

First Christian Church Jenks

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Richard's Reflections



Be these.

Matthew 5:13-16

“People don’t care what you know, until they know that you care.” – John Maxwell

I sort of got stuck on Sunday because I couldn’t remember this quotation that I have used dozens if not hundreds of times.

Our discussion centered on the fact that Jesus has called us to be salt and light to the world. How do we radiate the light of Christ to others? Now that our sermon time is over [by the way you all got an “A” for your exegesis of the text]. Now that we are beyond Sunday, each of us can probably think of thousands of examples that we have personally witnessed or read about where individuals and groups have shed the light of Christ on others.

Take just a moment out of your day and think about it. When we think about “groups” it’s easy to remember that the Day Center for the Homeless was started by Christians. The Salvation Army, Goodwill Industries, and Habitat for Humanity were each begun with the purpose of being the light of the world – and sharing the light of Christ with the least and the lost. We need not have a purpose couched solely in the terms of “evangelism” in order to BE light to the world – we merely reflect the light of Christ that we have been so fortunate to bask in.

You ARE the salt of the earth, the light of the world – every day. Be the seasoning, the preservative, the illumination - sharing with every person the love of God.

Blessings,

Richard



Prayer Request

Prayer Requests –

For Rick Lyons' and his family after having a water pipe break and house was flooded; for the many storm workers (Fire/Police/Street crews/others) and volunteers who have worked many, many hours over the past week and potentially this coming week.

Continued Prayers / Ongoing Concerns –

For mother and four children without housing; for Doris Seefeldt (rehab and recovery) at Grace Living; for further recovery of Carrie's friend's son recovering from motorcycle accident; for Keith's stepmom (mini-stroke); for Keith's daughter's friend's baby (born with a hole in the heart);

For the soldiers returning from Iraq / Afghanistan with difficulties adjusting back to being home (Doris Seefeldt's nephew Nathan, Pam Harrison's family member Daniel, Trent Pruitt); for the soldiers during their tour of duty in Iraq / Afghanistan / other foreign soils;

For Barrie Bohnwagner's son/family / Roberta Montgomery's neighbor Rex Pete / Connie Ginn / Jennifer Nixon / Pam Harrison's mom, Mrs. Henthorne / for Barbara (Peters) Roberts' husband, Wes (terminally ill) / for Matthew Smith and his family (17-year old in coma) / Georgia's sister Jeanne / Shannon Taylor; for the unemployed; for those encountering illness.

For the folks and their families dealing with cancer (Charlene McCormick, Paul Bohnwagner's father; for (Joyful Noise) Raynelle's sister Alexis; Chris Harrison; Aunt Becky; Christopher Campbell (son of Connie's friend in Pennsylvania).

Joys –

Dawn Lyons is doing better; Tony Rongey's pending job offer; for continuing spiritual growth in the congregation; for visitors; for all the blessings for which to be thankful.

Serving Schedule

February 13

Elder– Billie Avey

Deacons– Pam Harrison, Jason Lindsey

Greeter- Beverly Utter

Lay Leader– Martha Rongey

WOW– Bob and Connie Ginn

Acolytes– Elise Jones, Ryan Lindsey

Sponsor-Pam Newburn

Reflective Prayer

“O Lord, our God, under the shadow of Thy wings let us hope. Thou wilt support us, both when little and even to gray hairs. When our strength is of Thee, it is strength; but, when of our own, it is feebleness. We return unto Thee, O lord, that from their weariness our souls may rise towards thee, leaning on the thing which Thou has created, ad passing on to thyself, who hast wonderfully made them, for with Thee is refreshment and true strength. Amen”

St Augustine of Hippo.



Memory Verse

John 14:1-3

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

Church Humor

A Sunday school teacher was discussing the Ten Commandments with her five and six year olds. After explaining the commandment to "honor" thy Father and thy Mother, she asked, "Is there a commandment that teaches us how to treat our brothers and sisters?"

Without missing a beat one little boy (the oldest of a family)

answered, "Thou shall not kill."

The children were lined up in the cafeteria of a Catholic elementary school for lunch. At the head of the table was a large pile of apples. The nun made a note, and posted on the apple tray: "Take only ONE. God is watching." Moving further along the lunch line, at the other end of the table, was a large pile of chocolate chip cookies. A child had written a note, "Take all you want. God is watching the apples."

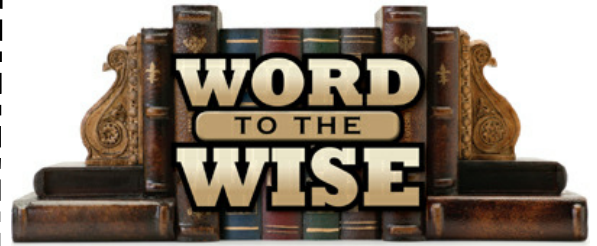
CALLING ALL MEN

Now that football season has come to an end, come to the church next Sunday afternoon, February 20th and meet Coach Tony Dungey. The Christian Men's Fellowship will sponsor a beef stew dinner at 5 PM on Sunday Afternoon (game time) and will listen to Tony Dungey present the message entitled "Dare to Be Uncommon". All men of FCC are invited to attend and are encouraged to bring any friends.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

A new membership class is scheduled to begin on Wednesday February 16th at 5PM. This study will take about six weeks and will provide information regarding church membership. At the conclusion of the six week period persons will have an opportunity to make a decision for Christ.

The class will be held in the Parlor. Pizza and soda will be served at the end of this first class. If you are interested in participating in the class please let the pastor know.



"You know you have created God in your own image when God hates all the same people you do."

Annie Lamott

Prayer Calendar

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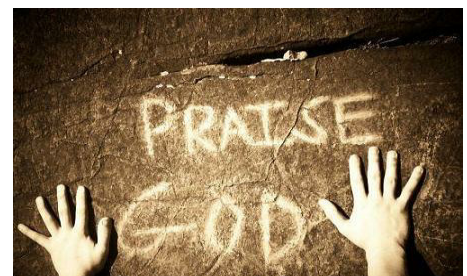
13 First Christian, Claremore-Charles Ragland

20 First Christian, Henryetta-Kris Denning

Week of Compassion Offering for DMF

27 First Christian, Hominy-In Transition

Praise God for . . .



Martha, Tony, Bruce and Bob willing to plow out 2-3 foot of snow in preparation for Sunday Worship Services; If this were

Hee Haw you would get a SAAALLLUUTTTEEE!

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