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The Greatest Question of All Time

A BBC magazine answered the “101 greatest questions of all time.”^[1] What did they include? Well, questions like “What is OK short for?” Answer? “OK comes from ‘oll korrekt’, a deliberately misspelled writing of ‘all correct.’ It was popularized in Boston newspapers around the 1840s when it was fashionable to go around spelling things incorrectly for humorous effect.”

The #1 “greatest question” was “Where is the safest place to stand outside in a thunderstorm?” And, in case you must know the answer, it is “A car or other enclosed metal structure is the safest place to be in a thunderstorm.”

Jesus asked a question that should have been first on the list. He and the disciples were in Caesarea Philippi. Call it the shopping mall of religion. It was located in a region known as Paneon, or the home of the Greek god Pan. Once it had been a center of Baal worship. A temple was located there dedicated to the godhead of Caesar. And other temples of Syrian gods dotted the landscape.

Plenty of gods to choose from in Caesarea Philippi. So, Jesus asks his disciples this question: “Who do you say I am?” (Mark 8:29). Oh, at first he asked them what others were saying about him. The answers came back in rapid fire: “Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.”

But Jesus was more concerned with their answer to his question, so he asked, “Who do you say I am?” They all looked at this homeless carpenter and thought about that question. We don’t know how long they thought before Peter replied, “You are the Christ.”

Who do you say He is? Have you given it much thought? Some say he was crazy, claiming to be God but just a man. Some say he was just another liar, that he knew exactly what he was saying but was deviously misleading those around him.

But there are those who have said, along with Peter, that Jesus is the Christ. He is “God in the flesh.” He is the King. He is the Savior. You may know where to stand in a thunderstorm. And you may think your life is OK. But this week, if you have not answered this question from Jesus, then go to your own Caesarea Philippi, and let Him ask you, “Who do you say that I am?” Your answer will be the greatest one you will ever give.

[1] “Greatest 101 questions of all time: 1-20” found at:

www.telegraph.co.uk/news/newstopics/howaboutthat/4696372/Greatest-101-questions-of-all-time-1-20.html

Sunday, April 9, 2017 – Chapter 26: The Hour of Darkness

The religious leaders are fed up, so they hatch a plan to have Jesus killed. They even hire an inside man – one of Jesus’ own disciples – to help them do their dirty work.

It’s the week of the Passover – one of the holiest dates on the Jewish calendar – when the religious leaders get down to their unholy business. It’s going to be a dark day in Jerusalem ... (taken from “The Story” Teen Edition)

"Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever." Psalm 136:1

Prayer Concerns for Our Church Families Long Term:

Linda Benjamin, Lois Gebert, C B Harris, Cheryl Harris, Clarence Hermann, Jim Jordan, Wilma McIntosh, Linda Miller, Nelda Potter, Steve Watkins

Extended Family & Friends Long Term:

All her family (request by Wilma McIntosh), Parker Monhollon (request by Sandra Hamilton), Steve Richardson (son of Reed & Carol), Luke Rockers (son of Jody Cole), Ray & Nancy Foltz (request by Nancy Horn), Bill & Lola Thornton, Sandy (Potter) Peine (sister of Marsha Dulin), the leaders of our country, our veterans and troops, Becky Roush (request by Carol Hermreck & sister Carolyn Schuster), John Hermreck (husband of Carol Hermreck), Robert Zinszer (father of Kim Stapp), Jack & Arlene (Mersman) Udelhofen (Nancy Horn)

Our Loved Ones in Care Centers

Dear Lord, send your blessings on those living in long-term healthcare facilities and nursing homes. Amen

1) Guest Home Estate - 806 West 4th Ave: Vernon Hunt, Ruth Gorrell, Robert Young, Betty Penn **2) Parkview Heights - 101 North Pine:** Jean Brown, Olive Kline, Max Ratliff, Marcene Jasper, Jerry Gettler, Sr **3) Residential Living Center - PO Box 407:** Bill Young, Vera Wills (aunt of Phyllis Adams) Ralph Hamilton (father of Leroy) **4) Comfort Care Home - 27 E Rockwood Dr - Ottawa, KS 66067:** Birdie Zentner

