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First Church of Christ

From Bob Russell's blog:

In the wake of the current political unrest, the avalanche of accusations has left most Americans totally unsettled. Can any leader be trusted? How do we know who to believe and who not to believe? Are we supposed to forgive and forget when the character flaws appear so deep that they scar a person's credibility for life? The fact that our nation's moral foundations are crumbling is additional evidence that we have been rejecting God and His Word for decades. The Bible warns, "Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows. (Gal. 6:7) We have collectively sown the wind of spiritual rebellion and hedonism, and we are now beginning to reap the whirlwind of chaos and collapse. (See Hosea 8:7.) The following is a list of ten Biblical principles that we have been violating. These principles need to be quickly reaffirmed and reapplied if order is to be restored to our society.

Men are to treat 1. women with respect and dignity and not as objects for selfish sexual gratification. "But *if out in the country* a man happens to meet a girl pledged to be married and rapes her, only the man who has done this shall die. Do nothing to the girl... though the betrothed girl screamed there was no one to rescue her" (Deuteronomy 22:25-27). "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you

live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life..." (1 Peter 3:7)

- 2. Sex is a privilege to be reserved for a committed marriage relationship. "But since sexual immorality is occurring, each man should have sexual relations with his own wife, and each woman with her own husband" (1 Cor. 7:2)
- 3. Flirtatious remarks, inappropriate touching, and sexual innuendo have no place among God's people. "But among you, there must not be even a hint of sexual immorality, or of any

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kind of impurity, or of greed, because these are improper for God's holy people. Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking, which are out of place,

What Does Jesus Want for Christmas?

Shortly after Jesus was born, wise men brought him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. These were quite valuable—presents that were traditionally offered to a king. Perhaps they came in handy, because Joseph and Mary, with their infant son, were shortly to flee from Herod and spend several years in Egypt as refugees.

Those days are long gone. Jesus, resurrected and glorified, is restored to his position at the Father's right hand. He wants for nothing; he is the Lord of all Creation. But he tells us that he does still have "needs." Jesus died for us, and he lives for us. In a parable in Matthew's Gospel he reminds us that he still suffers with us.

When he finally arrives, blazing in beauty and all his angels with him, the Son of Man will take his place on his glorious throne. Then all the nations will be arranged before him and he will sort the people out, much as a shepherd sorts out sheep and goats, putting sheep to his right and goats to his left. Then the King will say to those on his right, "Enter, you who are blessed by my Father! Take what's coming to you in this kingdom. It's been ready for you since the world's foundation. And here's why: "I was hungry and you fed me I was thirsty and you gave me a drink, I was homeless and you gave me a room,

I was shivering and you gave me clothes, I was sick and you stopped to visit, I was in prison and you came to me." Then those "sheep" are going to say, "Master, what are you talking about? When did we ever see you hungry and feed you, thirsty and give you a drink? And when did we ever see you sick or in prison and come to you?" Then the King will say, "I'm telling the solemn truth: Whenever you did one of these things to someone overlooked or

Serving in December

Greeters:

3–Charlene Dean (A) 10–John & Nora Altman (A) 17–Tom & Cindy Horton (A) 24–Scott & Pam Hartman (A) 31–Ron & Ellen Walker (A) Communion Ministry:

3–Brock Rohrer 10–Adam Perry 17-Bob & Mary Lloyd

24—Dean & Sue Smethurst 31–Larry Snavely

Prayer Warriors:

Deb Rhodes & Diane Altman

Welcome Center:

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Amber Rogers

24 Todd Gambler

3–John & Nora Altman (9); Ron & Shellee Brown (9:45) 10–Lesley Shirkey (9)

Phone Directories

New 2017 phone directories are now available. Pick one up outside the secretary's office.





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always with us surrounding us with his grace and uplifting us in any situation, even if we don't know it. Standing on that rock is what makes mine, and yours, a wonderful life.

