



I want to start my essay with a hearty thanks to those who planned and executed flawlessly our "Church in the Park" event. What a wonderful time of reflection we experienced as we worshipped God in the midst of His creation. It was refreshing to spend time with those of you who attended; the bond of fellowship and friendship was felt as we gathered as a church to glorify our Lord and spend quality time together.

I especially want to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and kind expressions that were given as "acts of appreciation" in my honor. I am so privileged to be your pastor. I pray God will continue to bless our efforts as we strive together to build a church that personifies the love and character of our heavenly Father.

My question for this month's newsletter is does truth exist?

In my last article, I surmised, the world is on fire because society has abandoned *reason* and *commonsense* in exchange for *relativism* and *progressivism*. These modern concepts have largely become the norm causing instability within our society. It appears the younger generations of our society have embraced these notions as a viable way to function in an ever-changing world.

Like *reason* and *commonsense*, *consistency* has fallen victim to these new-age concepts. Without consistency, people lose the ability to be driven by purpose. It appears the "youngsters" of our time cannot see the proverbial cliff, which lingers before them. Therefore, they cannot conceive the irreparable harm these false notions will bring upon our lives.

Based upon my commentary so far, it appears I have concluded our society is directionless and thus hopelessly lost because of the *egocentric* mindset, which prevails today.

Though the future looks dim, it's not completely dark. Man's thirst for knowledge has set him on a quest to find the answers that have puzzled the mind for centuries. These questions include concepts such as, why are we here, who made us, what is real, what is truth and is there life after death.

The hope is, after *relativism* and *progressivism* has run its course, people will continue to search for truth from the ruins left behind by these cancerous concepts. Like a vicious cycle, society will be forced to abandon the *egocentric* way of living for one more suitable for civilization. Hopefully, *reason* and *commonsense* will find its place once again and society will correct itself.

In Romans 12:1 (TLB) we notice the Apostle Paul using *reason* and *commonsense* to impress upon the church that Christians (who are clients) are to live sacrificial holy lives in a manner that pleases God (their Patron).

Paul offers two propositions: first, *And so, dear brothers, I plead with you to give your bodies to God*. Second proposition; *Let your bodies be a living sacrifice, holy—the kind He can accept*.

Next, we discover Paul's *reasoning* for making these bold propositions, *When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask, or are these propositions not reasonable enough for you to accept?* Here Paul employs *reason* and *commonsense* to help the Christians in Rome understand the duties a client has to their Patron.

May we set aside our societal tendencies to be *relevant* and *progressive* and rediscover *reason* and *commonsense* as proper schoolmasters to help instruct and guide us to live with purpose during uncertain times.

Solomon writes in Proverbs 4:20-23 (NLT), *My child, pay attention to what I say. Listen carefully to my words. