with the following members present: Rachel Jordan, June Wallace, Cynthia Stell, Barbara Morris, Joyce Aydlett, Jessie Brooks, Diane Adams, Linda Heath, Nancy Hill, Nancy Robertson, Becky Tuten and Gale Walton. Vice-President Nancy Hill called the meeting to order and Rachel Jordan opened with prayer. Barbara Morris gave a wonderful devotion on Joni Erackson Tada highlighting that we can still be witnesses even though we may be handicapped. Barbara also emphasized that our testimony should be obvious no matter where we are.

The offering prayer was given by Becky Tuten. The minutes were read and approved.

Discussion followed concerning:

*A reminder to invite all women to CWF

*A reminder to sign up for serving as hostess for subsequent meetings.

*A reminder to be on the lookout for bazaar ideas. Although no definite decision has been made about the bazaar we want to be prepared if we are able to hold it. It is tentatively scheduled for the third week-end in November.

*A Sunday School teacher is needed for grades 1-4. Let Claudia know if interested.

A printout with the names and contact information of the ladies in the church was given to each person attending.

The treasure's report from the previous month was given.

There were no updates from the Committees. Discussion was held on the condition of the carpet in the church and the need to have it replaced. It will be further discussed at a later date.

The meeting was adjourned with the CWF Benediction.

Respectfully Submitted
Gale Walton

~Board Minutes~

The Board of Bath Christian Church met April 11, 2021. Starley Stell, Chairman, presided. Claudia Alligood opened the meeting with prayer. Minutes of the March meeting were approved as presented. Jamie Barnhill gave the monthly treasury report as well as the quarterly report. Both reports were approved.

BUSINESS:

1. BlueTooth has been installed and is in use.

2. INSURANCE – As approved at the previous meeting Jamie Barnhill gave quotes from “Insurance Pricing Schedule” in which different companies give an estimated price of their policies. Jamie made the motion to accept the bid of Insurance Board. Mark Aydlett seconded the motion which was approved by the Board.

3. COLUMBARIUM – Billy Hill reported that the committee had met and updated or stressed the required rules: (1) Cost of niche - \$1000.00 (2) Engraving name on wall - \$50 (3) All captions will be of the same script. The owner of a niche is responsible for the engraving (4) No burying of ashes outside of designated area.

C.M. Cartwright made the motion to accept the recommendations as presented which was approved.

4. Mark Aydlett made the recommendation that the recently constructed building be given a name. The recommendation was tabled and will be further explored.

MINISTER'S REMARKS

1. 111 phone calls made.
2. In April home visits will be resumed.

Howard adjourned the meeting with prayer.

June Wallace, Secretary



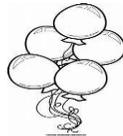
Flower Schedule:

June 6 Becky Tuten
 June 13 Margaret Midyette
 June 20 Lela Spriggs – Father’s Day
 June 27 Claudia Alligood



Nursery (Little Lion’s Class) Schedule:

June 6 Barbara & Gerald Morris
 June 13 Kandice & Billy Dean
 June 20 Darlene Ormond & Debbie Smith
 June 27 Sandra & Claude Dupree



June Birthdays

June 3 Lori Norman
 June 14 Ann Everett
 June 18 Patsy Browning
 June 20 Margaret Midyette
 Barbara Morris
 June 23 Dick Adams
 Barbara Oliver
 June 24 Peggy Davis
 June 27 C. M. Cartwright
 June 28 Mark Aydlett
 June 29 Liz Fell
 June 30 Betty Schmitt

~Announcements~

June Events

Sunday – **June 6** – 7:30 PM. Church Board Meeting
 Sunday – **June 13th** – Graduation Sunday
 Sunday – **June 20th** – Father’s Day-Baptismal
 Wednesday – **June 23rd** 7:30 PM –
 Christian Women’s Fellowship (CWF) meets in
 Fellowship Hall
 Tuesday – **June 29th** – 11:00 AM – Memorial
 Service - Gary Sheppard

Vacation Bible School

Reminder – VBS is Sunday, August 1 thru Thursday, August 5.

Children’s Moment

Volunteers are needed to present a short message to our youth during the morning worship service. Contact Alice Wingate for further information.

Dockside Devotions

Bonner Point – Tuesdays 7:00 PM

June 1 Brenda Lewis
 June 8 Pastor Bob Albriton
 June 15 Pastor Jim Cullen
 June 22 Jeff Jenkins
 June 29 Pastor David Mason
 July 6 Brian Oliver
 July 13 Pastor Linda Taylor
 July 20 Pastor Harry Smith
 July 27 Elder Tony Rodman
 August 3 Alex Shreve
 August 10 Pastor Cris Nobles
 August 17 Claudia Alligood
 August 24 Pastor Chris Hux
 August 31 Howard Robertson

Eagles Wings

The Eagles Wings basket is located outside the Fellowship Hall daily. Thanks for continuing to support this worthy and needy cause. They need to replenish their supply of nonperishable items. 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 which can be placed in the basket along with other items.

Please make the church secretary aware of church directory additions/changes. We would like to recognize everyone with birthdays if you will contact the church office with that information.

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something, and enter God's realm where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for His almighty power. Nothing is too small for His love.

-Corrie Tenboom

**In order to see,
you must look.
In order to win,
you must try.
In order to feel,
you must touch.
In order to teach,
you must learn.
In order to finish,
you must start.**

K.F. Anthony

The rivers don't drink their own water; trees don't eat their own fruits. The sun does not shine for itself; and flowers do not spread their fragrance for themselves. Living for others is a rule of nature. We are all born to help each other. No matter how difficult it is.....Life is good when you're happy; but it is much better when others are happy because of you.

Pope Francis



Prayer Requests : Church Family Prayer Concerns:
Bill Bertram; Charlie Clark;
Ella Mae Smith & Michael Corless;
Ann Cullen; Bill Cutler; Liz & Pete Fell;
Beverly & John Holt; Nelda & Harold Ormond; Carol
Richardson; Linda Shively; Beverly & Ron Tincher,
caregivers & **Unspoken Requests.**

Friends & Community Prayer Concerns: Brenda
Alligood; Jane Bass; Susan Boyd; Amber Bullock;
Tilman Carter; Donald Cartwright; Eddie Coltrain; John
Conway; Anthony Cutler; Esther Flowers; Dianne
Floyd; Chris Gibbs; Gail Gibbs; Kathy Godwin; Larry
Green; Pauline Gurganus; Bryant Hardison; Chris
Harris; Hunter Hasty; Jay Holt; Jo Ann & Mike Isbell;
Laney Jordan; Sue Kemmer; Linwood Lewis ;Steve Mann;
Mavis Owens; Mike Painter; Wilson Paul; Stephanie
Sabbra; Dean Sheppard; Patricia Smith; Raymond
Spencer; Don Steffa; Susie Swinson; Roger Tuning;
Faye Waters; Ann Winfield; Deanna Woolard; Wendy
Woolard; teenagers throughout the world, those affected
by the coronavirus, & **Unspoken Requests.**

The families of: Geraldine Alligood; Gene Asby; Dena
Buttry; JoAnn Carter; Margaret Clark; Billy Cornelius; Steele
Cox; Justin Dickens; Peggy Elks; Yvonne Farrin; Jackie
Gaskins; Jack Greene, III; Dorothy Grimm; Ricky Hardison,
Jr.; Pat Hodges; Velma Huggins; Lewis Leggett, Jr.; Richard
Manning; Johnny Moore; Leo Myers, Sr.; William Price; Jack
Pyburn; Chris Smith; Joseph Harold Smith; Eddie Sulc; Bobby
Tarkington; Hallet Wallace; Phyllis Warren; Bobbie Willard.

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.

In Nursing Homes: Pete Fell, Bob Miller.

Please submit news to me
for the July newsletter by
9:00 am Monday, June 21st. Thank you!
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