

THREE KINDS OF TOLERANCE

How are we to think of other religions?

The word that immediately springs to most people's minds is 'tolerance', but they don't always stop and define what they mean by it. It may help if we distinguish between three kinds.

The first is **legal tolerance**, which ensures that every minority's religious and political rights usually summarized as the freedom to 'profess, practice and propagate' are adequately protected in law. This is obviously right.

Another kind is **social tolerance**, which encourages respect for all persons, whatever views they may hold, and seeks to understand and appreciate their position. This too is a virtue which Christians wish to cultivate; it arises naturally from our recognition that all human beings are God's creation and bear his image, and that we are meant to live together in amity.

But what about **intellectual tolerance**, which is the third kind? To cultivate a mind so broad that it can tolerate every opinion, without ever detecting anything in it to reject, is not a virtue; it is the vice of the feeble-minded. It can degenerate into an unprincipled confusion of truth with error and goodness with evil. Christians, who believe that truth and goodness have been revealed in Christ, cannot possibly come to terms with it.

John R. W. Stott,
The Authentic Jesus

Jesus said to him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.

John 14:6

For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus,
who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time.

1 Timothy 2:5—6

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-877-380-7755 followed by 4651356
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Tonja Johnson** is recovering from surgery.
- **Misha Kimbell** received good test results. She needs no more chemo.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Cindy Caldwell, Ray Canada, Tim Edge, Jerry Frederick, Harvey Geeding, Sonia Henry, Beverly Hutcheson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Peggy McGowen, Bill Newport, Banks Ready, Jerry Richardson, Chris Rogers, Louise Schmittou, Jamie Vorhof, Helen Weathers, Lula Whittle.

REHAB: Cora Epperson, Nancy Holmes, Jane Mullins,

SHUT-INS: Ann Estes, Valeria Canada, Robert Coleman, Maxine Drewery, Lorene Edge, Evelyn Fowler, Irmagene Hall, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Ann Woodson, Sallye Giles.

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Katie Culley, Bubba Davis, Allyson Kelly, Sandra Morris, Willie Pyrdam, Steve Robbins, Terrance Simmons, Mike Wolbright.

TLC'S

The TLC'S will have their First Friday Fellowship, **Friday February 3**, beginning at **6PM**.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to **Nate, Heather and Elsie Jane Moon** at the birth of **Berkley Alyse Moon** on Friday, **January 20, 2017**.

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

All visitors are welcome to stay and share a meal with us today after service. The menu is chicken tenders, mac & cheese, green beans, rolls, salads and desserts.

UPDATE INFORMATION as of Friday

Jane Winstead slept well last night. She is still a little sore. The family appreciates your love and prayers and request that you respect the privacy of the family during this time. Please NO visitors. If you would like to send a card to the family please send it to their home address.

THURSDAY SCHOOL

Indoor Camp Out - February 17, in the FLC. Bring your tents and sleeping bags! And, bring on the smores!! **We'll start at 7:00PM** with dinner (hot dogs and fixin's), followed by activities, devotionals, and lots of flashlights before "lights out"! **Ages 12 and under** are invited. *Please have one parent, or authorized adult plan to stay per family.*

And the survey said!? Keep your eye out on Facebook in the coming week for a survey that we want all of our parents and kids to participate in. We're going to adopt a name and theme for our children's ministry that corresponds to our ministry goals. We want your input, so be watching!

NURSERY WORKERS

January 29

10:00 (0-24 mos) Claire Sowell,
Crystal Haney, Marci Shumway
(2 years) Patty Rasco, Yvonne Scott
5:00PM: No PM Service

February 5

10:00 (0-24 mos) Alice Denton,
Jordan MacMillen, Daphne Eddlemon
(2 years) Lillian Williams, Courtney Heitman
5:00PM: Gwen Coker, Hollie Phillips

THE DISCIPLINE OF PRAYER

"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you" (Matthew 6:6)

When a doctoral student at Princeton asked Albert Einstein what original research was left after all the advances of the 20th century, Einstein said, "Find out about prayer. Somebody must find out about prayer."

The nature of prayer is personal communication between the individual and God. We do not pray as the hypocrites who merely want to be seen by others. Instead, *we go into our rooms and pray*. God is always the audience of our prayers.

To "go into your room" to pray takes intention. It is a matter of self-discipline. This comes more naturally for some people because of their personalities but Jesus teaches us that our prayer lives should involve some intention. Jesus himself planned times to pray. He would pray often in the morning. He dismissed the crowds after he fed and taught them and then went up on a mountain to pray. He prayed all night before choosing the apostles. He prayed all night before his crucifixion.

This takes self-discipline because intentional praying does not pop out of you. You *plan and decide* when and where you will do it and then you do it. Perhaps you decide to pray before meals or before an act of service. Perhaps you plan to pray in your wedding vows or early in the morning before breakfast or late at night when the house is quiet. Maybe you decide to pray in your journal at a set time each day or maybe you pray in your cubicle during your lunch hour or maybe you plan to pray before, during, and after you read Scripture.

Sometimes we are motivated to pray spontaneously. We may see a beautiful sunset or fall in love with our spouses or children all over again and thank God for them. We ask God for strength when we are exhausted and have more work to do. We thank God after a narrowly averted a car accident. Our personalities may lean us toward disciplined prayer or spontaneous prayer but both types need to be a part of our lives.

Take Jesus' words to heart. Make prayer a part of your daily routine. Maybe you can find a closet, basement, attic...somewhere so that it's only you and God. Maybe all you need to do it is to make the decision and follow through.

Matthew

YOUTH NEWS

ULTIMATE FRISBEE and SUCH

On **Saturday, February 4**, we will be getting together with some North Mississippi congregations to play Ultimate Frisbee, basketball, and other games. We will meet at 3PM to start and wrap up around 8PM. If you have any other questions see **Jared**.

WINTERFEST

Winterfest attendees, final money for Winterfest is due **Sunday, February 12**. If you have questions or need assistance see **Jared**.

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today. An attended nursery for 0-24 months is available in the foyer and 2 year olds meet in room 5. Children ages 3-5 will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church. Hearing assistance is available at the sound booth.

If you are a member of the Church of Christ and are looking for a place to worship and serve, please consider placing yourself under the oversight of our shepherds and becoming part of our family in serving the Lord.

If you are not a member of a church and would like to learn more about the Church of Christ, we would be honored to answer any questions you may have. Please fill out an ivory visitor's card and drop it in the offering plate. If you would be interested in a home Bible study please call Derek McNamara at 662-349-3600.

Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

JESUS THE MEDIATOR 1 TIMOTHY 2:1—7

Series of horizontal lines for notes.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP January 29, 2017

Singing - Todd Cottrell

"There's A Stirring"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

396 "No Not One"

Prayer - Kevin Culley

344 "Low In The Grave He Lay"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Blake Massey

98 "Medley" (Luke)

278 "Victory Chant" (Luke)

"Ancient Words" (Luke)

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

JESUS THE MEDIATOR

1 TIMOTHY 2:1—7

Invitation Song:

786 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (Luke)

Shepherd's Prayer - Dean Hasler

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00AM
Morning Assembly 10:00AM
Evening Assembly 5:00PM

Wednesday:

Bible Class 7:00PM

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THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:
Sunday Offering \$ 19,468
Weekly Budget \$ 22,900

Attendance:
Bible Class 349
Morning Assembly 536
Midweek Class 206

Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone
with all wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.

~Colossians 1:28

