

Green's Lake Road church of Christ

"Holding forth the word of life" (Philippians 2:16)

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GREEN'S LAKE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Bible Correspondence Course

Call or write us to enroll.

Schedule of Services

Sunday . . . 9:30 a.m.
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Wednesday . . . 7:00 p.m.

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God Has Not Given Us the Spirit of Fear

Have you made the adjustment yet? Have you transitioned into calling this new year "2019," or are you lagging behind and continuing to think and say we still are in 2018? Welcome to the year 2019, friend. Accept it. Embrace it.

Are you afraid of what might happen in 2019? Do not be. "But there are a lot of unknowns. Nobody knows how things will play out this year. There is a lot of uncertainty." That is true every year, is it not? None of us knows what tomorrow will bring (Proverbs 27:1), let alone what might happen on December 31st of this year (*if* the world makes it that far).

The Bible says, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind*" (2 Timothy 1:7). Whatever life throws our way in this new year, whatever looms on the horizon, God does not want us to face it with fear. Whatever transpires at work, at school, at home, in our relationships with other people, in the economy, in government policy, or in any other realm of life, God does not want us to be fearful.

It is not wrong to be nervous or apprehensive about matters. It is not even wrong to acknowledge that certain things frighten us. The key, though, is we must not allow our concerns/fear to cripple us and prevent us from doing what we need to do.

Recall what happened with the ten spies (the ones not named "Caleb and Joshua"). Fear crippled them. It prevented them from marching up to Canaan to take on the mighty nations of that land. In the end, the fear of those ten men spread to the rest of the Israelites. The whole nation, with a few exceptions, was in panic mode and thought it was a good idea to go back to slavery in Egypt. Seriously?! Fear causes people to do and say unintelligent things.

When a storm arose while Jesus and the apostles were on a ship, the apostles feared for their lives. After the Master rebuked the

storm, He then rebuked His special followers, saying, “*Why are ye so fearful? How is it that ye have no faith?*” (Mark 4:40). According to Luke 8:25, Jesus asked them, “*Where is your faith?*”

Do we see it? There was a faith-fear connection. Actually, it was a *lack* of faith-fear connection. The apostles’ *lack* of faith allowed fear to take over. That is never a good thing, brethren. Remember: our God does not want us to be people of fear.

Trusting in God does not eliminate unpleasant moments, uncertain moments, or even scary moments in life. But, trusting in Him does help us keep things in perspective. Trusting in Him helps us be ready to face whatever comes our way. With God on our side, we can be overcomers! (Romans 8:37). Brothers and sisters, let us learn to “*Trust in him at all times*” (Psalm 62:8), yes, “*Trust in the Lord with all thine heart*” (Proverbs 3:5).

One specific area in which many saints need to deal with the fear factor is when we try to approach lost people. Some people call it “talking religion.” We prefer to call it “teaching the gospel.” Sisters and brothers, in 2019 let us not be afraid to open our mouths and bring up spiritual matters with lost people! This year let us not be afraid to ask people for a Bible study! Let us not be afraid to put forth our best effort to actually conduct studies with prospects who are interested! Remember what the Lord told His servant Paul: “*Be not afraid, but speak, and hold not thy peace*” (Acts 18:9).

In 2019, let us lay aside every weight that besets us, including fear (Hebrews 12:1). Let us not forget the words of Hebrews 13:6: “*The Lord is my helper, and I will not fear what man shall do unto me.*” We are not certain what this new year will hold, but we know for sure Who holds the new year in His hands!

-- Roger D. Campbell

“What Will Make Me Happy?”

Everybody wants to be happy. The question is, “What will make a person happy?”

The book of Ecclesiastes is remarkable because it provides a detailed account of a wealthy, powerful man pursuing various supposed means of becoming happy, or contented. Solomon tries every main category of secular pursuit. That is, he looks for happiness “under the sun,” or without taking the will of the supernatural God into consideration.

Solomon attempted to find happiness in **wisdom**, or learning (Ecclesiastes 1:13-18). And, although Solomon found that there is more to be gained in wisdom than in folly (2:13-14; 7), he concluded that “*in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow*” (1:18).

