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SUNDAY

Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.
 Worship.....10:20 a.m.
 Worship.....5:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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ON THE HOME FRONT

This was a great day to be at the Getwell church of Christ! We had a number of visitors who were here. It is always good to meet our fellow Christians who are passing through the area and stop here to worship with us. We have begun our sermon series on the book of Joshua, in which we derive a theme or crucial lesson from each chapter and examine it. A week ago, on Sunday night we began with "Joshua 1: Godly Leaders" and continued in both sermons this Sunday with "Joshua 2: Rahab and the Scarlet Thread" and "Joshua 3: Sanctification." After our morning service, we had an outstanding potluck lunch. This is always a great time, and one of the things that COVID has taken away that we missed most. Please consider the following acrostic on what potluck lunches/ fellowship meals provide for us.

Precious memories are created when we share a meal.
 Our love for one another is increased.
 Thanksgiving is expressed to God.
 Life lessons are taught by those with more
 experience.
 Unbelievable bonds of fellowship are built.
 Cooks share recipes and grow closer.
 Kindness is shown by all.

Bradley Smith

From The Desk Of Bradley Smith

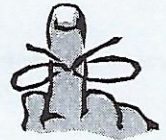
America's New Favorite Sin

The following was written by Dan Cates in his morality tract in the section concerning abortion. Please consider these words:

ABORTION is the intentional ending of a pregnancy at any stage—more than that, it is the murder of an innocent person. That person became an individual living being at the point of his conception (Jeremiah 1:5; Psalm 139:14-16; Ecclesiastes 11:5; Luke 1:41). The practice of murder, including of this sort, is patently forbidden in Scripture (Proverbs 6:16-17; Psalm 106:37-42)! From the 1973 abortion legalizing trial of Roe v Wade until 2000, there were about 39 million such murders in the US alone. Prior to that and still in many nations where abortion is not legal—countless babies and mothers have lost their lives to abortion. Though there are many supposedly “honorable” reasons for abortion, the vast majority are due to the inconvenience a baby will present—whatever the reason, it is still murder. It is known that by the third trimester the unborn have the capacity to scream; what if they could talk—what would they say?

Powerful words about the most deadly sin that is committed! As Christians, we should stand strong to combat this tool of the devil.

RON'S REMINDERS



Weeds In The Garden

Each spring many people take on the task of planting their own garden. Sometimes they do it to help them with the costs of vegetables throughout the summer and others do it just as a hobby. Either way, it can be a time consuming and tedious process from the beginning, through the harvest, until the very end.

Our family, like many of the others, decided to plant another garden this year. We plant tomatoes, peppers, squash, zucchini, cucumbers, corn and more. Each one of these are types of food we love and also love to share with others.

When we first started planting our garden, it seemed like the process was going to be smooth. We marked out the area that we wanted to contain all of our vegetables. Next, we took weed killer and killed all of the grass that was in that area. After the grass died, I took our mower and mowed the grass as low as it could possibly go. Now, the fun part began. We started tilling up the ground. It is always fun watching someone, other than yourself, get dragged around helplessly by a tiller! After a few hours of fun and laughter, we took string and outlined where we wanted the plants to go. Finally, our hard work was paying off and we planted our garden.

The garden was planted but the work had just really begun. In order to have a successful garden, it is not just getting the ground ready and planting. You have to constantly maintain the garden and keep the weeds from overtaking it.

In July, we went on vacation for one week and when we came home, weeds were everywhere. It rained almost every day and weeds dominated the growth charts during our absence. It took us almost two weeks to get it back to a manageable position.

Our Christian life is like the lifecycle of a garden. The seed of Christ was planted in our hearts at different times in our life. We have to make sure that we are fully dedicated in our walk with Christ so the world does not creep in and start to over take it. Like our garden, if we let things enter our lives that do not belong, they can quickly over take it. Once sin enters, it spreads quickly causing us to lose our focus on the goal.

When sin takes over our lives like the weeds in our garden, it can take a long time to break the bad habits and get our lives back to a manageable position.

Are you a Christian who has let sin slowly overtake your life? Are you someone who does not follow Christ, that lives your life in a worldly way that has caused you pain? Is your life like an unmanageable garden?

If you are struggling with removing the sin from your life, now is the time to start getting your life on track. Reach out to a brother or sister in Christ and pray with them. Have them pray for you. God will forgive you and guide you but it is up to you to repent and start back down the narrow path to righteousness.

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