— Mike Bell First United Methodist Church, Willard, OH



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- 10 Madison Hetrick
- 11 Doug Witt
- 12 Derek Murphy, Katrina Tonneas
- 15 Henry Kidd, Samantha Murphy
- 17 Korbyn Gordon, Caity Karnes
- 18 Vickie Grimm, Anna Trubey
- 19 Norma Stambaugh
- 21 Teresa Brown, Annie Engel,

Family News

Sympathy

The church family extends her sympathy to:

Scott Bard and family on the passing of Anne.





- Jerry & Wanda Hug (42) 6
- 7 Dave & Nanci Frazer (32)
- 13 Terry & Cheryl Karnes (27)
- 17 Eric & Addie Vardinakis (1)
- 23 Dave & Melissa Beerbower
 - (34)
- 24 Dean & Esther Krill (70!)

It's a wonderful life

I love that movie. Jimmy Stewart represents all our dreams and Lionel Barrymore is a first class villain, the devil in the flesh. What's more, I believe in its message, that we do not know how our lives touch others, nor can we see all the good we do. Is that all there is to wonderful life? Look deeper into the message and you see what's wonderful. The Lord hears our prayers. He

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Love All

Our Service Personnel: Lindsey Kaiser, Stewart Martin (NC), Josh Severs (Afghanistan), Josh Tonneas (MA)

Cancer: Gwen Acker-Dickinson. Nathan Bailey, Patrick Bailey, Chuck Barnes, Arlene Boyer, Randy Boltinghouse, Brent, Tim Bight, Sherry Buchsteiner, Jennie Case, Chuck, Andrew Dell, Weston DuBois, Carrie H., Molly Johnston, Kent, Chuck Lees, Ron Lewis, Tim Mavis, Aaron Nartker, Connie Pence, Mary Pinckley, Jim Pringle, Elaine Purdue, Kathy Rittenhouse, Bob & Sue Secoy, Terry Shinaberry, Lyle Snavely, Ron Stark, Dinah Stiltner, Amy Tobin, Jaime Trevino, Lin-

da Walker, Kathy Walton, Drew Wayman, Al West, Gloria Wright. Other Concerns: Jennifer Mavis, Brianna Lloyd, Trevor Bailey, Dale & Leona Puff, Neighborhood, Dale Boyer, Danielle Strouse, Paul Newcomb, Asher Cravens, Brenda Ridaway, Cindy Wolf, Zach Swisher, Cheryl Towers, Cunningham Family, Keller Gardner, Gene Nash, Ginny Suffel, Marilyn Lundy, Cindy Horton, Sue Robson, Bob Lloyd, Josh Tonneas, Texas, Florida, Puerto Rico, Shut Ins: Hillside: Floyd Puffenbarger, Home: Linda Lewis: The Lakes of Monclova: Roger Ellis, The

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but rather thanksgiving. For of this, you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God" (Ephesians 5:3.)

4. Flagrant abuses can be covered up for a period of time, but eventually, the truth will be revealed. "...you may be sure that your sin will find you out." (Numbers 32:23)

"What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs" (Luke 12:3).

Last 6 points will follow next month.

Destined to win,

Larry Snavely



ignored, that was me—you did it to me." (<u>Matthew 25:31-40</u>, *The Message Bible*)

Jesus is telling us that his kingdom—which will eventually bring salvation and justice to all—is even now concerned with the poor and the underprivileged. He expects those he has called and commissioned to represent that kingdom on earth to share his concern. As taken from *Grace Communion International*, www.gci.org

Continually overcoming,

Tim Calvin



AICM Sponsored Child

We are now sponsoring Cory Tate who is a 6th grade student at American Indian Christian Mission. Her birthdate is May 15, 2005. She lives with her mom & dad, two brothers and one sister. Some of her favorite things are the color blue, basketball & football, French **fries & pizza, dogs, the movie "Moana,"** hearts, summer, Christmas, Jeeps, roses, ice cream and strawberries & apples. She has a dog named Justis. She would like to join the Army when she is older.

Cory loves to hear from her sponsors and is thankful for those who help and love her. Your love and support will help Cory learn more about the Lord. Please pray for her.

Cory's support comes from the Sunday School offering. There will be a container on the Welcome Center for additional donations.