

The Dover Dove



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Dear Church,

Grace and Peace to you in the Name that is above all names: Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior! I'm doing a detour this month to discuss the resource for the upcoming sermons. One of you gave me a book entitled "Not a Fan: Becoming a Completely Committed Follower of Jesus" by Kyle Idleman. I would like to recommend the book to you as I draw some sermon ideas from it over the next few weeks.

As taken from the back cover: "The engaging question from the book is "Are you a fan or a follower [of Jesus]? The dictionary defines a fan as 'an enthusiastic admirer.' Fans want to be close enough to Jesus to get all the benefits, but not so close that it requires sacrifice. Fans may be fine with repeating a prayer, attending church on the weekend, and slapping a Jesus fish on their bumpers. But is that really the extent of the relationship Jesus wants?"

"Jesus was never interested in having admirers. It's not fans he is looking for. *Not a Fan* challenges you to consider what it really means to call yourself a Christian. With a direct frankness that you're not likely to hear in Sunday school class [unless you attend mine], Kyle invites you to take an honest look at your relationship with Jesus. His all to follow may seem radical to us, but Jesus desire it for every believer."

There was a band I used to listen to in the 1990's called D.C. Talk. They had a pithy comment on the album as follows, "The greatest single cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips then walk out the door and deny him by their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable." In his book, Idleman writes, "The biggest threat to the church today is fans who call themselves Christians but aren't actually interested in following Christ."

I have referred to this quote several times in sermons from Martyn Lloyd-Jones' "Authentic Christianity," [quoting G. K. Chesterton], "Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and not tried." That is the simple truth. The world, speaking generally, has never tried Christianity. It has talked a lot about it, but it has not really tried it. So I argue that this is still the only hope for the world. Therefore it is urgent that we should ask what Christianity is. Or, to put the question another way, what is the Christian church? What is her business, and what is her message?"

I have heard many times that the Roman Empire collapsed from within, not from external forces. Many people see America also collapsing from within. While I am not making any great prediction concerning America's downfall, I will argue that America has not seen how great it could truly be until churches are full of followers of Jesus and not simply fans of his.

In preparation for the upcoming sermons, please read, study and memorize Luke 9:23. I look forward to our sermon times together.

Nursing Home Worship and Bible Study Ministry

These monthly articles usually speak of the things dealing with the Lexington Court group (Residents, staff as well as God's ministering volunteers) in general. I will use this space, this month, to relate to you the unforeseen results of our Lord's work at Lexington.

We go to nursing homes (Rehabilitation and Health Care) facilities to stand before groups of residents, staff and sometimes family members and friends to witness the Gospel of Jesus. That witness simply is the exposition of God's Word through music, preaching/teaching and always personal prayer with individuals. Mostly we never see the results of what God is doing through our labor, yet there are times when He desires to encourage his servants by showing the glorious fruit of His harvest. The following is a short story of one of those times.

The worship service with the residents had begun one Sunday afternoon with the sharing of Our Lord's message with prayer and singing. It was noticed that Nick was in his wheelchair at the rear of the dining room with his visiting family seated around him. Previously there had been several personal conversations with Nick's wife, Claire. It was revealed that Nick was in an advanced stage of Alzheimer's disease. Most of the time he sits upright in his chair as if he were standing at attention (probably due to his military past) and seldom uttering a sound. He was always sharply dressed and well groomed. His face has a relaxed appearance, which anyone seeing him wouldn't have failed to notice. With the crystal clarity of his eyes that face radiated a peace rarely seen in humans.

Nick indeed was a proud U.S. Army veteran. Married for many years, he and Claire were lovingly devoted to each other and their three daughters (now adults). Together Nick and Claire served God in their church and community. Nick has been a deacon for most of his adult life and Claire was a long time Sunday School teacher. It was clear that Nick and Claire were devout Christians.

After the spoken message and more praise the time had come for personal prayer and encouragement with each resident. Nick, Claire and their three daughters left before anyone could speak to them.

