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Disciples Know God's LOVE in Jesus is Contingent

Just as the Father has loved Me, I have also loved you; abide in My love.

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love;

just as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love.

These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you,

and your joy may be made full. *John 15:9-11 (NAS)*



Rev. Gary Kiontke



His LOVE!

This short article will be the appetizer based on a small portion of Jesus' Upper Room Discourse the night before He showed His LOVE on The Cross.

Jesus commands His disciples to abide (live) IN His LOVE. Then He tells them IF they keep His Commandments, then they will abide IN His LOVE. After this happens, His JOY will be in His disciples and, as a result, their joy will be made full.

Present day disciples of Jesus need to know that God's general love for people can-

not be enjoyed by anyone who is not keeping all Jesus commanded.

After He rose from the dead, Jesus commanded the Eleven to make disciples of all nations, teaching them to keep all He commanded them (*Matthew 28:16-20*). And, in the Upper Room, just before He died for the sins of all who receive Him, He said IF you keep My commandments, you will abide in My LOVE. ONLY people who obey all Jesus commanded by faith get to enjoy His LOVE. In this sense, God's LOVE in Jesus is contingent.

But, as The Bible teaches: Faith IN God and His Word, enables people to obey all His commandments. And, the reward of faithful obedience of enjoying His LOVE is the incentive to even more faith, obedience and joy. IN Jesus we have a never ending spiral staircase to our union with Him in the new heaven and earth – IF we obey all His commandments by faith. (Please read *1 John 5:1-5* often in August to prepare for the full-length September article.)

Do You Really Want What is Fair?

By Charles Tamminen

"For *it is* just like a man *about* to go on a journey, who called his own slaves and entrusted his possessions to them. To one he gave five talents, to another, two, and to another, one, each according to his own ability; and he went on his journey. *Matthew 25:14-15 (NASB)*

On the contrary, who are you, O man, who answers back to God? The thing molded will not say to the molder, "Why did you make me like this," will it? Or does not the potter have a right over the clay, to make from the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for common use? *Romans 9:20-21 (NASB)*

When I was in elementary school, I used to get the "Weekly Reader" newsletter and the "Highlights" magazine. Although it was a long time ago, a story from one of these publications (the "Weekly Reader," as best as I can recall) made a very strong impact upon me at the time, that has lasted to the present. Here is a brief summary, as remembered through the mists of time:

The story was set in the future, in which the government had forced everyone to become equal with everyone else, based on physical abilities. This meant that (continued on page 2 ...)

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everyone was brought down to the level of the least capable person in society.

The main characters were a young man and woman who were dancers. Yet, because of the laws, they were required to wear weights and chains, so that they could not move any easier than the least mobile person.

One day, the man and woman decided to cast off their weights and chains, and dance the way they were meant to dance. So, as they went out on stage, they danced more gracefully and more fluidly than any audience had ever seen. They leaped higher and moved faster than anyone could believe.

But there was a woman in the front row of the audience whose job was to insure that everyone stayed "equal." She raised a shotgun and fired it at the dancing couple, as they were in mid-leap. They both fell to the stage, dead.

In my mind, I can still see the line drawings of the couple trying to dance, bound with weights and chains. I still feel the deep sorrow for the young man and woman, who just wanted to dance as God created them. And I still feel the contempt for the woman who shot them, and for the government system that would enact and condone such evil in its vain attempt to enforce "fairness."

I don't know who the author of the story was, so I am unable to give proper credit. A Google search showed that Kurt Vonnegut had written a story with a similar premise, entitled "Harrison Bergeron." Perhaps the story I read was based on this.

As human beings, we want, and even expect or demand, that everything has to be "fair." And when a certain situation or even life in general, is not fair, we immediately get angry and/or jealous of others, or even angry at God.

True enough, there are times when righteous anger is valid, such as when a clear injustice occurs. However, that is not what I am talking about. Instead, I am referring to those situations where a person "feels" that something is unfair, based not upon God's standards, but upon human standards.

