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ATLANTIC COMMUNITY CHURCH

“WILL YOU KNOW A COUNTERFEIT?”

by: Cherri Chapman, Worship Director

There are so many counterfeits out there you can't believe everything you see. There's counterfeit food. Its looks good, smells right, tastes like the real thing but it's imitation. Would you know a counterfeit dollar if you saw one? There are even counterfeit Christians. Yes, it's true. The Bible warns us of false teachers. They say good prayers, they know the scriptures and how to twist their meanings to get you to believe something else. They sing the songs but there is no true relationship with Christ in their hearts. They are doing everything in their own power and are quite haughty about it. 2 Peter 2:1 But there were also false prophets and among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction. Also Jude verse 12 ...They are clouds with out water, carried about by the winds, 2 Peter 2:17

...wells without water (represent false teachers have a pretense of spiritual water to quench the thirsty soul, but they actually have nothing to give.

In a relationship with Jesus - He will give you all you need. You can totally rely on Him. You know you can trust Him and you know He will guide you. You talk with Him and walk with Him. Your fruits from the Holy Spirit are real and identify who you are.

Galatians 5:22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

I've walked in a kitchen and saw a nice bowl of fruit on the table. The colors were right, the size was right, but not until I picked up an apple and felt it was plastic - I was fooled. It wasn't real.

There is also a counterfeit Christ coming on the scene. He is called the Anti-Christ- the one against Christ. He even does miracles like Jesus. He is not the real Peace, he is the

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false peace. Don't be fooled and miss out on your salvation. Some people will miss it by 12 inches. (I just measured it) From your head to your heart is about 12 inches. They may have all the brain knowledge

about who God is but haven't let Him into their hearts. He needs to be the King of your heart. Jesus is the King of kings, the Lord of the universe, your Creator. He will not force Himself into your life - its up to

you to make that decision. Be humble, ask Him into your heart to forgive you and save you. Jesus is the True Savior.

POWER THOUGHTS FOR JULY & AUGUST

† Being set free from something doesn't mean it disappears, but you learn to handle it differently.

† Don't Say God is silent when your Bible is closed.

† But the Lord stood with me and gave me strength. II Timothy 4:17

"JESUS CHRIST MY KING"

Part 1

submitted by: anonymous

from: Dr. S. M. Lockridge

Jesus Christ was born King. He's the King of the Jews. He's the King of Israel. He's the King of righteousness. He's the King of the ages and the King of Heaven. He's the King of glory and King of kings.

Do you know Him? David said the Heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament showed His handiwork. His love is limitless. No barriers can hinder Him. He is enduringly strong. Entirely sincere. Eternally steadfast. He is my King. He's God's Son. The sinners Savior. He stands alone in Himself. He's supreme. He's the miracle of the age.

He is everything good that you choose to call Him. He's the only one able to supply all of our needs. He supplies strength for the weak. He's available for the tempted and tried. He is the Almighty God who guards and guides and keeps all His people. He forgives sinners, heals the sick, cleansed the lepers, delivers the captives, and defends the feeble.

Do you know Him? Well, my King is the King of knowledge. The wellspring of wisdom and the doorway of deliverance. He's the pathway of peace and the roadway of righteousness, and the Highway of holiness. When You ask for forgiveness, He forgives, He gives mercy and grace freely. Ask Him into your heart and He will save you and lead you into everlasting life forever more. All power and glory belongs to Him. Amen.

“GOD AT THE CENTER”

July Submission

submitted by: anonymous

from: Habits of Spiritual Growth

I found all my reading, studying, trying to model myself after other people was worthless unless God was in me.

Every trial you and I face is an opportunity for God to demonstrate that He is the One we can always depend upon.

King Hezekiah saw God demonstrate His care for him in a dramatic way. Read Isaiah 37 and write down the steps King Hezekiah took when faced with a serious problem.

First, he acknowledged that he had a problem. 37:1

Second, he sought to know what God's Word said about his problem. 37:2-7

Third, he didn't allow anything to distort his perspective. 37:8-13

Forth, he prayed to God-first worshipping Him, then presenting his request, and finally asking that God would be glorified. 37:14-20

Using these same steps when we face a difficulty or trial will be very helpful. Remember, it is in the hard places we lean more on Christ and we get to know Him better.

* I'm at rest because God is resting in me.

“CAMPFIRE CHURCH”

July's Submission

by: Rev. Adam Devine

We are in our fourth week of Campfire Church and God has truly blessed us with wonderful weather each Tuesday that we gathered together. We enjoyed having some visitors from Springboro and Mercer and on June 6th a representative from the Record Argus joined us around the campfire. She wrote a wonderful story which appeared on the front page of the newspaper. Praise the

Lord! All who have attended this service has had

the wonderful opportunity to sit in the presence of God while being outside in his amazing creation. There is nothing more calming to the spirit than listening to fire crackle and pop, while the birds serenade the evening. Joy floods your soul when hear the clippity clop of horses as the Amish pass by with a heartfelt smile and wave. Still, it is the



moments of our voices singing praises to our God and hearing his word that fills our souls to the brim. It is the wonderful presence of God as he gathers with us around the campfire that we treasure the most. If you want to experience God and all he has for you at Campfire Church, bring a lawn

chair, invite a friend, and let's worship the one the true King together!

