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The Pastor's Post

Who's in Charge

Our government seems to be hamstrung in getting any legislation passed. Schools are trying to keep our youth safe, teach them and give them the tools that will help them lead productive and successful lives. Churches are struggling to discern God's will regarding abortion, sexual identification, and a myriad of other issues. And workplaces can be as violent as a combat zone.

Who's in charge?

He is, He who is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow is in charge. Instead of infighting, let's try these few disciplines of faith:

2 Chronicles 7:14, *If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.* (NIV) Who's in charge? God is!

Where He Leads Me

In 1936, two friends in Alabama were at lunch, sharing what God was doing in their lives. One, a missionary to Brazil home on furlough, told the other, a hymn writer, that a health issue would keep him from returning to the country he had grown to love. His heart was broken.

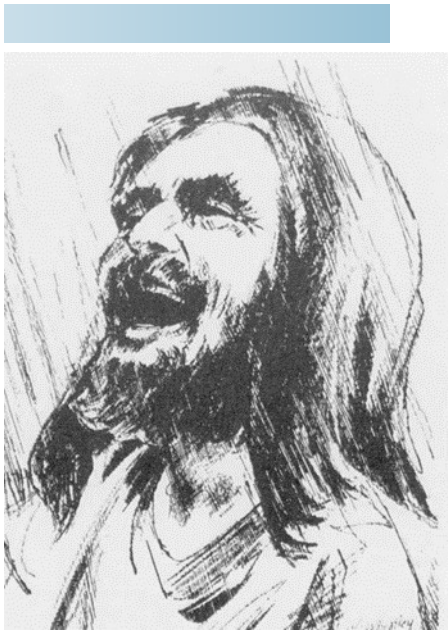
The hymn writer asked, "What will you do?" And through tears, the missionary, R.S. Jones, told the him, B.B. McKinney, "Wherever He leads, I'll go." McKinney was so moved that he penned the classic hymn that afternoon and sang it that night after Jones preached. We may not always know where He will lead, but we do know we can choose to follow. May we have the grace to reply like Jones and McKinney, "Wherever He leads, I'll go."

IMPORTANT NOTE!!!!!!

Daylight Saving Time Ends
Sunday November 3, 2 AM
Before you go to bed, set your clocks BACK one hour. Enjoy the extra hour of sleep.

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Laughing Jesus by Willis Wheatley, 1973

Willis Wheatley was a member of the United Church of Canada. I'm not sure what possessed him to draw this picture of Jesus, but it's one of my favorites. There are so many pictures of a somber Jesus, Jesus on the cross, Jesus in Heaven, and other interpretations of what He may have looked like.

I like this one because it's one of the few that show a possible jolly side, laughing at Peter or Phillip's latest blunder, or Andrew getting ribbed by the others.

Wheatley's photo is below with Jesus on the background.



Genesis 21:6-7, Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age." NIV

New Study and Ministry

Christian Endeavor has started a new Bible Study, inspired by Debbie Palm and led by Ret. Pastor Don Moshgat.

They meet the second Thursday of every month at 11:00 AM at the church for fellowship, study, and planning how they might be a valuable resource to the community in which we are located. Bring a favorite recipe to share.

Contact Debbie for more details, 740-334-9188.

This spot saved for your ministry announcement

God is NOT a liar. He can be trusted; He said He would never leave us or forsake us.


God is omniscient, all-knowing. He gets that we are easily misled and will stumble periodically, even prone to quitting just before we are likely to succeed. That's why He said His yoke is easy and His burden light.

He wants us to come alongside of him.

Here's the 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.

BULLETIN BLOOPERS



Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Please use the back door.

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Nearing completion of Tom's new home. He has since moved in.

S.O.W.E.R.

Sharing Our Witness, Enriching Relationships

The photo above shows a house that our mission team to Southern Kentucky started May 6. Subsequent teams completed roofing/siding, drywall/painting, cabinets/wood trim, and other necessary tasks. The home was recently completed and Tom moved in during the first week of September.

Ever have one of those days? Tom went into a meeting at the coal company where he worked and learned that he was no longer needed. While driving home, his daughter called him to tell him his home was on fire—to the ground.

