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GOD IS IN CONTROL

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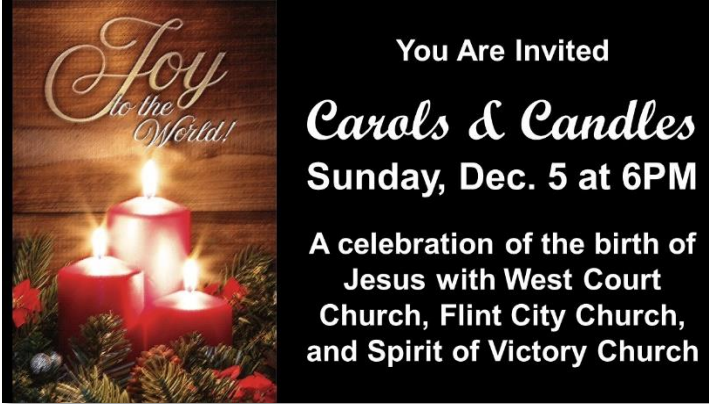
Over the past two years in this position of leadership I have been shown over and over what the Holy Spirit can do if we just allow Him to have control - if we get out of the way and understand that all things are possible through Him.

Whenever I start to struggle, it is because I think I'm the one that is responsible to get things done on my own. I think I have these great ideas that I have to find a way to implement and as I sit and struggle over how to do things that still, small voice comes to say "Why are you so stressed? If I ask you to do it haven't I always been faithful to make it happen?" It is hard for me to let go and let God show me the way. I want to be a part of the decision making, but it is so much bigger than me. His ideas are for our good to prosper us and the kingdom, not to harm us or take away from His plans for us. I'm not there yet, but I'm much better at trusting Him to help us find our way in the times we find ourselves. I'm learning to love the journey.

I also love to the way he has shown us that churches of different denominations are all here for the same purpose. We are all here to further the kingdom. Recently I was reminded that there are only five absolutes in the Church of God movement:

1. **Jesus is supreme.** He is the subject. Everything centers around Him. He came to earth the Son of God and lived and died and rose again and He will return to gather the faithful.
2. **We believe in the Holy Spirit and the holiness movement.** We believe the Holy Spirit is real and walks with us to direct our paths when we are willing to listen.
3. **Unity is the catalyst that God is looking for in the church.** **John 17 20-23** "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in Me through their message, **21** that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in Us so that the world may believe that You have sent Me. **22** I have given them the glory that You gave Me, that they may be one as We are one— **23** I in them and You in Me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that You sent Me and have loved them even as You have loved Me. This passage represents Jesus' prayer for the unity of the church so that it might move forward with authority. Working together is always more productive than working alone.
4. **The great commandment.** Love the Lord you God with all your heart, mind, soul and strength and love your neighbor as yourself.
5. **The scriptures are the inspired work of the Holy Spirit.** They are true. They are current to everything that is occurring in the world today. With this in mind, we must understand that hell's greatest weapon is disunity within the church. Satan's greatest fear is that the church will unite in the scripture and make everything else in the world secondary to the message. May we continue to grow in the Holy Spirit and unity in the kingdom of God.

Love In Christ,
Pastor Brad Walker



YEAR END DONATIONS

Donors must give their contribution checks on or by December 31 to be included in the member's 2021 giving statement. If it is received in the offering on or after January 1, even if the check is backdated for 2021, it would **not** be included in your 2021 giving statement. However, if the donation comes through the mail, all checks dated AND envelopes postmarked in 2021 would be included even if we received it in 2022. All online giving for 2021 must be time stamped by midnight on December 31, 2021. Thank you.

CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY OBSERVANCE

Our Christmas Card Post Office opens on **November 28th** and is located in the West Hallway. Bring your Christmas Cards for currently attending members and by placing them in our mail slots, you have the opportunity to donate to Christ's Birthday Observance in the amount you would have spent on postage. Each Sunday be sure to stop by and pick up the cards you have received. 50% of this offering supports Church of God Ministries and 50% goes to Christian Women Connections and the ministries they support.

Updated church directories are located at the CBO Post Office. Please help yourself to an Advent devotional. Also, your 2022 Offering Envelope Packets will be in your mail slot after December 19th.

DECEMBER Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3 Roger & Theresa Povolny (45 yrs)
- 11 Janice Ferris
- 13 Barbara Schultz
- 14 Jerry & Barb St. Cin (64 yrs)
- 21 Ed & Shirley Smith (64 yrs)
- 25 Chris Walker
- 27 Zane D'Angelo (13)

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY
 In the event of a weather emergency and we deem it wise to cancel Worship Services or any other events taking place at West Court, notification will be given on ABC-12, NBC-25, by email and on the church's Facebook page.

December Calendar

1 Wednesday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
10:30am SOV Praise Team Rehearsal
12:30pm WC Women's Bible Study
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm WC Bible Study
6:30pm FCC Youth Group
7:00pm SOV Bible Study

2 Thursday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
5:00pm Yoga
7:00pm Spirit of Victory Men's Fellowship

4 Saturday

11:00am Robert Fiedler Memorial Service

5 Sunday

9:15am West Court Sunday School
10:00am Flint City Church Worship
10:30am West Court Worship/Communion Service
12:30pm Spirit of Victory Worship

6:00pm Carols & Candles (all churches)

6 Monday

4:00pm HOWDS

7 Tuesday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Yoga
6:30pm FCC Ladies Bible Study

8 Wednesday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
10:30am SOV Praise Team Rehearsal
12:30pm WC Women's Bible Study
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm WC Bible Study
6:30pm FCC Youth Group
7:00pm SOV Bible Study

9 Thursday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
5:00pm Yoga
6:30pm FCC Ladies Bible Study
7:00pm SOV Men's Fellowship

11 Saturday

9:00am WC Men's Breakfast
10:30am TOPS KHS Meeting

12 Sunday

9:15am West Court Sunday School
10:00am Flint City Church Worship
10:30am West Court Worship/Kids Worship
12:30pm Spirit of Victory Worship

13 Monday

4:00pm HOWDS

14 Tuesday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ.
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Yoga

15 Wednesday – January Newsletter Deadline

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
10:30am SOV Praise Team Rehearsal
12:30pm WC Women's Bible Study
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm WC Bible Study
6:30pm FCC Youth Group
7:00pm SOV Bible Study

16 Thursday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
5:00pm Yoga
7:00pm SOV Men's Fellowship

19 Sunday

9:15am West Court Sunday School
10:00am Flint City Church Worship
10:30am West Court Worship/Children's Message
12:30pm Spirit of Victory Worship

20 Monday

4:00pm HOWDS

21 Tuesday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ.
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Yoga
6:30pm FCC Ladies Bible Study

22 Wednesday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
10:30am SOV Praise Team Rehearsal
5:00pm HOWDS
5:00pm Chair Yoga
6:30pm WC Bible Study
6:30pm FCC Youth Group
7:00pm SOV Bible Study

23 Thursday

9:00am Love In the Name of Christ
6:30pm FCC Ladies Bible Study
7:00pm SOV Men's Fellowship

24 Friday – 5:00pm FCC Christmas Eve Service

25 Saturday – Christmas Day

26 Sunday

9:15am West Court Sunday School
10:00am Flint City Church Worship
10:30am West Court Worship/Kids Worship
12:30pm Spirit of Victory Worship

31 Friday – New Year's Eve