

a minute with Mark

I was reading some interesting, if not disturbing research the other day on identifying a church member who is a bully. The research gave several “warning signs” that you can easily see, others you have to look more closely. I do not think any sane church member, anywhere, would admit to being a bully or even want to be one, but maybe we all can look at the signs and ourselves.

The first one that jumped out at me is “they are the first to tell you how much they love you” at least until things do not go their way. You are the greatest brother or sister in the world as long as they get what they want. The next sign, which comes right out of James, is “they are terrible listeners.” They want you to hear them but they do not want to hear anyone else, reason and logic seems to drop at their feet. Another one, sort of funny and sort of sad is they murmur and mumble (it reminded me of the old cartoons where Popeye would always mumble something so everyone could hear but no one could understand). It is a tactic to let everyone know how unhappy they are but make you guess what they are unhappy about. The last one I want to talk about is that “they are highly opinionated” and if you show any signs of disagreement you are labeled as not loving Christ or His Church.

Christ and Him crucified! I must look in the mirror of the Word of God and ask myself if I put Christ first in my own heart. If Christ is first in our hearts we will check our words and our actions.

Suffering As a Christian

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Be on the alert, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. 1 Corinthians 16:13

The morals of society have never been the same as those found in the New Testament. Sometimes there have been similarities but at other times they have been far different. The morals in this country have been drifting farther and farther away from Bible morals: marriage is just a “relationship” subject to end for any reason; co-habitation before marriage is commonplace; perverted lifestyles are defended as acceptable; right-or-wrong has been replaced by “if it feels right, it’s okay.” And many churches have fallen prey to such nonsense. The challenge for Christians today is to stand firm for Bible morals, no matter who criticizes, or what the cost may be.

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal among you, which comes upon you for your testing, as though some strange thing were happening to you; but to the degree that you share the sufferings of Christ, keep on rejoicing, so that also at the revelation of His glory you may rejoice with exultation. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. Make sure that none of you suffers as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler; but if anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name. 1 Peter 4:12-16

NEWSLETTER

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Schedule of Services

Sunday AM Bible Class	9:45 AM
Sunday AM Worship	11:00 AM
* Sunday PM Worship	6:00 PM
Wednesday PM Bible Class	7:00 PM

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** There is no PM service on the 5th Sunday of the month.*

Ladies' Bible Class
Tuesday - 10 AM at the building.



We welcome all who are here today.

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.

In 2017 – Striving to:

*Grow & Sow
Reach & Teach
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a place of worship and healing



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Speaker
Phil Sanders
www.searchtv.org

Time Warner Cable Channel 20
Tuesday 5:30 AM
Friday 4:30 PM

Prayer List *In our prayers let’s praise God, recognize His greatness, and thank Him for His blessings.*

Those that attend: Joe Pitts, Mildred Lynum, Bill Flanagan, Anna Brink, Red & Goldie Crow, Frank Marsden, Bill Kinney, Pat Hazlett, David Alcorn, Willow, Darlene Reed, Leo & Jeanne Johns, Butts & Edie Sumner, Rick & Fran Fees, Jodie Kelly, Chris Highway, Keith & Glory Marten, Bev McArthur, Candi Butcher, Cheryl Mellott, Ron & Jean Cameron, Joyce Cameron, Carol Jones, Tahlia Willis, and Brenda Nelson.

People in other places: Jennifer Walters, Renee Kinney, Diane Mellott, Tim Mellott and family, Diane Fritton, Billy Stine, T.J., Wednesday Rahelich, Congressman Ted Poe, Doreen Woods, Betty Leistner and also Denise Garlitz’ grandchildren, James Proctor, Stephanie, Carol’s sister Holly, Frank’s niece, Sheila Donkley, Laval Baptiste, Mary Lou, Mila Roche, Tony & Eglá Grana, Patrick, Susan Barrett & family, Jack Openshaw, Liz Holton, George Kohlbacher, Karen Anstee, Randy Marten, Jeff Elder, Bobby Granton, Sherry Allen, Remi Perini, Isabella Rick, Pat Ferrio, Doris & Mary Jane Mess, Christina Perry, Ken Nellington, John Helwig, George Beckwith, Michelle Phillips, Tabitha’s father, Emily Sestack, and John Grubbs.

Updates:

Let’s pray for **Diane Mellott** as she deals with things in her life that involve her daughter **Renee Kinney** and also her granddaughter **Samantha**. **Renee’s** cancer is back and it’s active. **Samantha** is suffering both physically and spiritually because of decisions she has made. Let’s pray for her and also her parents **Tim and Gina Mellott**.

Carol Jones had shoulder surgery Feb. 7. Let’s pray that her recovery continues to go well.

John Grubbs, Carter’s son in law, had shoulder surgery on his left shoulder on Thursday Feb. 09.

Emily Sestack, Sherry Carter’s cousin in DE - her recent tests concerning cancer came back good.

Dennis, Louella Hopkins’ son, is recovering well from recent shoulder surgery.

Michelle Phillips, Louella Hopkins’ daughter in law, is scheduled for a double mastectomy in April.

Billy Stine, Sonny & Linda’s son, fell recently in the bath tub and hurt his back.

Tabitha - a coworker of Bruce Brink - Her father recently fell and was down a while. He has multiple health issues. He is diabetic, and some organs are failing. He is in ICU at Buffalo General. He is not doing well at all.

Betty Leistner, isn’t doing well. She is in Roswell. She had a transfusion and is also dealing with a broken rib.

Stephanie Hart, a neighbor of Wayne’s brother in VA had breast cancer surgery on Thursday. She did well in surgery and was released to go home on Friday.

Paul Stewart, age 98, has many health issues. He is the father of former member here Janet Smith. Let’s keep him in our prayers and also Janet and other loved ones as they try to get Paul back on his feet. Please see the letter from Janet that is posted in the back.

Upcoming Events *(Lord willing)*

Feb. 19 Today. Men’s Business Meeting

Feb. 20 Presidents Day

Feb. 24 Ladies’ devotional at the building 6:30 PM (see below)

Mar. 11 Set clocks ahead one hour before going to bed.

Mar. 18 Men’s Breakfast 8:30 AM

Mar. 18 Ladies Day - Horseheads church of Christ Please see posting.

Ladies “*Red Heart*” Night

All ladies are invited to an evening an interesting and encouraging evening on Friday, February 24th at 6:30PM. Edie Sumner will be facilitating our time together and will be talking about the HEART. She asks that we wear **RED** and bring a **RED** snack to share.

Sermon Topic Today: *Live - A Worthy Life*

Trays Today: *Linda Stine*

Scripture Reading: *Colossians 1:9-13*

Sun. AM Adult Class 1 Corinthians

Sun. PM Class Isaiah 26-30

Wed. PM Class Angels

Please check the
“*Love One Another*” and “*Answered Prayers*”
boards in the back of the auditorium.

Sunday PM Class - Weekly Questions

1. What is the situation or problem?
2. What is the meaning for the original readers?
3. What is the meaning for the modern church, or believer?
4. What do we learn about God?
(or, What do you think God might think or feel about the situation or problem?)
5. What is the meaning YOU got from the reading?



Great Lakes Christian High School Chorus
is scheduled to be here at the PM service on April 9th.

We need to provide finger foods for them to have afterwards.
Your cooperation is appreciated. Thanks.

If you would like to donate money to
Great Lakes Christian High School
while they are here that is appreciated also.



Read Me

Directory & Phone Tree

It is planned to pass out a new *Directory* and also *Phone Tree* next week.

Thank You from Sherry Carter

Thank you to the anonymous giver for the gift I received last Sunday. It is appreciated.