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Oil spill in the Gulf, financial crisis, housing crisis, economic problems, etc, etc—who shall we blame. We have to find out whose fault all this is. There are plenty of big corporations and big time money people from whom to choose. Let's go get them. This feels like a 21st Century version of the end of the first chapter and beginning of the second chapter of Romans.

Paul lists off a series of problems sure to get the blood boiling in righteous indignation. Those hearing the letter read would be ready to go after all the people responsible for the problems. Then the beginning of what we in modern times designate as the second chapter--"Don't judge!"

Seeking parties to bear the blame for any problem does not always lead to the solving of the problem. All that occurs is the waste of vast amounts of energy being spent getting angry, self-righteous, and deluded into thinking that we have achieved a solution. Please understand that I believe that justice must always be pursued, but not at the expense of solving problems and conflicts.

While we did not cause the spill of oil in the Gulf or single handedly collapse the global economic systems, we are dared to participate in the cleanup and restoration of what has happened. We are, as Christians, stewards of Creation and brothers and sisters in faith with those affected. Sitting back and waiting for some miracle will not bring about restoration. Joining with others to work for solutions will.

When a child makes a mess at home, spending all the time assessing blame does not clean the mess. With a young child, the way to teach

responsibility is to get down on the floor and help that child with the cleanup. We do not sit above the child and say you are guilty and have been judged as responsible for all that has happened and must do all the work.

Judgment does not belong to humanity, it belongs to God. We are to be the presence of the Divine through the works of our God given hands and God given minds. We are to come together as a community to seek solutions for the needs of the greater community. We are to avoid the temptation of seeking personal advantages, but rather to discover the blessing in working in cooperation with others to help all. As a nation we have been at our best when we work for the greater good of all. We are truly following the will of God when we work to help those most in need without thought of personal gain or status.

Let's pray, put our heads together, and roll up our sleeves and get to work with God's guidance and blessing.

Shalom, *Darrell*

JUNE ELDERS & DEACONS

The Elders and Deacons scheduled to serve in June are: Elders: Scott Nolde and Tony Hicks and Deacons: Mike Hurlbert, Nicole Hicks, Barbara Hicks and Jerri Bosarge.



Don & Fred Lawhun

Jackie Hanson

Howard Jordan (health)

Mary Ellen Foland (health)

Alex & Janice Harrison



June 6, 2010
 Scripture: 1 Kings 17:8-16
 Luke 7:11-17
 Sermon: Caring for the Widows

June 13, 2010
 Scripture: 1 Kings 21:1-10
 Galatians 2:15-21
 Sermon: Faith and Law

June 20, 2010
 Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-4, 8-15
 Sermon: What Power Looks Like

June 27, 2010.
 Scripture: Luke 9:51-62
 Sermon: Wishing for the Good Old Days

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

June 6	Gidget Hurlbert
June 13	Melissa & Angie
June 20	Jo Smith
June 27	Juliet Nolde



CMF BREAKFAST

The CMF breakfast was held on May 8th. There were eleven people attending. Our next breakfast will be on June 5th at 8:00 a.m. Please join us for a delicious breakfast and fellowship.



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch met on May 12th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet. Those in attendance were: Carl Shaw, David Von Almen, Winona Smith, Juanita Gunnin, Irv Shaw, Evelyn Hawkins, Margaret Hicks and Bob, Gladys, Janice, Diane Fentem and a friend of Diane's. We really missed those who could not join us and hope you can be with us the next time we get together. We will meet again on June 9th at 2:00 at Ole` Times Country Buffet.



Church Pantry Needs

Paper towels
 Toilet paper
 Dessert plates
 39 gal. Trash bags

Please help us by labeling the bag or items you would like to donate!

Example: Church Pantry
 Local Food Pantry
 Safe House
 Hearts to Heroes

TOYS FOR NURSERIES

If you would like to give toys to the nursery, please check them and make sure that they are age appropriate and then give them to Mary Jane Rogers so they can get to the correct nursery. The nursery is now under Christian Education and Mary Jane is the chairperson of that committee.

CWF GRACE GROUP



The CWF Grace Group met at 7:00 p.m. on May 20th. Nine ladies attended our business meeting. The leaders for next year will be as follows: President – Jo Smith, Vice President – Lois Crawford, Secretary – Winona Smith, Treasurer – Sharon-Kay Duncan, Service/Fellowship – Margaret Hicks, and Study/Worship – Brenda McReynolds. Lois Crawford gave the program titled "Just Women". Winona Smith read a poem by Maya Angelo called "I Am A Christian". Billie Milliken provided the refreshments. Our next meeting will be held on June 17th at 6:00. There will be a covered dish meal followed by installation of new officers by Mary Jane Rogers.

Lois Crawford and her two daughters are going to the CWF Quadrennial in Greensboro, NC June 23 through June 27th. They will be taking with them a decorated bra from the Grace Group to go on display with all the other decorated bras in their "Bras for a Cause" contest to raise awareness of breast cancer. People will vote by purchasing tickets for their favorite bra. All money raised will be donated to the Susan G. Komen Foundation. We are very happy to have our CWF represented at the Quadrennial and wish Lois and her daughters a safe and wonderful experience. *Brenda*



CWF M&M GROUP

The M&M group meets on the 4th Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m.



