

Jumping to Conclusions

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A few weeks ago I attended a musical put on by one of our local high schools. I went because my son had done some video work for it, one of the young people from church was in it, and, frankly, I enjoy musicals. I was enjoying this one. I was pleasantly surprised at the professionalism demonstrated by these students. I recalled my high school days and the productions we put on and they in no way compared to the expertise these young people displayed. So I was having a good time.

Everyone else seemed to be enjoying it too. The auditorium was filled and the applause was thunderous -- except for the woman sitting next to me. I don't remember when I first noticed it but she was not applauding at all. While the rest of the audience was gleefully putting their hands together, she just sat there quietly.

I consciously watched her the next time applause rang out. Again, she didn't so much as move or acknowledge the performance in any way. I thought to myself, "Why did you come if you were going to just sit there? Don't you realize these young people need to be encouraged when they do good, worthwhile things?"

It became a distraction to me. My enjoyment was greatly diminished. In reality, not only was I distracted, I was becoming angry at this woman. "Perhaps," I thought, "she is jealous -- grudging these young people their youth and talents." "Maybe she thinks she is better than everyone else and that all this is beneath her." I carried such thoughts to intermission.

When I stood to stretch, so did she. Then she turned around. It was then I knew the truth -- she had only one hand. She could not have applauded even if she desperately wanted to. I felt stupid. I was glad I had not shared my feelings with anyone else. I was ashamed.

I wondered, "How many times have I jumped to conclusions about other people when I did not know the truth of their situation?" Our Lord told us we should not be quick to judge others (Matt. 7:1-2) but I had "jumped in with both feet." I was the self-centered one. I was the one who lacked sensitivity and understanding. I asked the Lord to forgive me. I smiled at the lady and said, "Good play, huh?" She replied, "It's wonderful! I am really enjoying it." Now, putting aside my selfishness, I could too.

Throughout our lives, as we live them for Christ, let us not be quick to judge others and impugn their motives. Only God knows their hearts (Acts 1:24). Let us let Him judge in matters of the heart.

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Study	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
No Sunday PM Service	
Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study	10:00 AM
Wednesday PM Bible Study	7:00 PM

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If you are a visitor we are honored to have you with us. Please fill out a *Visitor Card* (on the back of the pew in front of you) so we may have a record of your visit. Later in the service we will pass around a collection plate. As a visitor you are obviously not expected to give but we would like for you to place the *Visitor Card* in the collection plate. Thanks.

There is a nursery at the rear of the auditorium up the stairs for infant care.

Please keep cell phones and other noise making devices silent during worship.



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Condolences to family friends and loved ones of Agnes West. She passed away Nov. 16, 2018 at the age of 97. Funeral services were Wednesday in Florence, Alabama. She and her son Charles are former members here at LaSalle.

Prayers In our prayers let's praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.

Bruce Brink is scheduled for oral surgery Dec. 12th.

Diane Mellott Her eye pressure has been up recently.

Sonny Stine had a new pacemaker inserted Nov. 15th. The doctors were pleased how well he did.

Eddie Sumner Let's keep her in our prayers as she continues her battle with lymphoma. It was good to see her with us this past Sunday. Let's keep her husband Butts in our prayers also.

Eileen Johnson, Cora Parson's daughter in law, was admitted to Buffalo General Hospital Nov. 12th. She is now in Elderwood at Wheatfield, 2600 NF Blvd. Room 100 Ph: 716 870-5070. It is planned that she will be released soon to go home.

Red Crowe was in the hospital recently with COPD issues. He was discharged Nov. 16th but continues to struggle with breathing.

Gloria Zachery thanks everyone that offered up prayers on her behalf.

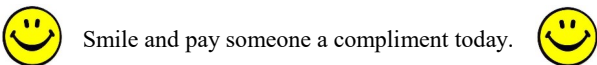
Betty Lauricia, Anna Brink's sister in PA, went to the emergency room Nov. 19 in pain because of kidney stones. They can't do anything about it right now and she was told she would have to pass them.

Let's pray as we continue our preacher search process.

- Also*
- Let's pray for our members that have ongoing health and other issues.
 - Let's pray for family, friends, and loved ones of our members who are having health and other issues.
 - Let's not only remember those that are physically sick but those that are spiritually sick as well.
 - Let's remember to pray for our shut-ins and to call and send cards.
 - Let's pray for those dealing with family situations as well as work situations.
 - Let's pray for those dealing with weather related disasters.
 - Let's pray for those of our number who are looking for employment.
 - Let's pray for those that are traveling. May they have a safe journey.
 - Let's pray for God's people that are doing mission work all over the world.
 - Let's pray for people the world over that we may all learn to get along with each other.

Cora Parson is requesting we do not send her holiday cards.

Minutes of last Sunday's Business Meeting are on the back table.



Dec. Birthdays

- 05 Dennis Reed
- 17 Carol Jones
- 25 Kyra Kyle

Dec. Anniversaries

None for Dec.

Classes and Sermon

Sun. AM Adult Bible Study Hebrews

Sermon Topic Today:
Heavenly Wisdom For Earthly Living – Tenderheartedness

Scripture Reading: Proverbs 29:1

No Sun. PM Bible Study

Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study 10 AM at the building.

Wed. PM Bible Study 1st Kings

Upcoming Events (Lord willing)

- Dec. 15 Ladies Holiday Party at Antonio's at NOON.
- Dec. 16 Men's Business Meeting
- Dec. 24 Christmas Eve
- Dec. 25 Christmas Day
- Dec. 30 NO Area Wide 5th Sunday Singing
- Dec. 31 New Year's Eve

Serving Today

- Announcements** Rodney Jones
- Song Leader** Marvis Garrett
- Direct Communion** Mark Dailey
- Serve** Rodney Jones
- Serve** Doug Flanagan
- Serve** Matt Nichols
- Clean Trays** Audrey Dailey



2 Timothy 2:15

Ongoing Events

Personal care items for the vets at the V.A. Hospital in Buffalo and also non-perishable food items for Casey House on Cedar Ave. in N.F. are being collected. If you can help in this matter it is greatly appreciated. Zambia Baby Fund - Several members are contributing financially to this.



Please check the "Love One Another" and "Answered Prayers" boards in the back of the auditorium.



Dec. 15th Noon at Antonios
Payment is due by Dec. 9th.
See Denise Garlitz if you have any questions.