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April 26, 2020

Worship and Study for this Week (via Facebook) with Mike

April 26, 10a, Sunday, "Jesus, Creator"

Col 1: 10-23

April 29, 7p, Wednesday

Services in-full are pending at this time as we wait to hear the most recent guidelines from the state of Indiana

GOAL: avoid temptation

Being tempted is something we will all face; let us stand boldly against the devil and have the courage to resist temptation. Matthew wrote, "Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak" (Matthew 26:41). In James 1:12 we read, "Blessed is the man that endureth temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him." The goal of a Christian is not to stop temptation. The goal is to do all we can to avoid temptation and to stop sinning. Jesus cares and He will help you overcome temptation. Let's go to heaven together.

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You Can't Make 'Em Believe...

Regarding hounds, the old-timer wisely said, "If he ain't got the desire, he ain't gonna hunt". . . no matter how many times you take him to the woods." The same is true about people. No matter how powerfully we preach, teach, or write, we can only stoke an interest that is already there. Where does desire come from? A lifetime of learning and experience. This is why atheists work so hard to influence children in public schools . . . because the seeds that eventually mature into desire (or non-desire), can be planted with little interference. In evangelism, we must work hard to find people who indicate even the slightest desire. We can work with them, fanning that spark of desire into a flame. But it is nigh unto impossible to influence and convert those who have no desire. --Jared Jackson (Jackson, TN) via Jared's File Cabinet

Don't Forget Cards and Calls to:

Joyce Popplewell
Heritage Care, Yorktown
Anna Funk,
Westminster Village
Linda Horning,
Westminster Village

*"In the
good old
days, what
you did was
without!"*

Bill Copeland

Do What's Right !

People are unreasonable, illogical, and self-centered, love them anyway. If you do good, people will accuse you of ulterior motives. Do good anyway . If you find serenity and happiness, they may be envious. Be happy anyway.

The good you do today may be forgotten tomorrow. Do good anyway. Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable but be frank and honest anyway. People favor underdogs, but will follow only top dogs. Fight for some underdogs anyway. People may need help, but attack you if you help them. Help them anyway. What you build for years may be destroyed overnight. Build anyway. Give the world the your best & it may never be enough. Give your best anyway. (Author unknown)

Services

Sunday Bible Study

9:30am

Worship: 10:30 am
& 6:00pm

Wed. Bible Study
7p

Preacher

Michael Gors

Elders

Michael Gors

Gary Reynolds

Todd Stults

Deacons

Don Allison
Fellowship

Jim Clark
Visitation

Lowell Huffman
Media

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We Support

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Cannon Taylor

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About Carl



Chapter One: You surely know the old saying, “An apple doesn't fall far from the tree.” This is certainly the case of 88 year old Carl Gilstrap, the son of a school teacher, who took his own love of reading and books and history as his vocation. Carl’s father was Cleo Estell Gilstrap who hailed from Salem, IN and taught in a one-roomed school house. Salem is located due west from Scottsburg, IN where Carl was born in November 30, 1932. As you travel the by-roads in that area, you might still see many signs advertising Eddie Gilstrap Motors which was owned by Carl’s uncle but now under other management. Carl’s mother was Neva who passed away from heart trouble when Carl was only 12 years old. After her death, Carl’s father sold the farm and the two of them moved in with Carl’s grandparents and this is where Carl grew up. After high school, he joined the Navy and married his first wife, Mary Ruth and they had two sons and a daughter together: Mark, Don and Betty Jean (who died at age 29). The Gilstrap family lived in Cincinnati where Carl worked for Crosley Refrigeration.

Chapter Two: Carl’s life took a complete turn when he decided to study at David Lipscomb University where he earned a teaching degree. From there, he started preaching at Madison COC and Douglas COC in that same area. He preached for over two years and finally decided it just wasn't his calling. He then went on to further his education at BSU and earned a masters degree in US and World History. This took him to a teaching position at Logansport HS where he taught social studies for 30 years.

Chapter Three: Carl and Martha married in 2006. They met at a singles club in Richmond and found, quite co-incidentally, that they were both members of the Lord’s church. They could hardly believe it. Carl had a trailer at Logansport and a house in Muncie but he showed up each week at the club. After about a month, they exchanged phone numbers and, thereafter, talked every night on the phone. Carl is known to be quiet and self contained and this was tough for Martha because he didn't talk as much as she wanted and she practically had to “pry things out of him.” Martha was born in TN but lived most of her life in the Richmond area where she was widowed and worked as an accountant for what is now Cigna Insurance Co.

Chapter Four: A well deserved retirement for both Carl and Martha is now the norm in their house in Muncie. Carl is the grandfather of three and the great-grandfather of one. He has a steady stream of e-mails from friends over the years from his preaching and study and work and is hoping for improved health so he can delve into his well endowed library. This is Carl: a Christian brother, a scholar, a humble servant and a man who knows exactly who he is.

“Meekness is constancy and steady composure in spirit and frame of mind reflecting the consistent stability of our Lord who is the same yesterday, today and forever.” Adapted from Eph. 4:13, 1 Peter 3:8-9 and Heb. 13:8

What Makes a Great Church?

