

A Few Things to Think About

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One of my favorite regular reads is Cecil May Jr.'s little periodical, *Preacher Talk*. He is a gospel preacher and Bible Dean Emeritus of Faulkner University. I appreciate his short pieces that are long on thought. The first one below is from him. The rest are from me. Maybe you'll enjoy this style for a change.

Still Living with Guilt?

"More Christians than I would have imagined still suffer guilt over deeds done years ago, repented of and prayed about many times. One told his preacher, who asked if he had repented. He replied, 'Yes, I have, 1000 times.' His preacher (wish I knew who) responded, 'You should have repented and confessed once and then thanked God 1000 times for his forgiveness.'"

What God Wants the Church to Be

Everybody has ideas about what makes a good church. But the church is not the product of human ingenuity. It is central to God's eternal purpose and plan (Ephesians 3:8-12). What does God want the church to be?

- *A body of saved people.* "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Eph. 5:25). The church is body of which he is the Savior (Eph. 5:23). The church must tell people how Christ sanctifies and cleanses from sin (Eph. 5:26), or it doesn't even begin to reflect God's plan for the church.
- *A body of submissive people.* Christ is "head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all" (Eph. 1:22-23). In God's plan, "the church submits to Christ" (Eph. 5:24).
- *A body of supportive people.* "Speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into Christ from whom the whole body, joined and held together by

every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love" (Eph. 4:15-16).

- *A body of servant-hearted people.* "For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them" (Eph. 2:10).

Pride and Humility

"Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD'" (Jeremiah 9:23-24). Sometimes only a thin line separates self-confidence and conceit. But confidence in the LORD is humility.

Obedience and the Question, "Why?"

The plan of salvation is the work of the most infinite mind. None of us can wrap our minds all the way around it. Neither can angels. God's plan is full of "things into which angels long to look" (1 Peter 1:12). Angels don't understand it all, but they obey God without question. They do what God tells them to do, "sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation" (Hebrews 1:14). If God says it matters, it matters. If God says to do it, do it. Look forward to learning more, but in the meantime do what you know to do.

Vacation Bible School

VBS brings out the best in us as a congregation. So many people have thrown themselves so enthusiastically into so many tasks to help young and old alike develop faith in Christ and love for him this week. Thank you!

Danny Boggs

His own people, eager to do what is good – Titus 2:14



Pam Babb, Fred & Carolyn Bukowich, Joyce Clarkson, Ed & Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Mary Deffenbaugh, Eli Dodson, Joe Freund, Wilma Hill, Nadine Keith, Sherry Merrill, Cheryl Neilans, Rachel Potter, Angel Rivera, Alondra Rivera, Edith Toney, Ruth Ann Wilson, Debi Wince.

- **Carolyn Bukowich** remains in Freeman West, room 673. Short visits are welcome.
- **Leopoldo Lizardo**, former preacher in Bella Vista in Honduras and former director of our preacher training school, had a stroke and has limited use of his body and speech. Please pray for his recovery which may take a year.

Our **sympathy** to the friends and family of Glen Crumbliss who passed away last Tuesday. His family will have a graveside service at 11:00 on Tuesday, July 30, at Belfast Cemetary.

Every "One" Counts: Remember when you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. Last week we helped a family where the dad, the sole provider, is battling a severe infection which has necessitated four surgeries. If you know someone who needs immediate help, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

The two large cards for **Pam Babb** will be on the table in the foyer on Sunday morning. Please write a note of encouragement or sign you name to let Pam know how much we miss her and pray for her as she continues to battle health issues.

Please stop by the welcome desk and sign the **birthday card** for one of the children at Fair Haven.



This Sunday's Sermons:

A.M.: *A Friend of the World and an Enemy of God* (James 4:4, Danny Boggs)
 P.M.: *Q&A from Here and There* (Danny Boggs)

Vacation Bible School continues through Wednesday night at 6:30 each evening. Dinner is available from 5:30 - 6:15 in the activities center. Attendance has been good. We have had some great lessons for all ages. All of the activities have provided a valuable learning environment for our children, teens, and adults. There is still time to invite your friends and neighbors to learn more about the miracles of Jesus.

Adult VBS class:

Tuesday - Cory Orr Wednesday - Ted Spencer

If you helped with **VBS** in any way this week, please meet briefly in the fellowship room this Sunday night to review and to look ahead to next year's effort.

The teens will have a **Progressive Dinner** next Monday. We will leave the Hillcrest parking lot at 5:00.

The **Summer Youth Series Devo** is next Tuesday at 6:00 at Bryan and Heather Reiboldts' home. Boys bring chips and drinks, girls bring desserts.



The **Silver Dollar City Youth Trip** for grades 7-12 will be August 9. The cost is \$40.00. Parents are welcome to attend. Sign up on the bulletin board by August 4.

See Lowell McInturff or one of the staff if you can provide financial help for a student to attend **Neosho Christian School**.

The 25th Annual **Green Valley Bible Camp golf tournament** is coming up! All proceeds from this event are used to fund camper scholarships and camp improvement projects. This year's 4-person scramble tournament will take place on Saturday, August 10, at the Creeks Golf Course in Cave Springs (shotgun start at 8 AM). The cost is \$65 per person (\$260 per team). Lunch and festivities to follow at Flagstone Church of Christ in Bentonville. Sign up today at: flagstone.church/gvbcgolf. Also, to stay up-to-date on event announcements, follow the tournament's Facebook page at [GVBC Golf Tournament Presented By Forward Engineers](https://www.facebook.com/GVBCGolfTournament).

PRAYER LEADERS

Sunday, July 28

- AM Opening: Carl Cobb
- AM Closing: David Fehring
- PM Opening: Carl Thomlinson
- PM Closing: Noah Reiboldt

Wednesday, July 31

- Opening: Todd Murray
- Closing: Aaron Wilson

RECORDS	07-21-19	07-22-18
Bible Study	164	130
AM Worship	228	189
PM Worship	214 - VBS	VBS
Wednesday	145	133
Contribution	\$7,349.37	\$7,386.55
Budget	\$7,717.37	\$7,630.58