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Summer is winding down

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Enemies of Truth

What comes to mind when you think of someone who is an enemy of truth? Richard Dawkins? Joseph Smith? Hollywood celebrities? What about a woman at church? Your brother? You?

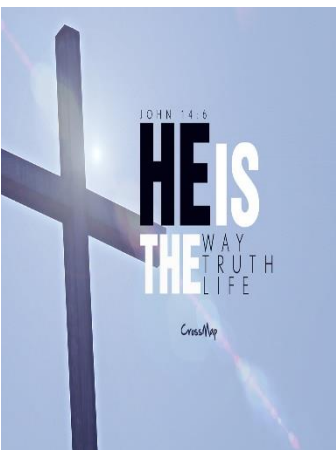
An older Christian once warned me, “Even Christians can be enemies of truth.” We know that we battle the world, the flesh, and the devil—those are three categories that we can rattle off. But it’s easy to think of ourselves in the right camp and others in the wrong one. We make reality black and white in ways that it is not. Thinking of a believer—of ourselves—as someone who can actually oppose truth is deeply sobering. Here are three ways that it can be true.

We are enemies of truth when we refuse to hear the truth. This tends to come in two forms: not listening to someone tell the truth or refusing to accept it. Maybe we’re not willing to take the time to actually hear; other priorities seem more urgent. Maybe we’re afraid of what will happen if we do listen; understanding will require humility, repentance, and change. Maybe we do listen and understand, but we refuse to admit that it applies to us. Truth can be uncomfortable. It can mean that we’ve been wrong. Whether truth comes to us through Scripture reading, through preaching, or through the words of a friend, when we treat it like an enemy, we become the enemy.

We are enemies of truth when we hide sin. Perhaps it’s a besetting sin, such as anger, that we hide from people outside of our family. Perhaps we’re covering up the serious sin of an older child, pastor, or friend: we’re afraid of what would happen if we expose the sin, afraid that people will accuse us of not understanding grace if we do. Hiding sin could even extend to preventing biblical justice from taking its course, as in ecclesiastical or civil courts. Believers can do all of these things, and when they do, they facilitate a culture of lies.

We are enemies of truth when we misrepresent the gospel. This could be to our family, our church, or those outside of it. This sort of skewed picture could come from apathy, fear of conflict, or abuse of authority. Of course, we will always represent the gospel imperfectly, often unknowingly.

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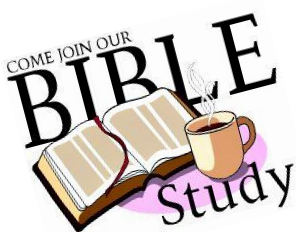
But a conscious decision to do and say things—or a conscious failure to do and say things—in a way that facilitates a misunderstanding of Christ’s person and work places us in opposition to the truth. That is sobering indeed.

The fact that we will always sin while in the body does not diminish the seriousness of these dangers. Our mortality, our struggle with our sinful nature, does not absolve us from the responsibility to obey or from consequences when we fail. In fact, since we have the strength of the Spirit and the mind of Christ, we are able to be allies of the truth as it renews our hearts and minds.

LIGONIER MINISTRIES Rebecca VanDoodewaard

Women of Woodville Community church...

God has compassion for women and brought them together in ministry to each other, meeting needs in friendship, laughter, support, encouragement, exhortation, service, and spiritual growth. At WCC, we want to get things going forward sharing our interests, gifts, talents and God’s love with each other. It is our goal to plan a once a month event to bring ladies together and for our ministry to grow from that as God leads. Look for a kick-off event in the near future. Please be praying and thinking about ideas for future events and ministry opportunities and ways you can share. Ladies, please fill out a questionnaire form in the back of church and return to Carol Tillotson or Shelly Werner. Also, please feel free to contact either of these ladies with any questions or ideas.



BIBLE STUDIES AT WOODVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

There are many opportunities to join a Bible study here at WCC.

