

Sunrise Christian Church

May 2018 Family Newsletter

L3- Called to Love God, to Learn to be like Jesus, and to Lead others to the saving cross of Christ.

Happy Mother's Day!



Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: "Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all"-

Proverbs 31:28-29.

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"The man named his wife Eve because she is the mother of everyone who lives"- Genesis 3:20, CEB



Who is over you; who are you responsible to?

Several years ago, while shopping, I saw a mother and older teenage daughter in the store. I recognized that they belonged to a certain religious group because of their head covering.

Later, I saw them again at a local bookstore, where the daughter was quietly reading a book.

Curious, I approached her to ask why she wore the head covering. Her reply was that it was to remind her that she was under authority. I knew, of course, that she was speaking of being under subjection to God. So, I thought how wise that young lady was, for we all need to realize this as well.

In a world that screams "Me first!" we all need a reminder that we do not sit on the throne, God does- it's His seat! And once we realize this, a right relationship develops, and soon we have a better understanding about who God is, and about ourselves as well.

Listen, now, to what the Apostle Paul has to say about this: "I want you to realize that the head of every man is Christ, and the head of every woman is man, and the head of Christ is God"- I Corinthians 11:3.

This may sound odd in this day and time, yet God's ways are not man's, for His ways are higher. So we look to Him for truth, not to the world around us.

So join me in bending our knees (and will) to the One and Only King- the One we all are in subjection to.



The Garden for daily living

Plant three rows of Peas:

1. Peace of Mind
2. Peace of Heart
3. Peace of soul

Plant four rows of Squash:

1. Squash Gossip
2. Squash Indifference
3. Squash Grumbling
4. Squash Selfishness

Plant four rows of Lettuce:

1. Lettuce be Faithful
2. Lettuce be Kind
3. Lettuce be Patient
4. Lettuce Love One Another

Plant three rows of Turnips:

1. Turnip on time for Meetings
2. Turnip often for Service
3. Turnip to Help One Another

Plant three rows of Thyme:

1. Thyme for Each Other
2. Thyme for Family
3. Thyme for Friends

Water feely with Patience and cultivate with Love. And there will be much fruit in your garden because you reap what you sow!



Communion meditations:

Is it OK to struggle with the things Jesus said? I hope so, for there is a remark he made that usually catches my attention when I read it. It's found in the gospel of John, where Jesus is speaking to some Jews. He has something to say to them that was difficult for them to accept: "I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, yet died. But here is the bread that comes down from heaven, which anyone may eat and not die"- John 6:48-49.

Since they did not fully understanding where he is going with this, he continued: "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats this bread will live forever."

And, still not understanding, he expounds: "This bread is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world." At their wonderment and anger, Jesus said: "Very truly I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. (But) Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life and I will raise them up on the last day"- Jn. 6:48-54.

So my question is: Why it is so vital that we "eat his flesh and drink his blood"? Is he saying that we are to consume what he did for us there on the cross; that we are to find our satisfaction there?

So does this mean that those who are unwilling to eat are therefore refusing to accept what Jesus did for them, and thereby rejecting what he did? If so, is that why we are commanded to examine ourselves before partaking in the bread and the cup? Could it be that by thoughtlessly eating, without desire and commitment, then we're eating and drinking judgement upon ourselves?

That seems to be what the Apostle Paul says to the church in Corinth: "So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgement on themselves. That is why many among you are weak and sick, and a number of you have fallen asleep"- I Cor. 11:27-30.

So, when we celebrate the Lord's Supper, let each one of us do so understanding that there was a cost paid for our sins. Yet, God's love for us was also there on the cross.

Luke records in his gospel that on the night Jesus was to be betrayed, he "took the bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'" Later, speaking of the cup, Luke records that Jesus said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you"- Lk. 22:19-22.

Therefore, we need not wonder when Jesus says that "Whoever eats this bread will live forever"!



Coming events:

1. **National Day of Prayer-** 12:15pm, Thursday, May 3, at Lions Park.
2. **Faithful Men men's breakfast-** 7:30am, Saturday, May 5, at Rusty's.
3. **Les Pritchett- CMA's Run for the Son-** Sunday, May 6
4. **Baskets of Love** food collection and **Crockpot Sunday-** Sunday, May 6.
5. **Ontario's Global Village,** Saturday, June 2.



Thoughts about Spring:

No matter how long winter is, spring is sure to follow.

Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. – Martin Luther

"The day the Lord created hope was probably the same day he created Spring" – Bernie Williams

Jokes for Mother's Day

Sunday school teacher: Tell me, Johnny. Do you say prayers before eating?

Johnny: No, ma'am, I don't have to. My mom's a good cook.

Doug: I think my mom's getting serious about straightening up my room once and for all.

Dan: How do you know?

Doug: She's learning to drive a bulldozer.

A mother is trying to get her son to eat carrots.

"Carrots are good for your eyes," she says.

"How do you know?" the boy asks.

The mother replies, "Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?"

Son: Dad, do you know the difference between a pack of cookies and a pack of elephants?

Dad: No.

Son: Then it's a good thing Mom does the grocery shopping!