An example is when we compare ourselves to others, and are then jealous of that person's success, or wealth, or education, or any of a host of other things. In those cases, we start asking the "why" questions: Why did so-and-so get the raise and I didn't? Why is so-and-so a supervisor and I'm not? Why is so-and-so married to a caring spouse and I'm not? Why does so-and-so have such a nice house and I don't? Why can so-and-so play an instrument so well and I can't?

Or the other types of questions: Why did I get this disease? Why did I have to be the one laid off? Why was I in that accident? Why did my house burn down?

There are many tough situations in life that can cause any of us to reel from the experience and question what is happening, and why. Sadly, for those without Christ, there is no good answer, and life's "unfairness" can lead to bitterness, depression, and even suicide.

But how should we, as Christians, respond to life's "unfairness?"

First, is to accept the fact that life on this earth is not going to be fair. More to the point, it will be unfair.

Second, we are sin-fallen people living in a sin-fallen world -- we deserve nothing but God's wrath. If we do actually receive something good, we receive it only by the grace of God.

Third, we have no right to question God about the way He created us, or where He has placed us, or what circumstances He brings into our lives. He is the potter, we are only the clay.

I am an amateur acrylics painter, and I used to have a wood shop in my basement when I lived in Shrewsbury. I never asked the canvas or the piece of wood what it wanted to be. I was the artist or woodworker -- the canvas or wood became what I wanted it to become.

Fourth, we all have one or more gifts or talents that God has given us. Our only "job" is to exercise those gifts and talents to the best of our abilities. We are not to look at other people's gifts and talents and wonder why we weren't given the same or better.

Fifth, we aren't supposed to be "lone rangers."

As was preached in a sermon, many years ago, a pastor mentioned that a team of ten one-talent people, working together, can easily do more than, and outperform, a two-talent person or a five-talent person.

Sixth, we are not to be too proud or too afraid, to ask for help.

In the parable related by Matthew, the master entrusted his slaves with his money. Yet we find that the person given one talent buried it in the ground. His master was angry with him for not utilizing that talent, and for his wrong opinion of the master. Furthermore, that slave should have seen that his co-workers (continued on page 3 ...)



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were doing well with the money they had been entrusted with; but the story doesn't say that he tried to seek their help or guidance.

Finally, ask yourself this question, and I mean *really* ask it and *answer* it honestly:

Am I actually trusting God with my life, for Him to do whatever He wants with it, for His good pleasure and for His glory, no matter what; or does my life actually show that I am really just trusting in *myself*, trusting in “*my own* (self-derived)” abilities, and trying to be the master of *my own* destiny?

To sum up, secular society will never truly understand God's ways. As such, it will always try to improve the human condition by imposing what it believes are standards of “fairness.” But those standards are always going to be corrupt in some way, and will fall short (perhaps far short) of what was intended. O, Christian, understand this – God is sovereign, we are all just unprofitable slaves, He is the Potter and we are the clay, He does with us what He will. Trust Him – *He* knows what He is doing – *we don't* need to know or understand. To God alone be the glory, and the honor, and the power, and dominion, forever and ever. Amen.

The Unbroken Chain

By Cindy Nieves

MISSIONARY. What picture or thoughts come to your mind when you hear or see that word? Perhaps you see a dedicated person bringing the Good News to people in a remote country, far away. Or maybe you see loyal servants of Christ, such as pastors or deacons, teaching and sharing their faith. These are all great examples of missionaries, but it doesn't end there – that's only the beginning.

Charles Spurgeon wrote, “Every Christian is either a missionary or an imposter.” In other words, if we, as believers, do nothing to share our faith, then we are only playing the part of a Christian. We go to church (or not) on Sunday and that's the extent of our commitment. Well, that's not enough! Spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ is the duty of every Christian, not just missionaries or church leaders.

There are many opportunities that come our way every day – people circling around us who are lost and need to be shown the love of Christ and to hear of the hope and joy that is in us.

Granted, since this pandemic started, there aren't as many chances to share. But there are still opportunities and in some cases, it may be the perfect opening we need to show (and share) our faith and strength in Jesus Christ. Many people are feeling nervous, afraid, depressed, lonely, etc. This is the ideal time to witness to unbelievers about the hope and joy we have in Jesus and His message of salvation. I'm sure we all have people in our circle of friends and family that need to hear the Good News. Let's not sit idly by while people are in such great need.