FOR THE MEN:

- A study meets every Tuesday morning at the church from 7-8 AM, led by Pastor Randy Hahn.
- On the 2nd Tuesday evening of each month at 6:30 PM the men are invited to the *Broken Wheel Ranch* for a meal, testimonies, Bible study and fellowship.
- On the 3rd Saturday of each month at 8 AM the men have the pleasure of going to *Two Hats Ranch* for breakfast, music, and a teaching time.

FOR THE WOMEN:

- Ladies Aid meets on the 1st & 3rd Monday mornings at 10 AM. They will be beginning the study of *Praying the Psalms*.
- On every Tuesday morning at 9:30 AM the ladies gather for Bible study and prayer. The study they will be doing is *Meeting the Spirit*.
- On Monday nights there is a Bible study at Shilo Pines that meets at 6 PM for a meal and a study on Elijah. They will be beginning a new Bible study soon.

If you have any questions on any of these Bible studies please contact the church office or Shelly Werner

Why Isn't America in Bible Prophecy?



For many, America's absence from Bible prophecy raises serious concerns — in this Pastor's page, I would like to explore some thoughts on the subject and see perhaps some of the reasons why this is so. Theories about America's future abound. Based on the cultural and historical connections between the United States and Europe, some have speculated that the U.S. will become part of the revived Roman Empire described in Daniel's prophecy:

The feet and toes you saw were a combination of iron and baked clay, showing that this kingdom will be divided. Like iron mixed with clay, it will have some of the strength of iron.
42 But while some parts of it will be as strong as iron, other parts will be as weak as clay.
43 This mixture of iron and clay also shows that these kingdoms will try to strengthen themselves by forming alliances with each other through intermarriage. But they will not hold together, just as iron and clay do not mix (Daniel 2: 41-43).

Others suggest that invaders or another outside force will weaken the United States. One theory surmises that America will not be part of any end-time scenario because America will crumble from the inside due to moral decay. Over the years, America's wealth, technology, and scientific advancements have surpassed all previous civilizations. David Jeremiah makes this comment, "I believe our nation has enjoyed God's blessing because many pilgrims and our Founding Fathers sought the counsel of God's Word as they forged our national identity (Psalm 33:12). Drawing from this heritage, the United States has propelled world missions, befriended the Jewish people, and promoted liberty and justice."

If the condition of our country at present is any indication, if we allow this foundation to erode, it will come at a steep cost. The history of world powers like Babylon, Greece, and Rome suggests that the greatest threats to America's future lie within. Previous empires have followed a lifecycle something like this: they moved out of bondage to spiritual faith, from faith to courage, from courage to liberty, from liberty to abundance, from abundance to complacency, from complacency to apathy, from apathy to dependance, and from dependance back to bondage. It is not hard to trace America's history on that path. I would say we have passed the midpoint and are somewhere in the second half of that cycle — barring a change in course.

There are (3) possible reasons that God has turned His back on America — our nation can expect a markedly different future if it exchanges the pursuit of godliness for worthless things like apathy, immorality, and greed. The Bible warns of three national sins that result in God turning His back on a nation:



1. The National Sin of Ingratitude

According to the book of Judges, Israel cycled through rebellion, retribution, repentance, and restoration thirteen times. Later, the prophet Jeremiah reminded the people of how close they had been to the Lord when the nation was established (Jeremiah 2:1-2). He warned that their callousness would incur God's judgment, and it did. If America hopes to enjoy God's continued blessings, it will do well to heed Jeremiah's warning with a grateful heart.

2. The National Sin of Idolatry

In Jeremiah 2:5, the Lord gave a cutting assessment of Israel: *"This is what the Lord says: 'What did your ancestors find wrong with Me that led them to stray so far from Me? They worshiped worthless idols, only to become worthless themselves.'"*

God could ask the same question to America. Why has the most blessed nation on earth turned its back on God in favor of self-interest? Chaos, factions, and economic struggles have replaced God's peace and provision because we have pushed Him from the public square to the periphery of our nation's life.