The ministry group had begun to leave the building when Nick and his family were noticed in the lobby gathered around the fireplace. The opportunity was ripe for a greeting to them before leaving. Claire introduced her daughters and the usual small talk and blessings were exchanged.

The youngest of the three daughters exclaimed, "I have just one question" she continued with; "I was raised in the church but have not attended in quite a long time. Does the bible say that Christians must attend an organized church? I like it when people come to my home and teach the bible."

To make a long story short, she was disappointed with the larger organized church of her youth because of "too many hypocrites." The small home group was less convicting and more comfortable for her. That one question turned to many and it didn't take long to determine that her intimate small group was teaching a false gospel to her. A comparison was unfolded before her between what she was being taught and what the bible actually says.

A sudden notice of Nick's face revealed a tiny tear trickling down his cheek as he realized, probably for the first time, that his youngest had turned her back on the true gospel to follow Satan's deceptive teaching. It was a time to seize the opportunity that God provided to share his Word and love and bring a lost sheep back into the fold.

Two hours later, Nick and his entire family were in tears and all were embracing each other as Nick's youngest fell to her knees and prayed for the Heavenly Father's forgiveness, a renewed Lordship of Jesus and the restored empowerment of the Holy Spirit. A division in this family was healed simply through the loving Word of our Lord. Jesus spoke in a parable about this very concept. A man had one hundred sheep and one is lost. He leaves the ninety-nine to search for the one. When he finds the one, he doesn't punish it: he lovingly brings it home. The bible says: ⁵ *When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders, rejoicing.* (**Luke 15:5**).

Thank God that the one carrying His message of love that day answered the call. There were no excuses of being in a hurry to leave, not knowing what to say or being tired because it's been a long day. God said, speak to these people and his command was satisfied and a healing occurred in the name of our Lord Jesus.

The written Word of God asked, ¹⁴ *How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? ¹⁵ How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!"* (**Romans 10:14 – 15**)

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⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth. ⁷ So then neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but God who causes the growth. ⁸ Now he who plants and he who waters are one; but each will receive his own reward according to his own labor. ⁹ For we are God’s fellow workers; you are God’s field, God’s building. (1 Corinthians 3:6 – 9)

Our September 2016 Schedule For Lexington Court is:

Sunday Worship and Praise Service
September 18, 2016 at 2:30pm

Friday Bible Study
September 9th & 23rd 2016 at 10:30am

Visit The Rooms At The End Of The Hall
Spontaneous visits on an as needed or as requested basis.
No particular schedule

Our September 2016 Schedule For Ashland Convalescent Center is:

Worship and Praise Service
Every Wednesday (Except the 2nd Wednesday) at 10:00am

‘You shall rise up before the grayheaded and honor the aged, and you shall revere your God; I am the LORD.’ (Leviticus 19:32)

In His Name,
Bob Gearheart

The Road Of Faith

Shine your light, O Lord,
So that I may see,
Just where I am heading
And what's in front of me

Your word is the light,
The lamp unto my feet
It may not light far ahead,
Nor show me where it's steep

But it gives enough light
For each step I take,
Just enough to see ahead,
Along this road of faith

For this is what it surely is
As we walk with Jesus Christ,
The road that we are travelling on
Is by faith, not by sight

So shine your light, O Lord,
So we may see our way,
Though you only show in part,
It's enough for each new day.

By M.S.Lowndes



Building Inspector on the Ark

WMU

The **WMU** will meet on Tuesday, September 13th at 11:00 am in the church Library. All are welcome to attend. Come for an inspiring missions message, and bring a favorite covered dish to share for lunch.

Our project for September will be to collect 'over the counter' medications for the Goochland Free Clinic. See Ethel Javins for more information.

FISH FRY

Our 3rd Annual Fish Fry will be September 24th from 5:00—8:00pm. Tickets are \$10 in advance—\$12 at the door. Each ticket includes fish, baked beans, slaw, hush puppies, a homemade dessert and a beverage. See Mishelle Lawler for tickets.