FOOD PANTRY PROJECT

We have given approximately 75 pounds of food to the local food pantry in 2010. The food pantry serves about 90 families in our area every week. Please bring a few cans, jars, or packages of non-perishable food to church at least once a month to help people who really need help during these bad economic times.



HELP WANTED! HELP WANTED!

Job Description: Working with our wonderful youth in a casual yet educational atmosphere.

Starting Date: To be determined in June – Sunday through Thursday. - One week only (No Friday or Saturday)!!

Benefits: Watching children discover God.

Bonus: You will learn something about children, God and yourself.

Salary: Countless God Sightings + Many Laughs and Smiles +Priceless.

If interested in Vacation Bible School, please contact Gidget Hurlbert (718-4600) (You won't be disappointed.)



SAFE HOUSE NEEDS

Paper products
Cleaning supplies

Laundry soap, bleach & fabric softener

Large trash bags

Storage bins

Baby Diapers (Large) and baby wipes

OTC Sinus medication (adult & child)

Large laundry baskets

Over the door hooks or clothes hangers

“I Am A Christian”

by Maya Angelou

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I’m not shouting “I’m clean livin.”
I’m whispering “I was lost,
Now I’m found and forgiven.”

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I don’t speak of this with pride.
I’m confessing that I stumble,
And need CHRIST to be my guide.

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I’m not trying to be strong.
I’m professing that I’m weak,
And need HIS strength to carry on.

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I’m not bragging of success.
I’m admitting I have failed,
And need God to clean my mess.

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I’m not claiming to be perfect.
My flaws are far too visible,
But God believes I am worth it.

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches,
So I call upon His name.

When I say...“I am a Christian,”
I’m not holier than thou.
I’m just a simple sinner
Who received God’s good grace
Somehow.

Bible Fun

Lot’s Wife

The Sunday School teacher was describing how Lot’s wife looked back and turned into a pillar of salt. When little Jason interrupted, “My Mommy looked back once, while she was driving,” he announced triumphantly, “and she turned into a telephone pole!”

June 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<p>1</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 <i>Denny McReynolds Jr</i> <i>George Poore</i></p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p> <p><i>Tom Gilmer</i></p>	<p>5</p> <p>8:00 Men' Breakfast <i>Kyla Embrey</i></p>
<p>6</p> <p>4:00 Chi Rho/CYF</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Board Mtg. 7:30 <i>Corey & Pat Gunnin</i></p>	<p>8</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>9</p> <p>2:00 Lunch Bunch Choir Practice 7:00 <i>Randy & Beth Bickley</i></p>	<p>10</p> <p><i>Tommy & Ashlie</i> <i>Scissons</i></p>	<p>11</p> <p><i>Denny & Dawn</i> <i>McReynolds</i></p>	<p>12</p>
<p>13</p> <p>4:00 Chi Rho/CYF</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Andrew Hebenstreit</i></p>	<p>15</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00 <i>Charlie & Sara</i> <i>Hebenstreit</i> <i>Nicole Hicks</i></p>	<p>16</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00</p>	<p>17</p> <p>CWF Grace covered dish 6:00 <i>Carter Nolde</i></p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>4:00 ChiRho/CWF Fellowship Dinner 6:00</p>	<p>21</p> <p><i>Kathryn Peters</i></p>	<p>22</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00</p>	<p>24</p> <p>CWF M&M 7:00</p>	<p>25</p> <p><i>Ruth & William Griffith</i></p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>4:00 Chi Rho/CYF <i>Chris Rogers</i></p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>8:00 Breakfast at Cracker Barrel Bible Study 7:00</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Choir Practice 7:00 <i>Denny McReynolds Sr.</i> <i>Carole Cochie</i></p>			

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CLAY BALLS

A man was exploring caves by the seashore. In one of the caves he found a canvas bag with a bunch of hardened clay balls. It was like someone had rolled clay balls & left them out in the sun to bake. They didn't look like much, but he took the bag out of the cave with him and as he strolled along the beach, he would throw the clay balls into the ocean as far as he could see. He thought little about it until he dropped one of the clay balls and it cracked open on a rock. Inside was a beautiful, precious stone.

Excited, the man started breaking open the remaining clay balls. Each contained a similar treasure. He found thousands of dollars worth of jewels in the 20 or so clay balls he had left. Then it struck him. He had probably thrown 50 or 60 of the clay balls with their hidden treasure into the ocean waves. Instead of thousands of dollars in treasure, he could have taken home tens of thousands, but he had just thrown it away!

It's like that with people. We look at someone, maybe even ourselves, and we see the external clay vessel. It doesn't look like much from the outside. It isn't always beautiful or sparkling, so we discount it. We see that person as less important than someone more beautiful or stylish or well known or wealthy. But we have not taken the time to find the treasure hidden inside that person.

There is a treasure in each and every one of us. If we take the time to get to know that person, and if we ask God to show us that person the way He sees them, then the clay begins to peel away and the brilliant gem begins to shine forth.

May we not come to the end of our lives and find out that we have thrown away a fortune in friendships because the gems were hidden in bits of clay. May we see the people in our world as God sees them.

Life is too short and friends are too few!

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