3. The National Sin of Indifference

How did Israel respond to God's assessment? According to Jeremiah 2:6, they did not even bother to ask, "Where is the Lord?" Awash in the riches of God's abundance, they assumed He would continue to grant them favor no matter what they did. Contemporary Christianity reflects similar attitudes. Believers often form closer friendships with the world than with God, and they seek out preachers who offer empty words of hope that are powerless to transform lives and save souls. The solution is to make good on our confession of faith, "to let steadfastness have its full effect, that [we] may be perfect and complete, lacking nothing" James 1:4, ESV).

Though America is not in Bible prophecy, it seems that God has had a plan for this nation in redemptive history. Our country has not been perfect, but its blessings are undeniable. Proverbs 14:34 says, *"Godliness makes a nation great, but sin is a disgrace to any people."*

America's future will depend on how closely it follows the blueprint for success. Although we cannot know the details of America's future, each of us can make a difference by choosing to obey God today.



Faithful Fridays

August 5th- Woodville Community Church

Come on out to the park, invite family & friends and support Woodville Church on this Faithful Friday!

September 2nd- 1st United Methodist Church

HARDLY KNOWN FACTS ABOUT EVERYDAY THINGS THAT ARE ACTUALLY PRETTY USEFUL

(continued from previous issue)

By Noam Schulman - August 31, 2020

Let's be honest, we live our lives in such a hurry that we tend to miss the simple, yet interesting things. From tools you use on a daily basis to random items you have lying around your house, everything has a quirky backstory. What's for sure, these little known facts will come in handy during those awkward-silence moments.

CAP'N CRUNCH'S REAL NAME IS HORATIO MAGELLAN CRUNCH

There are a handful of facts many *Cap'n Crunch* lovers don't know! The loved captain was actually named after famous explorer Ferdinand Magellan, and his ship is called the S.S Guppy. Interestingly, the cereal was created in the 1960s when kids revealed they preferred *crunchy* cereal over soggy foods. This is when the name *Cap'n Crunch* was thought up!

THE AVERAGE PERSON SPENDS SIX MONTHS OF THEIR LIFE AT A RED LIGHT

Whether you are a patient person or not, red traffic lights feel as if they last for hours! According to the National Association of City Transportation, the average time one spends at a red light is 75 seconds, and the average driver will spend about 6 months of their life waiting for the light to turn green.

I hope that you enjoyed learning these little know facts!

WOODVILLE CHURCH NURSERY SCHEDULE

August

- 7 Jackie Teja & Char Yonker
- 14 Sara Yonker & Char Yonker
- 21 Lynda Kolehouse & Christie Pikaart
- 28 Carianne Smith & Teri Hook

September

- 4 Nancy Eveland & Marilyn Davis
- 11 Polly Byers & Amy Hysell
- 18 Adriana Beckwith & Jackie Teja
- 25 Deb Thorne & LeeAnna Yates



Thank you, ladies, for your service in caring for these little ones.

If you are unable to serve on the date that you are scheduled please contact Karen White 231-519-9488 as soon as possible.



August 2022



Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:40 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
9:30 a.m.

Wednesday

NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

3rd Monday

BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Greeters for August: <i>NEEDED</i>	1	2 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	3 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	4 Praise Team practice	5	6 Elders' Prayer Time
7 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	8	9 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study Men's Monthly Bible Study	10 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	11 Praise Team practice	12	13 Elders' Prayer Time
14 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	15 Board Meeting	16 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	17 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	18 Praise Team practice	19	20 Elders' Prayer Time
21 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	22	23 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	24 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	25 Praise Team practice	26	27 Elders' Prayer Time
28 WORSHIP SERVICE Sunday school	29	30 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible study	31 WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE			

August Birthdays

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|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1: Lynda Berkompas | 19: Kurt Ruiters |
| 4: Ken Kacel | 19: Ed Gray |
| 12: Darlene Hahn | 23: Betty Sutton |
| 12: Pete Alley | 23: Sky Pike |
| 12: Tim Derks | 23: Trever Hysell |
| 16: Jenna Minor | 23: Isaiah Davison |
| 16: Duke VanderArk | 24: Joyce Patrick |
| 16: Scott Carter | 29: Brad Baar |
| 18: Shelby Fate | 30: Tom Vanlaan |