May you have a blessed day in the Lord!

Rev. Adam Devine



"I LOVE YOU"

August Submission

by: Rebecca Devine

We have been to hundreds of churches with The Devine Inspirations over the past five years spanning from Erie to Pittsburgh and State College to Columbus. We have seen one thing in particular that is present in every single church that we've been. This is the same for Non-Denominational, Methodist, Presbyterian, Nazarene, Cowboy, camps, retreats, banquets, women's groups, men's groups, and every other church type or group that you can imagine. There is no exception. Not one.

This "thing" that we've seen is ... the pastor is human.

The pastor is just like every one else. They have strong moments and weak moments, feelings of empowerment and inadequacy, worry, stress, and fear, extreme joy and extreme sadness, grief, addictions, struggles with sins and lusts of the world, desire to please God while feeling like he/she is pleasing no one...

Each week, the pastor prays, seeking God's guidance as to what should be preached, what message needs delivered, and what words to use. With God's help, the pastor prepares a full 10-15 page paper complete with an introduction, body, closing, cited research, humor, lightness and heavy hitting convictions and submits it through an oral presentation, eloquent, expressive, gestures, tone, and passion.

The congregation usually takes one of two routes. Route one being that they hang on every word judging accuracy, agreeability, delivery, boredom, time, volume, and even the clothes being worn and following the service will express their critiques before leaving, gossiping with other members of the church, or through long "evaluations" in the preacher's office. Route two being that they draw, doodle, sleep, or zone out in an unexpressive stare as if watching a television preacher that cannot see how one looks lounging on the couch. Both routes can make the preacher ask "What's the point?" "Why am I doing this?" "Does it even

matter?" Some wear a mask of loneliness, isolated behind a smile, and a desire to push on following God at all costs, regardless of how hard it is in the flesh.

Pastors are held up as pillars of the community, respected, with Christian moral character with every move watched maybe even more closely than the paparazzi watches Hollywood actors. If someone in the tabloids makes a mistake, they are held personally accountable. If a pastor makes a mistake, the whole Christian body could be deemed as unworthy of pursuit as the unbeliever or new believer thinks "And they call themselves a Christian."

Who is there to help the pastor as they are living this life? Who are the human tools that God can use to deliver the peace, comfort, compassion, guidance, discipleship, and love that God commands us to give? Who will stand and say, "I am?"

Each week, when you go to church, have an "I Love You" attitude.

I (meaning me, mine, myself)

Love (1 John 4:8 says God is Love. Therefore, Love is God. Love means God!)

You (meaning anyone else besides I, me, mine, myself).

I Love (God) You.

Me...God...and You.

Go to church each week realizing that you are part of a live audience and the preacher can see you! Be responsive, polite, and pleasant. Smile. Be a good audience member.

Each week expect that God has something for you in the message. Search for it. Receive it. Claim it as your own. Repeat it. Repent of it (if needed). Live it.

Determine how you can be support to the pastor. Offer encouragement. Be a listening non-judgmental ear. Do not critique, criticize, or crush but be willing to seek out the good in everything.

Daily, pray for the pastor. The pastor is praying for you.

Daily, ask God how you can bless or be of service to the pastor. The pastor is asking God how they can bless and be of service to you.

Daily, seek God's guidance on how your words, gestures, or expression, can build up the pastor. The pastor is asking God how they can use words, gestures and expression to build you up.

Use God to link the gap between the pastor and you. Don't give the Devil a foothold of criticism or judgment between the pastor and you. Don't leave another church service without receiving what is for you. Don't spend another week without supporting the pastor who is supporting you.

Remember: I Love You. I...God...You.

UPCOMING DEVINE INSPIRATIONS' EVENTS

Saturday, August 12, The Devine Inspirations concert at Music at the Marina, Goddard State Park, 11:00 - 11:40.

Friday, August 18, The Devine Inspirations Fifth Birthday Bash Fund Raiser. Delicious menu. Musical performances by Jason Papinchak and Brett Allan Morgan. Testimony, author talk, and book signing by Cindy Starr Stewart. And more! Tickets \$25 adult, \$15 child, must be purchased on or before Thursday, August 10 by calling Adam Devine at 724-376-7362. Location: New Lebanon Community Church 4166 Mercer St, Sandy Lake, PA 16145. Doors open at 5:30.

Thursday, August 24, The Devine Inspirations concert at the Crawford County Fair West End Stage 1:20 - 2:20.

Sunday, August 27, The Devine Inspirations concert at the Community Fun Fest in the park behind the fire station in Farmdale, OH at 1:00 - 5:00.

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