BIBLE STUDIES

The men of Dover will meet on September 10th from 7:00-10:00 am for breakfast and Bible study. Also, small projects may be accomplished at that time.

SUMMER WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP STUDY

The next gathering of our Summer Women's Discipleship Study will be on Saturday, September 10th. We will meet from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in Heritage Hall. Our time together will include a discussion of

DEACONS' MEETING

There will be a Deacons' Meeting following worship service on September 4th in the church Library.

DEACON OF THE MONTH

Margaret Hill

COMMUNION SERVERS

Margaret Hill	Gary Tolley
Jennifer Napier	Gloria Bennett
#Chad Hammack	*Juanita Deck

BELL RINGERS

September 04	Lindsay Roberts
September 11	Regan Davis
September 18	Lelia Parker
September 25	Genna Hammack

NURSERY WORKERS

September 04	Gail Cochran
	Mishelle Lawler
September 11	Joanie Collins
	Sara Rowe
September 18	Jean Eyrolles
	Maye Higgs
September 25	Virginia Parrish
	Amanda Team



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p>4</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship & Communion Service 12:00 PM Deacons' Meeting</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>5:30 PM Fellowship Meal 6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Team Kids</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p>
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<p>18</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Homecoming Worship Service 2:30 PM Nursing Home Ministry</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Team Kids</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>5:00 - 8:00 PM Fish Fry in Heritage Hall</p>
<p>25</p> <p>9:00 AM Prayer Service 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM Quarterly Bus Meeting/Luncheon</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>6:00 PM Prayer & Bible Study & Children's Choir 7:00 PM Choir Practice 7:00 PM Team Kids</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p>	

July, August, September 2016
Dover Baptist Bible Reading Plan

	July	August	September
1	John 1:1-28	1 John 2:18-3:24	Proverbs 2
2	John 1:29-2:12	1 John 4-5	Proverbs 3
3	John 2:13-3:15	2 John	Proverbs 4
4	John 3:16-36	3 John, Jude	Proverbs 5
5	John 4:1-45	Revelation 1	Proverbs 6
6	John 4:46-5:17	Revelation 2	Proverbs 7
7	John 5:18-47	Revelation 3-4	Proverbs 8
8	John 6:1-21	Revelation 5-6	Proverbs 9
9	John 6:22-59	Revelation 7:1-8:5	Proverbs 10
10	John 6:60-71	Revelation 8:6-9:21	Proverbs 11
11	John 7:1-36	Revelation 10-11	Proverbs 12
12	John 7:37-8:11	Revelation 12-13	Proverbs 13
13	John 8:12-38	Revelation 14-15	Proverbs 14
14	John 8:39-59	Revelation 16-17	Proverbs 15
15	John 9	Revelation 18	Proverbs 16
16	John 10:1-21	Revelation 19-20	Proverbs 17
17	John 10:22-11:16	Revelation 21	Proverbs 18
18	John 11:17-44	Revelation 22	Proverbs 19
19	John 11:45-12:19	Daniel 1:1-2:16	Proverbs 20
20	John 12:20-50	Daniel 2:17-45	Proverbs 21
21	John 13:1-30	Daniel 2:46-3:30	Proverbs 22
22	John 13:31-14:14	Daniel 4:1-27	Proverbs 23
23	John 14:15-15:17	Daniel 4:28-5:12	Proverbs 24
24	John 15:18-16:24	Daniel 5:13-31	Proverbs 25
25	John 16:25-17:26	Daniel 6	Proverbs 26
26	John 18:1-24	Daniel 7:1-8:14	Proverbs 27
27	John 18:25-19:16	Daniel 8:15-9:19	Proverbs 28
28	John 19:17-42	Daniel 9:20-10:21	Proverbs 29
29	John 20	Daniel 11:1-22	Proverbs 30
30	John 21	Daniel 11:23-12:13	Proverbs 31
31	1 John 1:1-2:17	Proverbs 1	N/A