August Anniversaries

- 3: Don & Susan Foust
- 5: Randy & Amanda Hahn
- 7: Paul & Pattie Morse
- 14: Bill & Sylvia Edwards
- 14: Bob & Paula Hodge
- 15: Ed & Paula Gray
- 22: Gary & Jackie Teja
- 26: Bill & Sue Walta
- 28: Al & Karen White
- 28: Bob & Marge Shoemaker
- 30: Larry & Joyce Patrick (65 years)





SEPTEMBER 2022



Sunday

WORSHIP SERVICE
10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
11:40 a.m.

Tuesday

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
7:00 a.m.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY
9:30 a.m.
Youth Group
6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

AWANA Program
6:00 p.m.
NIGHT SERVICE
6:30 p.m.

3rd Monday

BOARD MEETING
6:00 p.m.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
GREETERS FOR SEPTEMBER: <i>Phil & Chris Rottman</i>				1	2	3
4 WORSHIP SERVICE	5 LABOR DAY	6 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Youth Group	7 AWANA BEGINS WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	8 Praise Team practice	9	10 Elders' Prayer Time
11 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	12	13 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Men's Evening Bible study Youth Group	14 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	15 Praise Team practice	16	17 Elders' Prayer Time Men's Monthly Breakfast
18 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	19 Board Meeting	20 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Youth Group	21 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	22 Praise Team practice	23	24 Elders' Prayer Time
25 WORSHIP SERVICE SUNDAY SCHOOL	26	27 Men's Bible Study Ladies Bible Study Youth Group	28 AWANA WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERVICE	29 Praise Team practice	30	



September Anniversaries

- 3: James & Sharon Stieg
- 8: Jason & Ronica Garrod
- 8: Jim & Stacy Edewaard
- 10: Gary & Renee Frantz
- 13: Vic & Linda Berkompas (54 years)
- 22: Tim & Renee Cook
- 27: David & Lynda Kolehouse



September Birthdays

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|------------------|------------------|
| 2 Ann Workman | 22 Nancy Eveland |
| 6 Barb Atkins | 22 Polly Byers |
| 6 Kim Schaefer | 25 LeeAnna Yates |
| 11 Larry Patrick | 26 Dave Yonker |
| 20 Dennis Helmus | 27 Sue Walta |

Food For Thought...

Bacon Mushroom Pork Chops

Serves 4

Prep time: 10 Minutes

Cook time: 20 Minutes

Ingredients

- 1 package of bacon, cut into small pieces
- 4 boneless thick cut pork chops
- 2 tbsp minced garlic
- 8 oz pre-sliced mushrooms
- 1 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1 oz shredded Parmesan cheese
- Salt, pepper and garlic powder to taste



Everything is better with bacon and this creamy bacon mushroom sauce over pork chops is the most delicious dinner ever.

Instructions

1. Cut the bacon into small pieces and cook in a large pan over medium high heat until bacon is crispy. Set bacon aside and leave the grease in pan.
2. Place a piece of saran wrap on counter and place pork chops on top of saran wrap. Place another piece of saran wrap on top of the pieces of pork chops and beat with a meat tenderizer until they are flat.
3. Season both sides of the pork chops with salt, pepper, and garlic powder to your liking. Place the pork chops in the pan with the bacon grease. Cook over medium high heat until the pork chops are 145 F internal temp, turning and making sure they get brown on both sides. Set aside when done.
4. Drain the excess grease and leave enough to sauté. Using the same pan, add garlic and sauté for 30 seconds. Then add mushrooms and sauté for 10 minutes or until brown and tender. Add in the cheese, heavy whipping cream, cooked bacon, salt and pepper to taste to the pan and mix together and cook over medium heat until sauce thickens.
5. Serve sauce over pork chops and enjoy!