Solomon attempted to find happiness in **wealth** (Ecclesiastes 2:1-11; 5:8-6:12). But, he found that “*He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves wealth with his income; this also is vanity*” (5:10).

Solomon attempted to find happiness in **various pleasures** (1:17; 2:1-11). But, he found that *“all was vanity and striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun”* (2:11).

Solomon attempted to find happiness in **power** (1:12-13; 2:9). But yet again, he found that *“all is vanity and a striving after wind”* (1:14), because even the powerful die and are forgotten (1:3-4, 11; 2:18-23).

Finally, Solomon recognized that true satisfaction is to be found only in God: *“The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, with every secret thing, whether good or evil”* (12:13,14).

Humans are created to love God, and when we fulfill this function, we will be satisfied. Notice that to live life in fellowship with God is not to eliminate all learning, wealth, pleasures, or power from our experience. (In fact, Ecclesiastes discusses the relative value of earthly goods and noble, secular pursuits). Rather, living life with God is to subject everything to Him in Whom we can be fully satisfied (Matthew 6:25-34; 11:29,30; John 10:10; Romans 12:1,2).

If we learn from Ecclesiastes, then we can find satisfaction in God without looking for happiness in all of the wrong places.

-- Caleb Colley [www.midtowncoc.org]

Health update:

Jacque West and Sam Vandergriff are confined at home.

Maddox Fields, grandson of John & Cathy, saw a surgeon on Monday for a condition in his ear.

John Fields is recuperating after stent surgery.

Our shut in or in special care facilities:

Otis Samples (Standifer Place), John Robinson (Martin-Boyd), Mary Frances Prophater (Martin-Boyd), Ed Taylor (Martin-Boyd), Dot Green (Martin-Boyd), Treva Long, Alma Vance, Lorine Hughes, John Fields, Sara Payne, Jean Morgan

Special prayer requests:

Tom Snyder, father of Kathleen Snyder Madaris, cancer
Tony Parris' mother is under Hospice care.
Jeannie Granger, daughter of Madelyn McNabb, serious health problems.
Sue Lowery, health issues
Michael Hughes, recovering after surgery
Katy Coulter, former member, leukemia

Pantry: List on table in auditorium

The Potter Children's Home Commodity Drive will end on January 27. Our item is *Apple Juice*.

Card shower: Sick or Shut-in List

Coming up on the GLR calendar:

Jan. 10 – Thursday morning Bible class resumes (this week's topic: Numbers 14)
Jan. 19 – Seniors Banquet at 12:02 p.m.
April 7-11 – Gospel meeting (B.J. Clarke)

New Sister-in-Christ: Michelle Pemberton was baptized on 12/30/2018. Her address is: 30 Wayne Harris Drive; Chickamauga, GA 30707.

“With my whole heart have I sought thee: O let me not wander from thy commandments. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee” (Psalm 119:10,11).

**WHAT MUST I DO TO
BE SAVED?**

Hear the gospel
(Romans 10:17)

Believe in Jesus as God's
Son (John 3:16-18)

Repent of past sins
(Acts 17:30)

Confess faith in Jesus
(Romans 10:10)

Be baptized for remission
of sins (Acts 2:38)

Live faithfully
(1 Corinthians 15:58)

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Jan. 2 Bible classes	67
Jan. 6 a.m. worship	90
Jan. 6 Bible classes	72
Jan. 6 p.m. worship	62
Jan. 6 contribution	\$3,871

Works Supported by Green's Lake Road

- Sergei Boiko (Cherkassy, Ukraine)
- Houston McClure (MSOP)
- Potter Children's Home
- FTI Children's Home (India)
- In Search of the Lord's Way (Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on Comcast 13)

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Order of Worship – Jan. 13, 2019

Announcements	Larry Clark (a.m.) Mark Lewis (p.m.)
Opening prayer	Daniel Wolfram (a.m.) Eddie Howe (p.m.)
Bible reading	Jim Lewis (a.m.) Nate Cass (p.m.)
Closing prayer	Mark Lewis (a.m.) Daniel Brown (p.m.)

“Let all things be done decently and in order”
(1 Corinthians 14:40)

Van drivers in January: Sun. – Eddie Howe
Wed. – Larry Clark