So many times we miss these opportunities. We sometimes forget to pray for someone, or to phone a friend at a crucial time, or even to say “hello” to a stranger. We can

easily miss a “door that was opened to us” to share our faith. The Holy Spirit prompts us, but if we're not paying attention and obeying, we may miss an opportunity that might never return. We hesitate too long or get distracted too easily and the moment slips away. We must become bolder and take action while we can.

Most people become believers because of the efforts of others – parents, pastors, Sunday school teachers or friends. It's like an unbroken chain of teachers. In 2 Timothy, we learn how Timothy first became a believer through the influence of his grandmother Lois, his mother Eunice, and then by the teachings of the apostle Paul. The apostle told Timothy to become part of that chain and “commit these truths to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (2 Timothy 2:2). Paul, here, was expressing a principle that applies to every believer. We had to receive the truth from someone; now it is our privilege and solemn duty to transmit that truth to others. Think of ourselves as a link in a living chain that extends from the time Jesus lived on earth all the way to the present time. How amazing is that!! We must keep that chain strong by telling others about Jesus so that the Gospel will reach to future generations.

God loves to use people that the world might otherwise overlook. There was such a man who was raised in a tiny village in the 1700's and had little formal education. He had limited success in his chosen trade and lived in poverty. For a while he worked as an apprentice shoemaker alongside a co-worker named John Warr who was repeatedly talking to him about spiritual things. But the apprentice wasn't interested and mostly kept to himself until one day he was caught exchanging a counterfeit shilling for a good one. In his guilty humiliation, he asked John for help and prayer. Through the faithful witness of John Warr, that young apprentice put his

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faith in Christ and developed into a committed disciple. The young man was William Carey, who later became a remarkable, fruitful missionary to India. Carey's life and ministry had a tremendous influence on the cause of worldwide Gospel outreach in modern times. Today, Carey is regarded as the "father of modern missions."

So, if you are a believer who feels inferior, or not qualified to witness because you can't teach, preach, sing, or go to the mission fields and you see yourselves stuck in a situation of life that makes fruitful service impossible, take courage from the example of John Warr. His persistence and impact on a co-worker brought glory to God and untold blessings to multitudes of people around the world.

In closing, I'd just like to add that when God calls us to a task, He also gives us what we need to accomplish it, regardless of our limitations.

Prayer:

Dear Heavenly Father, help us to listen for your Holy Spirit's promptings and to be ready to obey so that we may seize every opportunity to serve You by sharing our faith. O, Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for You – through the words I speak, the prayers I breathe, the letters I write, and the life I live. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Resurrection ... "It is Finished" ... Reflections

by Petros

When Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "***It is Finished!***" And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit (John 19:30). His suffering was over. Jesus had made the way for us. "The time is fulfilled, and ***the kingdom of God is at hand***; repent and believe in the gospel." (Mark 1:15).

I have come to the understanding that the parable of Martha and Mary is a key to finding and entering the Kingdom of God which Jesus proclaimed to bring for all and is near. "Martha welcomed Him into her home. She had a sister called Mary, who was seated at the Lord's feet, listening to His word. But Martha was distracted with all her preparations; and she came up to Him and said, 'Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to do all the serving alone? Then tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered and said to her, 'Martha, Martha, you are worried and bothered about so many things; but only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her.'" (Luke 10:38-42)

Some interesting background about the cultural status of woman during Luke's time: It is recorded that in the men's prayer they would give thanks to God for not being born a woman amongst the other ill fates. It has been said, better the Torah be set on fire than to be given into the hands of a woman. The expected role of woman was to provide for the guest. "Listening" to a guest speak was the greatest way to serve a guest which was reserved for men only. Martha was doing the right thing "with all her preparations," however she missed that the most important way to honor your guest was to listen and be present. Jesus pointed out to Martha, "You are worried and bothered about so many things." Less dishes

and preparations would have allowed Martha to honor her guest by giving her time to be present with Jesus. Mary, on the other hand, chose to ignore the expectations of her world and laid at the feet of Jesus to listen to His words. By following her heart to come close to Jesus, He exemplified her actions by saying, "... only one thing is necessary, for Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." By listening to the words of Jesus, Mary came into the presence of Jesus and has been given spiritual ears and a hunger for the Word that gives her perseverance to fulfill a life on this earth and have the presence of peace, joy and hope in the Kingdom of God.