Our Military, Veterans & Troops

Dear Lord, We give thanks to you for our brave men and Women in uniform and we pray for your love to lead them and your wisdom to guide them each day. Amen

South Korea: Matthew Schryer - Grandson of Frieda Hurt & nephew of Marcia Spring

Air Force: Tim Greening, grandson of Twyla Duryea

Air Force: Nicholas L Wales, grandson of Orville & LaVerne Cole

Prayer Concerns for our church families and friends

April 2 ~ Week 1: Ethan Adams (nephew of Holly Byerley); Linda Cox (sister of Sondra Grieshaber)

March 26 ~ Week 2: Kathy Lindsay Nelson, our military, police, highway Patrol and their families (Rosemary Turner)

March 19 ~ Week 3: The Christian Youth Rodeo Association (Nicaragua) Mission trip left March 18. Prayers for safe travels and blessings sharing God's word. (Justin and Erin Zook); Sharon McKinney (Darren's mom); Bobby Simpson (Uncle); Rick Simpson (brother) (Darren & Joan Simpson)

If you wish continued prayers: After 3 weeks, your prayer request will be removed unless you write it on the Sunday flap or email Marsha Dulin at marsha@fccgarnett.org.

WORSHIP SERVICES / SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATE

April 2 ~ **Worship Services:** 8:00 a.m. ~ 51 10:30 a.m. ~ 115 **Sunday School:** 48

General Fund ~ \$6288 **To Date** ~ \$6288 **New Building** ~ \$2969 **To Date** ~ \$ 2969

(NBF: This includes \$2025 from the Tuesday Night Family Supper acct)

“Family Life Center” Growth Chart

New Building Addition ~ \$977,269

Paid to Contractor ~ \$732,294 Yet to be paid on Contract ~ \$244,975

Current Cash in NBF ~ \$62,430 Pledges yet to be received ~ \$39,524

Prospective shortfall \$143,021 (This does not include needed landscaping / paving)

PAYING FOR OUR NEW BUILDING:

How are we paying for our beautiful new million-plus dollar Family Life Center? Sacrifices from those who love or have loved FCC. Several previous members loved FCC enough to remember FCC in their wills (totaling over \$250,000). Then, our past two building fund pledge campaigns have gained more than \$400,000 in pledges, of which about \$39,000 remains to come in on schedule. Of course, many give weekly or monthly out of love without having signed a formal pledge. This is how we are getting there—members are giving sacrificially out of their budgets. Right now, our FCC Trustees are borrowing \$200,000 to finish paying off the building and tide us over until the rest to the pledges come in—after which it looks like our construction debt load may be about \$160,000. How can you help? PRAY. Pray that there may be a loving response to help pay this note off early. Seniors: Have you remembered FCC in your will? Or, perhaps you could take out an insurance policy naming FCC as beneficiary. Others: Consider increasing your giving a few bucks a week—some to help pay down our debt (designate this part to the New Building Fund), and some to help cover our increased operating expenses paid out of our General Fund. Working and giving together we can get this done, Christ will be glorified, we can enjoy our new facility for many years, and we can leave a beautiful legacy to our kids just as our elders did for us. In His Service, Burke Rogers, Treasurer.



Grand Opening for the Family Life Center

The Pastoring Committee would like to invite everyone to attend the grand opening of our new church addition, the Family Life Center on Sunday, April 9th. We will have lunch following the 10:30 service. Meat, potatoes, vegetables and bread will be furnished. We are asking those with last name beginning with A-M to bring a salad or side dish, those with last name N-Z please bring a dessert to share. We will be doing a short program after lunch honoring the progression of the church from the time it first opened to the current addition. Please plan to join us for this historic event!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

OPPORTUNITY CLASS: Mary Hamilton opened the class with prayer. There were 4 present, 2 with Bible and 3 daily readers. Continued prayers for all those fighting cancer. Prayers requested for the family of Sara Teel. Mary Hamilton presented the lesson, "Shepherding Love" from Psalm 23. The class closed with prayer.

