

CHOOSE TRUTH

Isn't it amazing the length that people will go to in attempting to resist change, even if that change is for the good? When Italy's mandatory use of seat-belts went into effect enterprising Claudio Ciaravolo cashed in. Dr. Ciaravolo, a psychiatrist in Naples, invented a "security shirt." It consisted of a white T-shirt with a diagonal black stripe designed to deceive the police into believing the motorist is buckled up.

This true story serves to illustrate a powerful biblical principle, that is the struggle so many people have in revealing their true self. A painted black stripe may give police the impression that you are indeed wearing a seat-belt but it won't do you any good in an accident.

Some people give the impression that they have it all together spiritually, they talk the talk and thus their listeners are duped into believing that they are mature Christians. But, talking the talk without walking the walk is a false front. In the arena of Christian warfare, a false front is about as effective as throwing gasoline onto a fire in attempting to extinguish the fire, it is as effective as a striped tee-shirt in an auto-accident.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.* God's prescription to Israel still rings true today.

God's promise of forgiveness demands a three-stage reality check on our part. **First**, we must see ourselves as we are (no false front). **Second**, we must acknowledge our terrible condition. And **third**, we must turn from our wicked ways. If we would do that, then God promises to hear us, to forgive us, and to heal us.

The person who tries to keep the false front before God is indeed to be pitied. For the false front does not fool God, it only stops people from acknowledging the wretched condition of their life. Another danger of the false front is that if you keep it there long enough you will believe it as true.

Notice that in 2 Chronicles 7:14 God is addressing the children of Israel as "My people who are called by My name." If the Israelites made the error of being self-deceived by their false lives, we must not be so arrogant and think that we cannot fall into the same trap. Instead, let us learn from their mistakes.

If you are living a false life, the gospel of Jesus will help you to exchange the false life for the truth.

Grace & Peace
Derek

Sunday Conference call:

To listen to our Sunday morning service live,
call 1-800-914-8405 followed by 4896244
YOU MUST MUTE YOUR PHONE

Family News & Notes

- **Rick Murphy** as he continues on IV antibiotics for several weeks.
- **Lynn Miller** will have out-patient surgery **Monday, April 16**
- **Marty Brownfield** will have oral surgery **Monday, April 16.**
- **Donna Meadows** cataract surgery has been postponed. Continue to pray.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

HEALTH ISSUES: Joe Albritton, Herman Davis, Danny Jackson, Ken Joines, Misha Kimbell, Donna Meadows, Peggy McGowen, James Neal, Jerry Richardson, Jamie Vorhof, Linda Weatherford, Lula Whittle, Jeanette Williams

REHAB: Peggy McGowen

SHUT-INS: Valeria Canada, Lorene Edge, Cora Epperson, FM Hylander, Evelyn Fowler, Sallye Giles, Irmagene Hall, Margaret Jones, Jackie Lorensen, Dot McEwen, Billy & Betty Moore, Dorinda Murphy, Helen Weathers

FAMILY: Jeanette Barnes, Maxine Drewery, Sallye Giles, Mike Hasler, Zayden Huffman, Judy Lee, Sam Macmillan-deployed, Mike Massey, Jacob Maxwell-deployed, Sandra Morris, Terrance Simmons, Ray Yearwood.

TODAY

TODAY Lynn Stalnaker will be celebrating her 90th birthday. Please come and join her celebration in the FLC that day at **1:00PM.**

DESSERTS

The El Salvador Mission Team is looking for donated desserts for the silent auction. These desserts can be in whole or individually packaged. Desserts can be delivered to the church after **5:30PM on Saturday, April 21.** There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for those who would like to participate. Contact **Laura or Kathleen Reed** for any questions.

EL SALVADOR MISSION TEAM

The El Salvador Mission Team will host their annual Dinner and Silent Auction on **Sunday, April 22, 2018**, after morning worship. They will be serving a Spaghetti Dinner and the silent auction will be for donated desserts. Adult plates are \$10 and children's plates are \$5. Come and enjoy the meal and bid on your favorite desserts.