The thought of Mary lying at the feet of Jesus, as compared to Martha slaving over a hot fire, makes one wonder about laziness. Like a dreamer without ambition. From my experience, I believe once Jesus and the Holy Spirit are invited into your life, you are transformed, and the realization of old ways that lead to hell become off limits. Things happen that confirms God's presence and working in your life. Like the shadow of a balloon left over from a recent party ... what are the chances of a balloon without string ascending into the sky just when I came to a stop to see its shadow, As soon as I looked up, it "spoke to me" of a peaceful ascension without any (pain) strings attached. I immediately thought of my mom who said afterwards, "I'm dying." I had another reflection that God gave me that spoke of the rapid changes including my mom. God is so good giving us what we need – before we even know we need it. It helps to have quiet, reserved, God time so we internalize His love and ways for us. There is no time to be lazy. God has a will for all His loved ones. Only a remnant will pick up his/her cross and follow.

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My brother, Charlie, sent me this link from Crossway (<https://www.crossway.org/articles/5-myths-about-hell/>) about hell a while back. God has a time for all things. When I read about all the certainties of hell, it had more of an im-

pact on me than it could have earlier. Neither of us preaches doomsday, but the Word does say some things we wouldn't want our worst enemy to endure. Shalom.

No Compromise: It STILL Seems a Good Way to Pray

By Elin Lee

Intro:

I worked in the Economics Department at Harvard University from 1995 to 2005. There were advantages and perks to working at Harvard. For artistic types, the campus was very beautiful, and it was a pleasure to walk through it at any time of year. The money was excellent and the work wasn't remotely strenuous. We had a lot of free time. Staff could pursue graduate degrees in the Continuing Ed Department for \$35.00 per credit hour (yes, you read that correctly: thirty-five dollars), and many took advantage of it. Boston was just over the bridge and the State House was close by if anything interesting was happening that I wanted to monitor. There was a fine employee discount in the University Store. And in Economics, Staff had real offices, with doors that had locks. One perk was rather snobbish: people were invariably impressed — with me for some reason! — when I claimed that hallowed name as my employer. I must admit I liked it. And of course, there really was Free Lunch at Harvard — every month, and often.

But there were disadvantages, too, and before long they outweighed the delights. We were a union shop and thus, my dues of \$22.00 per month supported liberal politicians, and not just in Massachusetts. For nine and a half years I tried to get out of the union: it was vexing to “support” candidates who were against everything my little conservative heart believed in and wanted to protect.

Worse yet, I was a Christian and generally speaking, Harvard seemed to hate Christians. Several professors openly crowed their efforts to destroy the faith of Christian students. So much for balanced minds and free thought, eh?

As I said, we had a lot of free time and in 2002, I became a regular columnist for a blog called ToogoodReports.com. Between July and early November, I wrote twelve articles on the dissolution of traditional families in America. They garnered quite a bit of attention, internationally yet, and a gentleman in Africa wrote to ask if he could join my “movement.” I didn't even know I had one!

Around Christmas that year, A. J. Toogood decided to close his blog in order to care for his wife who was descend-

ing into the merciless farewell of Alzheimer's disease. With his decision, one of the brightest and boldest conservative internet platforms was gone.

Recently, I came across this article I wrote for A. J. I think it illuminates the unpleasant changes in the American culture of today. Please read it. I've reproduced it almost exactly as it was published twenty-one years ago.

