

The Pastor's Post

The 4th Quarter Game Plan

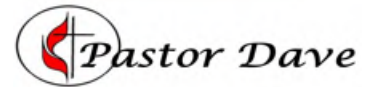
There are so many references that 4th quarter could signify: there is the final quarter of the year earnings report for businesses, the final period of a football game, and a sometimes as a alluding to an end of a career or life. When I first arrived here, I felt like some members were afraid that Christian Endeavor might be experiencing its 4th quarter. At the time, I thought that idea was wrong, and I am more convinced than ever that is not the case.

I believe that we are in God's will and part of His plan for evangelizing our little sphere of influence in Licking County. With every day's headlines and news stories, it would be easy to feel that our world might be in its 4th quarter. The truth is we have been in the 2nd half since Jesus' Resurrection. Where, is anyone's guess.

There are predictions of Armageddon, fear of a nuclear holocaust, and violence has increased exponentially all over the world and across the expanse of time. That isn't near as important as our commitment to faithfulness and the calling God has placed upon us individually and corporately as His Holy Church.

So, what do we do? Let's live as if Jesus were coming back today, loving everyone as He does; and plan as if He were not returning in our life, building a legacy of Christ-followers to last for generations to come.

"Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will



Bible verse to remember ...

Proverbs 2:7-8 He holds success in store for the upright, He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones. (NIV)

What's your favorite Scripture Verse? Tell me.

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What about the church split?

..., a large church in our district disaffiliated with the United Methodist denomination and plans to join the Global Methodist Church. I continue to pray for God's guidance on this issue. I've consulted with our District Superintendent, Tim Bias; and have followed the guidance of our Bishop, Rev. Gregory Palmer.



I am, and have been, blessed to be your pastor. I am not planning on changing how or to whom I minister. My plan is to continue to focus on the call to which God has appointed me – serving ALL people in His name, being His hands and feet, living and loving according to His teaching – ALL of His teaching, not just one or two selected verses, but the whole Word of God.

Bishop Palmer, and D.S. Tim Bias have charged me to continue preaching salvation in Jesus Christ, to know Him, and to make Him known until the day of Christ's return. With me, please continue to serve as you so faithfully do.

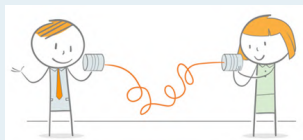
Streaming Message

Our online presence is growing, but I feel we are falling short in some of our outreach.

Online worship is for shut-ins, those out of the area, and as a way to "check us out."

The problem is we sometimes get lazy in our evangelism and forget we still need to be invitational to our family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.

Make a friend, be a friend, bring your



1 Thessalonians 5:18 Give thanks in all circumstances.

THIS SPOT SAVED FOR YOUR MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENT

Here's a question: if you couldn't fail, what ministry do you have a passion and longing to try? What's stopping you. Let's try it together.

If you think it, let's talk about it.

There's a mission that God has given you a passion for and a mission that He has enabled you to accomplish for His glory. There are people waiting for your response, not alone, but with all of us serving with our own particular talent.

None of us has to do it all. We serve best, when we serve together. I'm all EARS!



Think about this,

"God has not called us to be successful. He called us to be faithful." Mother Teresa



Crisis following IAN, UMCOR Serves in Our Place

As storms go, Hurricane Ian may be the most unwelcome guest Florida and many other southern states, known for their hospitality, would rather never have visited them.

The devastation physically, financially, emotionally, and in all other aspects overwhelming and beyond comparison. More than 120 deaths from an almost 20' storm surge in some areas., and at least 7' in most areas. Ian's presence was felt along a path nearly 500 miles wide and in four landfalls.

Ian's 150 MPH winds, storm surge of monster walls of water, storm-spawned tornadoes, and non-stop rain destroyed businesses, homes, churches, schools, livelihoods, and lives. In order for the victims to be rebuilt and restored, we count on servants through agencies such as UMCOR to GO where we can't.

Our Bishop Palmer, Governors of the affected states, and the afflicted are begging for our help. First, please make this a prayer priority. We know that the prayers of a righteous person avail much. Second, you can donate through Christian Endeavor and we will capture your donation for income tax purposes and make sure those funds are forwarded to the area of your designation.

All, 100%, of funds collected go towards tangible and operative missions, none to overhead or salaries. Our apportionments help with those expenses.

When donating by check, please make note "Hurricane Ian Relief" on the notation line at the bottom of the check.