It is that time of year again, the mission team needs donations for their annual yard sale. To donate items please contact **Nick or Daphne Eddlemon.** The sale will be **Saturday, May 5, 2018.**



Reminders . . .

- ☞ Use **CAUTION** in the **FLC and hallways** due to upgrades/painting.
- ☞ **SHARE** will meet **Today at 3:45PM.**
- ☞ The **TLC's** will meet at Hazel's **Tuesday, April 17, at 8:30AM.**

Invite a friend to Worship

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 29.** This will be our Fifth Sunday fellowship and offering. Our menu will be baked ham, potato casserole, green beans and rolls. Members are asked to provide salads and desserts.

LOOK TO THE INTERESTS OF OTHERS

*"How long will you torment me and break me in pieces with words?
These ten times you have cast reproach upon me;
are you not ashamed to wrong me?"
(Job 19:2)*

This is what Job said to his friends after they tried to comfort him. He had lost all his possessions. All his children had died. Last of all, his own health was failing. He was at death's door. His friends wanted to help ease poor Job's pain with their words. But they did not feel Job's pain.

They said things like, "Why does your heart carry you away and why do your eyes flash?" (Job 15:12) and "You who tear yourself in anger, shall the earth be forsaken for you?" (Job 18:4). In other words, "Why are you getting so worked up, Job?" Imagine yourself weeping at the grave of your loved one, crying out to God, and a friend approaches you, saying, "Why are you getting so worked up?"

Job's friends thought they were helping. Sometimes their words were true. Sometimes their words were theologically correct. But their words were not from a place of humility and love. Before we speak to each other in tense, difficult times, let us remember the words of the apostle:

*"In humility count others more significant than yourselves.
Let each of you look not only to his own interests,
but also to the interests of others.
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus..."
(Philippians 2:3-5)*

Matthew

YOUTH NEWS

TRIVIA NIGHT

Teens, get ready for **Saturday, May 5.** We will have a night of trivia at Isaac and Darla Walker's house. We will begin at 6PM and end at 10PM. There will be more details to come regarding food and drinks.

SUMMER CAMP

Registration for Camp is now open. Please be sure to go to www.sardislakechristiancamp.org to register your child. The full amount is not due at registration. You can pay a deposit only. The dates for our session of camp are **Sunday, May 27 – Saturday, June 2!**

WELCOME, GUESTS!

We are honored with your presence and your willingness to join us in worshipping God today.

- We have attended **nursery** for **0-2 year olds** available off the foyer.
- **Children ages 3-5** will be dismissed after the Lord's Supper for Children's Church in **room # 21**.
- **Hearing assistance** is available at the sound booth.

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.

MEETING TIMES

Sunday:

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

Wednesday:

Bible Class	7:00PM
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Today's Sermon by Dr. Derek McNamara

"CHOOSE LIFE"
ROMANS 6:15—23

THE WEEKLY RECORD

Contributions:	
Sunday Offering	\$ 20,596
Weekly Budget	\$ 22,900
Attendance:	
Bible Class	360
Morning Assembly	519
Midweek Class	197

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 15, 2018

Singing - Todd Cottrell

867 "To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way"

Welcome - Dr. Derek McNamara

412 "Jesus, Hold My Hand"

Prayer - Al Canada

287 "There Is A Redeemer"

The Lord's Supper and Offering
Ivan Gomez

458 "Redeemed"

528 "I Know That My Redeemer Lives"
In Christ Alone

Message - Dr. Derek McNamara

"CHOOSE LIFE"
ROMANS 6:15—23

Invitation Song:

18 "Faithful Love"

Shepherd's Prayer - Phil Anderson

Him we proclaim,
warning everyone and teaching everyone with
all wisdom, that we may present
everyone mature in Christ.
~Colossians 1:28~

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