Construction is just one of the jobs at Henderson Settlement in Frakes, KY. There is a team that prepares plants at the greenhouse for kids to purchase the week before Mother's Day. Other groups sort clothes; stock, organize, and distribute food at the food pantry on-site; and perform "other tasks as assigned."

Contact Pastor Dave for information, 614-204-3349.

Week 1: Frame, roof truss, deck; May 3-9

Week 2: Roofing, siding, interior walls; May 10-16

Week 3: Siding, insulation, wall board/spackle; July 12-18

Week 4: Spackle, paint, exterior trim; July 19-25

Week 5: Flooring, paint, complete exterior; August 16-22

Week 6: Interior doors, trim, kitchen; August 23-29

Important Date

Make-A-Wish Party for Gannon Cooper will be October 12 at the church, 3:00 PM. Please come and help the family celebrate and make it another special day for Gannon.

Anniversaries &

Birthdays at Alexandria

- 10/6 Jillian Choberka
- 10/7 Jim Gieseck
- 10/14 Kyle Miller
- 10/20 Emma Clum
- 10/21 Jennie Choberka
- 10/24 Jade Ruder
- 10/25 Jason Turner
- 10/25 Megan Royer
- 10/28 John/Norma Holman
- 10/30 Jack Klawitter
- 11/1 Joshua Reed
- 11/2 Dain LeValley
- 11/2 Julie Holbrook
- 11/4 Eric Lees
- 11/6 Peggy Fuller
- 11/8 Darius Miller
- 11/10 Daniel Rowe, V
- 11/17 Brad Trainer
- 11/22 Kaylea Amos
- 11/22 Martin/Bonnie Ruder
- 11/26 Colt Whitehead

Alexandria Women's Bible Study Led by Valerie Rowe

Anniversaries/ Birthdays

at Christian Endeavor

- 10/3 Cole McKee
10/5 Rae Jeanne
McKee
10/5 Jeff Cady
10/13 Phyllis Hindman
10/15 David/MaryLou
Place
10/20 Jeff/Brenda Cady
10/24 Bill/Betty Ayers
11/3 Don Cames
11/4 Leanna Bidwell
11/6 Craig Hindman
11/8 Wilma Stradley
11/20 Cliff/Angela Smith
11/26 Michael Justice

Questions that make you think:

"Can you cry
underwater?"

"Why does round pizza
come in a square box?"

"Why do people go to
the top of a tall building,
put money in a
telescope to look at
things on the ground?"

"Why do dogs get mad
when you blow in their
face, then sticks his
head out the window of
a moving car?"

"If electricity comes from
electrons, where does
morality come from?"

"If corn oil comes from
corn, and vegetable oil
from vegetables; where

from:

"Why do doctors leave
the room while you
change when they're
going to see you

This study sounds interesting, especially week four. Karen Ehman's six-week study *Listen, Love, Repeat* deals with trying to live in an OTHER-CENTERED WAY when we live in a SELF-CENTERED WORLD.

The schedule is as follows:

Week 1: October 1 Week 2: October 8
Week 3: October 22 Week 4: October 29
Week 5: November 5 Week 6: November 12

Week 4 is titled: *How to Hug a Porcupine and Squeeze a Skunk*

Let me know how that works out!

PS: Don't forget the Pastor's Bible Study at Christian Endeavor, 10:30 AM every Wednesday. Alexandria's Pastor's Study will resume in early 2020.

The Word of God for the People of God

Isaiah 43:16-19

This is what the Lord says — He who made a way through the sea, a path through the mighty waters, who drew out the chariots and horses, the army and reinforcements together, and they lay there, never to rise again, extinguished, snuffed out like a wick:

"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland. NIV

Sermon Schedule for October & November

- October 6 Voices from the Bible—Micah
October 13 Voices from the Bible—Jonah
October 20 Voices from the Bible—Esther
October 27 Voices from the
Bible—Daniel/Nebuchadnezzar
November 3 Voices from the Bible—Mary Magdalene
November 10 Voices from the Bible—Mary &
Martha
November 17 Voices from the Bible—Zacchaeus
November 24 TBD

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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 Alexandria UMC, 9:30 AM, or Christian Endeavor UMC, 11:00 AM this Sunday.

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