SOS Class: Burke Rogers opened the class with prayer. There were 20 present, 14 with Bible and 8 daily readers. The class had special Guests on Sunday: Sandra Sobba, Ron Jones and Amy Brady (family of Doris Kueser). Prayers for Maurice White, brother of Loydene West; JoElla Phares and Natasha Goetz. PRAISE's: (1) Gary & Linda Benjamin home safely (2) Bea Lile going to visit grand kids. Burke Rogers presented the lesson on Chapter 25: "Jesus, The Son of God." The class closed with prayer.

Reminder: Potluck dinner next week



We **WELCOME YOU...** With Open Doors, Open Hearts and Open Arms
Levi Clark, son of Tim & Tammy Clark; Paul Santro guest of Retha Burnett; Kyla Stoy guest of Anita New & Kimmie Damron; William Gifford from Norway and Norma Varvel of Gridley guest of Justin Thompson



Brett's Bottom Line... Hey everybody! Hope you had a good weekend I know that I sure did! We took several students down to Young Christians Weekend this past weekend at Silver Dollar City in Branson, MO., and we all had a blast! I've just got a couple of announcements for you this week.

1. I'm excited to announce that we will be going to CIY "Move" this year over the summer break! For those of you that are unaware of what that is, CIY stands for Christ In Youth. It's an organization that puts on several different programs throughout the year for High School, Jr. High, and Elementary age students. The "Move" program is specifically for High School students, and even though there are several different places and locations throughout the summer, we will be taking our students to Marion, Indiana. It is a week-long program starting July 2nd, ends on July 6th. There you will listen to some amazing speakers, and bands, and grow closer to God through an intense week long spiritual Journey. If you are interested in going (or interested in forcing your High School Student to go...I'm fine with both) talk to me.
2. We are needing volunteers to help us out in the kitchen this summer at HIDDEN HAVEN this year. If you are interested in helping contact me, and I will help get you registered
3. We are doing "Stock the Pantry" for Hidden Haven this year and a list of what we've been asked to provide the camp with is on the Youth Bulletin board, just sign your name under the items that you are willing and able to bring!

Thursday, April 6, 13, 20, 27

Christian Crafters: 10:00 a.m. ~ Annex
Ladies Bible Study ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Annex



Saturday, April 8, 15, 22, 29

Men's Breakfast & Devotions ~ 7:00 a.m. ~ Annex

Sunday, April 9, 23, 30

Legacy ~ Fellowship Hall ~ 5:00 p.m. ~ 7:00 p.m. **NO Legacy** Easter Sunday, April 16

Monday, April 3, 10, 17, 24

Christian Woodworkers ~ 8:30 a.m. ~ At Darwin Hamilton's

Tuesday, April 4, 11, 18, 25

Prayer Group ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ Annex

Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19 (Last ROOTS)

ROOTS ~ 5:30 p.m. Meal ~ 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Lesson time

Sunday, April 9 – Palm Sunday

Grand Opening & Potluck following 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Friday, April 14 – Good Friday

Good Friday Services at the Church of the Nazarene ~ 12:10 p.m.

Sunday, April 16 – Easter Sunday

Sunrise Services at the North Lake 6:30 a.m.

Nursing Home Worship Services ~ 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 20

Care Team ~ 7:00 p.m. ~ Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 21

Community Blood Drive – Anderson County Hospital Lobby – 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 23

Education & Worship Committee Meet following 10:30 a.m. Worship Services

Sunday, April 30

Singspiration at the Nazarene Church ~ 6:30 p.m.



“Fancy Fingers” Guest Home Estates is seeking someone(s) to be part of our “fancy fingers” group. (paint our lady’s fingernails twice a month). If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Sheila 448-6884 or ghe7@embargmail.com. Thank you so much!!!
Sheila Wilson, Operator ~ Guest Home Estates VII - 806 West 4th

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