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IT SEEMS A GOOD WAY TO PRAY

On the first Thursday in May, 1999, I went to the Massachusetts State House in Boston for the National Day of Prayer. It was a beautiful day, sunny, warm and breezy. Hundreds of people thronged the gates at the top of Beacon Hill, eager to pray for our nation. Racial barriers did not seem to exist. I stood arm-in-arm with a group of black and Hispanic sisters, all of us listening to the speakers and then agreeing enthusiastically with them as they prayed. We were all on a spiritual high as we stood and prayed fervently for all aspects of American government and life.

And then came a shocking and sobering moment. A local pastor walked to the microphone to pray for President Clinton and his family. He prayed with the same sincerity as other speakers and clergy had for other needs, but perhaps with even more urgency. He asked God to draw the Clintons to Himself, and to bless them. He prayed at length for them, all three by name. There was no condemnation for the disgrace the president had brought on us as a nation, no hint of distress at the shame that had followed. I stood with my sisters, trying very hard to agree with him, but I was as distracted as the majority of those around me as we struggled together to pray for our president.

Then I noticed that in a swollen crowd of people, only a handful were praying for Bill Clinton and his family. Few “Amen’s” echoed the speaker’s words, unlike those that affirmed earlier prayers. In that moment, I had an astounding revelation:

What would Bill Clinton’s presidency have been like, if from the moment he was elected, (continued on page 6 ...)

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every Christian in America had got down on his knees on a routine basis and interceded for him? How had we let the Lord down by our frustration and inability to pray for him as one scandal after another unfolded in Washington? How many ways had we let the President down? And the nation?

How might our prayers have changed Bill Clinton?

I said as much to one of the ladies after the prayer service ended and we walked slowly toward the subway station. She said the same thing had occurred to her. I said, "I will try to pray for him every day from now on."

She smiled sadly and said, perhaps more realistically, "I only hope I can."

Fast forward to the summer of 2002. At Bible study one evening, one of the older ladies from our congregation asked the group's opinion of an idea she'd had. She proposed enlisting twenty-five people who would commit to pray for two states, the District of Columbia and Massachusetts, on a daily basis for thirty days. We were tremendously excited and thought it was an idea inspired by God — but it should not be limited to just thirty days. The following Sunday after church, each of us who had committed to pray in this manner drew two hand-written names from a basket, then added Washington, D.C. and Massachusetts, and began praying earnestly and with an eager heart. Our congregation is small; the twenty-fifth person who agreed to join us was a visiting pastor.

Months have passed. Every morning in addition to the Capitol and Massachusetts, I pray for Indiana and Maryland; my husband prays for Arizona and Arkansas. We pray for members of the state court systems, for the governors, state senators and state representatives, and US senators and representatives. We pray against corruption at the local levels, for safety in the school systems, for the police and fire departments. We pray for educators at all levels.

Most of all, we pray for spiritual revival to sweep across our land — beginning with our daily states.

If you're wondering, yes, I do have a purpose in sharing this with you. Christians need to keep their candles out from under their bushels. If each person reading this — who believes in the sovereignty of God and His delight in hearing the praises and petitions of his people — spreads the idea to his own church or Bible study group, if people all over America are praying specifically for states by name, plus DC and their own home states ...

Who can say what the Lord of the universe might do in response? Since the heart of the king is in the hand of God, can you even imagine how He might answer?

And who would not at least want to try?

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Fast forward again, this time to the early years of the twenty-first century. In the two decades since I was at the State House for that enlightening National Day of Prayer, America has undergone incredible changes, particularly regarding social mores. Television and movies are increasingly violent, and are pushing cultural shifts like so much dirt in front of a broom. It used to be uncommon for same-sex relationships to be portrayed on television; today, it's uncommon to see a sitcom that *doesn't* have at least one same-sex couple, always portrayed positively, of course.

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Fast forward one final time to the summer of 2020. America is almost unrecognizable: during the disaster of COVID-19 and now as the second wave seems to have arrived, several states are mandating the closure of all churches — but bars and abortion clinics are deemed vital and remain open. (Tell me if you can, how would one arrest the entire congregation of a mega church?!) New York City no longer has bail hearings for criminals; if they're arrested, they are immediately let out of jail — and most go right back to committing their crimes of choice, escalating, too. Increasingly in cities across the country, police are suddenly the enemy and face constant threats of potentially-lethal attack. Some have even been killed. In the last few days two police officers were attacked by people aiming laser beams into their eyes; it's still not known if they will regain their sight. There are efforts in Congress to defund police departments — in the interest of public safety. Ironic, isn't it? The Pacific Northwest is being torched by anarchists, and business and property owners are losing everything they've worked so hard to achieve.