Author Unknown

Not a bigger budget, but larger hearts
 Not a tall steeple, but a lofty vision
 Not money received, but service rendered
 Not great numbers, but great love for each other
 Not frantic motion, but dedicated action
 Not soft seats, but courageous leadership
 Not loud talking, but quiet doing
 Not beautiful clothes, but beautiful lives
 Not eloquent preaching, but active members
 Not a gorgeous building, but good deeds



April 29--Brett Allison
May 1, 2013--Zyland Gors
May 1--Wanda Reed
May 3--Maliyah Allison
May 8--Emma Gors
May 12--Justin Hummel
May 12--Howard Goodman
May 12--Norma Perry
May 13--Dorothy Potter
May 13--Kelli Harper
May 15--Betty Curry
May 16--Jacob Clark
May 17--Jessica Gors
May 18--Kista Reynolds
May 19--Larry Reynolds
May 19--Nick Qualkenbush
May 19--Howard Latta
May 21--Norma Haffner

Happy
 Birthday
 to
 All

In Need of Prayer

Adam Huffman, At home with dialysis 3x weekly.
 Plan is to start physical therapy soon

Alex Odle, Cancer

Angie Reed, MS

Betty Kellow, At home. Doing great right now

Bob Allison, Able to return to assisted living

Bob Murrell, Huffman friend OK and home now.
 Able to beat the virus

Bill & Pam Smith. Cards and calls welcome

Bob Owens, Cancer. Kathy's cousin

Carl and Martha Gilstrap, At home, Carl is struggling each day with weakness and heart related problems with Martha as his primary caregiver

Carl Lafferty, Grandfather of Thomas Williams (Bethany's husband).

Cora Devine, Auto immune disorder

Don Hill, Past deacon and elder at Fairlawn for many years. Passed away from complications of COVID-19 on April 17

Earl & Sue Lautzenheiser, Nursing home residents

Gordon Huffman, Stroke.

Joe Odle

Kathy Channel, Cancer, Daughter of Lois Schlagel

Kathy Harper, Cellulitis, respiratory difficulties.

Kim Ham, Breast cancer. Kim is Dana Kellow's sister.

Mary Smith, Ann's daughter. Released to go home after stroke. Speech improved

Susie Long

Wanda Reed, Immune system compromised. Unable to proceed with radiation treatments until troublesome effects from chemo have leveled off. Please remember Wanda and Joe in prayer and cards. They were in social isolation long before the present situation involved our whole population.

Outlive Yourself

My wife and I just returned from a visit to Mt. Airy, NC, the home of Andy Griffith. Since we're fans of the Andy Griffith show, we thought it would be fun to go to Mt. Airy, Andy's real-life home town, and the model town for the fictional town of Mayberry. We went through the Andy Griffith Museum, took a few pictures, and headed home. Within hours, we learned that Andy Griffith had passed away. Since hearing the news of his passing, I listened to an interview he gave a couple years ago. The interviewer asked him if he could remember all the episodes of the Andy Griffith Show. Surprisingly to me, he said, "no." Oh, he remembered many of them, had some favorites, but just didn't remember all of them. I found that amazing because there are thousands of people across the country who remember every episode, can tell you what's going to happen next, and even quote lines. But Andy, himself, couldn't. That caused me to reflect on how our influence can long outlive our lives. Some of the episodes that Andy Griffith actually participated in were not remembered by him, but thousands of people who simply "looked on" remember every detail. What that tells me is that I had better be cautious about my words, attitudes, and actions. What I might say or do today, and forget about tomorrow, may never be forgotten by an "onlooker," even long after I am dead and gone. The passing of Andy Griffith reminded of a truth spoken by the apostle Paul, "for none of us lives to himself, and no one dies to himself" (Romans 14:7). Make sure that the influence you have on others is the kind that you want to outlive you. --Steve Higginbotham via Bulletin Gold

Everything is Worth Trying Once...FALSE!

Adam and Eve tried the forbidden fruit only once: OUT!

Uzzah touched the Ark of the Covenant only once: Death!

Put a match to an empty gasoline tank once to see if the fumes are all gone: BOOM!

Transgress God's moral law just once to see if the consequences are really as bad as the Bible says they are: Scars forever!

Run with the wrong crowd just once to see if they really do have more fun than "squares": Reputation and influence damaged forever by a society so reluctant to forgive and forget.

Instead, shun evil every time it appears. No apologies needed. No explanation demanded. No corrections in order. Wyatt Sawyer (via Sweetwater, TX)

Phrases with Biblical Origins

A drop in the bucket (Isaiah 40:15).

A thorn in the side (2 Corinthians 12:7)

Forbidden fruit (Genesis 2:17)

Eat, drink, and be merry (Luke 12:19)

The powers that be (Romans 13:1)

The hand writing on the wall (Daniel 5)

Holier than thou (Isaiah 65:5)

Woe is me! (Isaiah 6:5)

Like a lamb to the slaughter (Isaiah 53:7)

Don't cast your pearls before swine (Matthew 7:6)

Fire and brimstone (Genesis 19:24; Revelation 21:8)

Can a leopard change its spots? (Jeremiah 13:23)

The skin of my teeth (Job 19:20)

A land flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8)

Feet of clay (Daniel 2:33-34)

Fly in the ointment (Ecclesiastes 10:1)

Salt of the earth (Matthew 5:13)

By the sweat of your face (Genesis 3:19)

Better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35)

Nothing new under the sun (Ecclesiastes 1:9)

Omnipotent . . .

Student: "Do you think there is life on other planets?" **Preacher:** "No, I don't think so." **Student:** "You mean, all those billions and billions of planets out there -- and you don't think there's any life out there?" **Preacher:** "No, I really don't think so." **Student:** "Then why did God go to all that trouble to make all that stuff?" **Preacher:** "What trouble?"

Ah, Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for You (Jeremiah 32:17). It was not trouble -- He spoke and it was so. The only trouble that God ever had was bloody Calvary when He gave His beloved son for humanity's sins (John 3:16). --www.housetohouse.com