BBQ Chicken and Apple Bread Pudding

TOTAL TIME: Prep: 45 min. + cooling Bake: 35 min.

YIELD: 8 servings.

Ingredients

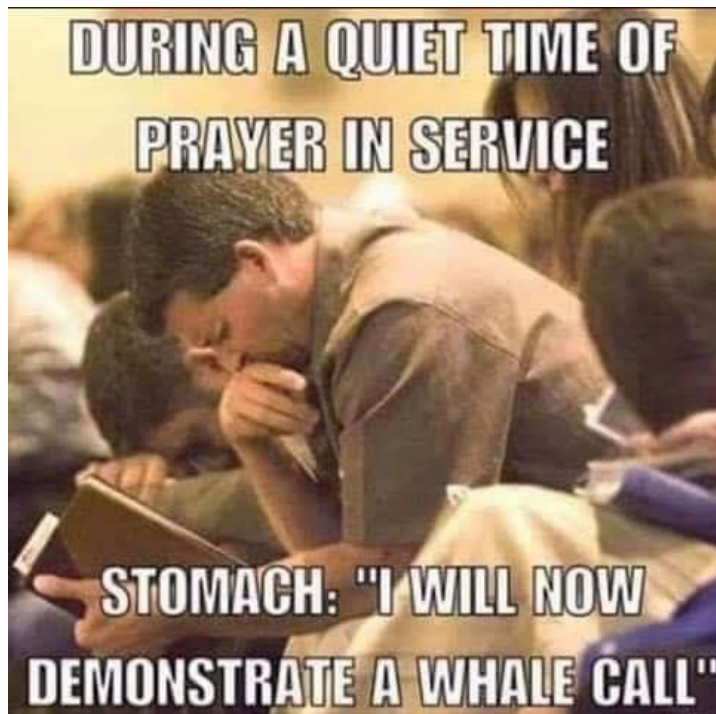
- 6 tablespoons butter, divided
- 1 large sweet onion, thinly sliced
- 2/3 cup barbecue sauce, divided
- 2 cups diced cooked chicken
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 1 cup half-and-half cream
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1-1/4 cups shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 small green apple, peeled and diced
- 1 package (8-1/2 ounces) cornbread/muffin mix
- Minced chives



Directions

1. Prepare cornbread according to package directions and bake using a greased and floured 8-in. square baking pan. Cool. Reduce oven setting to 375°. Meanwhile, in a small skillet, heat 2 tablespoons butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook and stir until softened. Reduce heat to medium-low; cook until deep golden brown and caramelized, 30-40 minutes. Remove from heat and set aside.
2. Pour 1/4 cup barbecue sauce over chicken; toss to coat.
3. Cube cornbread. Microwave remaining butter, covered, on high until melted, about 30 seconds. Whisk in eggs, cream, salt and pepper. Add caramelized onions. Pour egg mixture over cornbread cubes. Add chicken, cheese and apple. Toss gently to combine.
4. Pour mixture into a greased 8-in. square or 1-1/2-quart baking dish; bake until bubbly and top is golden brown, about 35 minutes. Drizzle remaining barbecue sauce over bread pudding. Sprinkle with chives.

"...A merry heart doeth good like a medicine..."



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.

Bible Trivia...

Which human author wrote the most books in the Bible?

Which human author wrote the most words in the Bible?



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"Hear that? People in heaven have ever-laughing life."

ACTIVITY PAGE

Daniel always worshiped God. Then something happened

Code				
= plan	= serve	= law	= lions	= sad
= pray	= Daniel	= angel	= night	
= worship	= king	= alive	= rescue	
= see	= den	= Darius	= morning	

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 any god or man, only the _____
 would be thrown into the _____'. _____ So
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to the _____', _____, the _____ said,
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not hurt him. The Lord had sent an _____ to pro



Name _____

Old Testament Lesson #148

Answer:

1. Paul 2. Moses