But we know all of this. The question is and continues to be, what can we as Christians do about it? Simple. We can fight, and with all our might:

- Against discouragement
- Against the prince of this world
- Against the lies of the evil one
- Against deception
- Against destruction of long-time friendships, caused by political intolerance and animosities
- Against fear of the (current) unknown
- Against loss of our freedoms

How? You ask:

- By helping others when we can see their needs and are in a position to meet those needs
- By *trusting* God, even when we cannot see His purpose

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- By *praising* God, no matter what
- By accepting the Great Commission to speak His Name fearlessly — and *doing* it
- By reaching out to others who may not know Him
- By praying faithfully for revival to come to America
- By praying for His mercy
- By reading the Bible for reassurance when we feel weak or afraid — especially the Old Tes-

tament, where God's faithfulness is recorded again and again

I must admit I struggle with uncertainty, probably as much as anyone else. But the Lord has proved Himself to me over and over, and I only have need to trust Him to see me through any trial — no matter what it may be. I live alone, but I am *never alone*: His word promises He will never leave me, and I know He never will.

Pastor Gary's Vacation — Part 2 -&- Guest Preacher in August

I will be taking the second part of my vacation from Wednesday, August 5 to Tuesday, August 18. This will cover two Sundays: August 9 and 16. On these Sundays Peter Anderson will again fill the pulpit at FCC. This year both messages will be from Solomon's Ecclesiastes (Preacher).

His first message will be: A call to virtue (*chapter 7*); and, his second will be: Death comes to all (*chapter 9*). Those who have heard him as he has filled in over the years know he always has real life illustrations and applications in his messages.

Please join me in worshipping our three-in-one God these two Sundays under his leadership.

Internet Links to View Holly Vautier's Memorial Service

A video of Holly Vautier's Memorial Service can be viewed by entering either of the two internet links (as shown below) into your web browser. The video can also be accessed through the FCC Clinton website. Simply select the "Blog Postings / FCC Clinton News / July 27, 2020" menu options:

<https://kpc-az.com/>

(This link will display Kingman Presbyterian Church's home page. Once there, click on the box labeled "Holly Memorial 7-18-2020")

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TRXYfiK6xQk&feature=youtu.be>

(This is a direct link to the Memorial Service's YouTube video)

Donations in Holly Vautier's Memory

By John Nason (July 12, 2020)

In speaking with Pastor Grif this week regarding memorial services for Holly in Kingman [AZ] this week and New Hampshire this week, Grif suggested donations to the Jesus Project. Grif is planning to raise funds to support a Jesus Project Team by supplying them with a solar powered movie projector and batteries and movie screen.

Many thousands of people in under developed regions of the world have come to know Christ through this project and have formed Christian Churches in their villages as a result of this effort.

I personally, as well as my daughter, will be sending checks to Grif to honor Holly's memory in this way. Checks could also be made out to the "Jesus Film Project" and forwarded to Grif.

Grif's address is: Grif Vautier
2911 Arthur St
Kingman, AZ 86401

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16 Communion Sunday; FCC Worship - guest preacher (Note #4)	17	18 Last day of Pastor Gary's vacation Part #2 (Note #5)	19	20 (**)	21	22
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Calendar Notes:

#1) 8/02 — Communion Sunday.

#2) 8/05 — Pastor Gary's vacation Part #2 begins.

#3) 8/09 — FCC Worship with Peter Anderson, "A Call to Virtue."

#4) 8/16 — FCC Worship with Peter Anderson, "Death Comes to All." **Also:** Communion Sunday.

#5) 8/18 — Last day of Pastor Gary's vacation Part #2.

(**) Thursday Prayer in Parlor: **4:30 PM (but not on 8/13).**