

Wildwood Church of Christ

September 27, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

Song: #629 Angry Words

Song: #724 Will You Not Tell it Today

Prayer

Song: #353 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Lord's Supper

Song: #742 Do All in the Name of the Lord

Sermon: Garments That are Unbecoming- part 4

Ephesians 4:29-30

Song: #922 Bring Christ your Broken Life

Song: #598 A Common Love

Do Not Apologize for God!

By: Jacob Evans

There are host of questions in this world for which we do not have an answer. Life cannot be completely understood, yet so many people believe differently. As a result, faith in God becomes an impossibility for them. *Why did God not give us all the answers? Why must some things remain in secrecy? Where were we created, if God knew that there was the possibility that some would be cast into hell?* The questions go on and on. The content of these questions covers a wide range of subjects such as divorce, suffering, death and various sins. Proverbs 3:5-6 provides us from the outset with a simple answer to these questions: *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart/ And do not lean on your own understanding. / In all your ways acknowledge Him, / And He will make your paths straight."* Our faith demands that we trust in the Lord. Hebrews 11:6 reveals to us that without faith it is impossible to please Him. We are not to look to ourselves for the answers. We are not to lean upon our own understanding. Our soul objective is to put our trust in God. This is the answer to the questions we cannot answer. Sometimes we question God in our struggles. Dare we do such! Take Job, for instance. Job did not understand what was going on and why such terrible things were happening to him. He wanted an answer from God, and in chapter 38 of the great book of Job, he received his answer, which took the form of a question. *"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?"* (v. 32). In other words, God is asking: "Why are you questioning Me?" Later on in the book, Job would say to God: *"Behold, I am insignificant; what can I reply to Thee?"* Job had obviously learned his lesson. God is so much farther above us. God knew what he said, why he said it, and what he meant! Sometimes we question God's teaching on certain matters. We often find ourselves apologizing for God. For example, an individual is approached by a young man who has recently been divorced. He finds Jesus' teaching in Matthew 19 to be a bit too harsh, seeing as how his divorce was not brought about as a result of adultery. The man he has approached beings to sugarcoat Jesus' teaching, ultimately leading the young man away from the truth in this matter. We should never under any circumstances apologize for God, for by doing so, we conform to the needs of the world. We should never under any circumstances second guess God's judgement, for there will be no time to do so at the end of the world. We must adhere to the principles of God. There seem to be two reasons why people apologize for God. First of all, people are too familiar with sin. If we have too much exposure to sin, then we are in danger of becoming numb to sin. Comfortableness with sin pushes our guard down. We must turn away form the pleasures of the world. So many people in the world today want someone to tell them that the sins they are engaging in is okay. In James 4:7-8, James writes: *"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded."* Secondly, people are sympathetic toward sin. We must refrain from beautifying the ugliness of sin. Sin is not okay just because we all struggle with it. Woe unto the man who dares question God or apologize for Him. It is ours but to trust and obey. It is our faith in God that gets us through the hard times and allows us to cope with the hard sayings. Let us not rationalize the word of God. Let us, instead, put our complete trust in the Lord. In doing so, we assure ourselves a place in Heaven where we still live with our creator who knows all things.

Prayer List

Brother **John da Silva** was recently diagnosed with lung cancer in both lungs. Please keep him in your prayers as the doctors decide the best treatment for him.

Our hearts go out to **Reida Glenn and her family** in the passing of Reida's sister. Her funeral was yesterday.

Also, remember **Mary Jane Wright and her family** in the passing Mary Jane's brother-in-law. His funeral was Friday.

Charlotte Martin had her shoulder surgery and is home recovering.

Howard Ails is recovering at home after a very serious bike accident. He is doing rehab to hopefully get full use of his right foot. (drop foot)

John Yarborough had his doctor appointment last week but he has many more appointments coming up before the doctor's decide what to do next.

Guy Grove came through his shoulder surgery well and is recovering at home.

Ila Jean Locke is going to have a heart ablation on October 21st to correct her AFib.

Gloria Murphy will be having an ablation procedure on her leg to help with circulation.

Joyce Freeman continues to struggle with bronchitis/coughing and still needs our prayers.

Linda Jones is in the hospital at this time with an infection. Remember **Dale** as well.

Millie Tudor remains in the south campus of the Leesburg facilities and **Don** has not been able to visit her.

Ken Scott continues to deal with several serious health issues.

Michael Hartman I continues to recover from Covid-19. He is still struggling with fatigue.

Steve Higginbotham, a minster of the Lord's church in Tn., has stage 4 cancer.

Alba Cherena continues to recover from her eye surgery. If you would like to send her a card her address is: PO Box 396, Summerfield, FL. 34492

Monroe Haltaman, Sarah Myers' brother-in-law has been very ill but it doing some better at this time.

Also remember: Martha Pope; Peggy Murphy; Linda Grove; Leigh Workman; Richard Menninger; Joyce Albert; Larry Hyder; Tara Strickland; Teresa Broyle;

Announcements

-Yesterday, September 26th was the last Saturday to hand out the bulletin and communion. Copies of the bulletin and the communion supplies will be in the foyer for you to pick up at your convenience on Mondays and Tuesdays. If you have any questions, please call David or Mike on their cell phones and they will be glad to help you.

-Hope Children's Home – Enmore, Guyana Building Fund: The elders would like to thank everyone for your generosity in helping raise funds for the children's home in Guyana. We will continue to collect money until the end of September.

September Birthdays

Kelley Whited-25; Dale Jones-26; Kathryn Hartman-28; Landon Hicks-28; Cherrie Gould-29; Alice Wayne-30

September Anniversaries – Derek & Sydni Fort-7; Jim & Linda Routzhan-16; Greg & Cindy Pope-27

October Birthdays

Bud Byers-4, Mryna Human-4; Andy McKay-4; Linda Jones-6; Millie Tudor-6; Cali Thayer-8; Tara Strickland-8

October Anniversaries

Gabe & Kirsten Williams-6; Wayne & Joyce Freeman-11; Don & Millie Tudor-11; Kevin & Jennifer Freeman
Ernie & Mary Wise-16; Cherri & Eddie Gould-29

It's time to restock our **PANTRY** - Items needed: Creamy Peanut Butter; Grape Jelly or Jam; Canned meats; Tuna kits; Plain Ritz crackers or Saltines