Anniversaries & Birthdays

Cole McKee	October 3
Rae Jeanne McKee	October 5
Jeff Cady	October 5
Phyllis Hindman	Oct. 13
David/MaryLou Place	Oct. 15
Jeff/Brenda Cady	Oct. 20
Cameron Husk	Oct. 22

Craig Hindman	Nov. 6
Wilma Stradley	Nov. 8
Robin Martin	Nov. 9
Mike/Tracy Dunn	Nov. 16
Clif/Angela Smith	Nov. 20

Natalie Trick	Dec. 18
Caitlin Husk	Dec. 18
Cooper Husk	Dec. 20
Betty Ayers	Dec. 29

The Book of Disciplines

p. 104, from the Preamble
Unity in Jesus Christ

We, the people called United Methodists, affirm our faith in God our Creator and Father, in Jesus Christ our Savior, and in the Holy Spirit, our Guide and Guard.

We affirm our unity in Jesus Christ while acknowledging differences in applying our faith in different cultural contexts as we live out the Gospel.

Grateful for God's forgiving love, in which we live and by which we are judged, and affirming our belief in the inestimable worth of each individual, we renew our commitment to become faithful witnesses to the Gospel, not alone to the ends of the Earth, but also to the depths of our common life and work.

That sounds like a worthy mission to me!

Christian Endeavor UMC Pastor's
Deeper Dive Bible Study

A Prayer for Our Day

*"Peace I leave with you;
My peace I give to you,
Not as the world gives do
I give to you. Let not your
hearts be troubled, I have
overcome the world."*

Dear Lord: Indeed, give us Your peace and mercy and grace that surpasses all understanding. Prince of Peace who was born, died, and resurrected, bring Your peace to our communities, nation, and world. It is only in You that we have faith, and only in You that we will find rest. Praise to You, Christ, Savior and Lord.

The studies usually last about an hour or so. We dive deeper into the subject from the previous Sunday's Scripture reading and message.

Monday evenings at 6:00 PM , online. Contact Clif Smith at **TECH@CENEWARK.ORG** for connection details.

Wednesday at 10:30 AM in the church sanctuary.

If there are other questions you have about Scripture or a current topic, don't hesitate to contact me. I may not have all the answers, but I'm sure we can have fun trying to figure it all out. **dapagura@insight.rr.com** or **614-204-3349**

Scripture that Speaks: The Word of God for the People of God

Ephesians 3:20

Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever. Amen! NIV

SERMON THEMES and Schedule; October—December 2022

October 2	Daniel 5:1-27	Writing on the Wall
October 9	Daniel 6:1-22	Daniel in the Lion's Den
October 16	Daniel 12:1-13	The End of Days
October 23	Hebrews 12:8-11	Jesus: Superior Man
October 30	Hebrews 1:1-3	Jesus: Superior Prophet
November 6	Hebrews 2	Jesus Is Superior and Best
Nov. 13	Philippians 3:7-14	Where We Were
Nov. 20	Hebrews 3:12-13	Where We Are
Nov. 22	Colossians 3:5-17	Where We're Going
Nov. 27	Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-7	Absolute HOPE
December 4	Luke 1:26-33	Absolute PEACE
Dec. 11	Luke 1:39-47	Absolute JOY
Dec. 18	Luke 2:1-5	Absolute LOVE
Dec. 20	1 Corinthians 13:8-13	Absolute Misfits
Dec. 24	John 1:1-9	Absolute LIGHT
Dec. 25	Luke 2:11-20	Absolute GIFT
January 1	Deuteronomy 10:12-22	Absolute GOD



Jen Norton

Thanks to All Who Lift Us in Prayer



"Our mission is to develop fully-devoted followers of Jesus Christ. Our vision is to glorify God, grow disciples and change the world one person at a time."

Here's the cold hard truth, someone out in the world needs YOU, ME, (US), more today than at any time in their lives. I am one of those people that craves making a difference. I don't want to suck in air, pump blood, eat and drink till I die without anything to show for my life. God created me for than that. I know for a fact He created you for more, too.

We're never too old to be involved, never too sick to pray, too busy to listen, unless we've convinced ourselves that we're more important than those around us. Just for grins, take out a pencil and a notepad, write down a list of individuals, non-profits, and help organizations—ALL YOU CAN THINK OF. I wager that you can fill a note pad, page after page.

Find a niche that speaks to you. It could be a neighbor needing a ride to the doctor, a special prayer concern, a person in prison needing a good word; but there's a place for each of us to be the hands and feet of Christ.

"Choose this day whom you will serve." Let's make a difference together!

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Are You Looking for Answers?

SO ARE WE! Let's search for them together.

There's so much we don't know or understand about the Bible, ourselves, society. Have you ever thought, "I believe God really is good, I just don't why He allows evil." Ever ask yourself, "I want to be better; so, why do I keep stumbling over the same stuff all the time?"

We're just everyday people, just like you. Why don't you join us at Christian Endeavor UMC, 11:00 AM this Sunday. You can offer up a prayer concern or check us out online first if you'd like: **CENEWARK.ORG**.

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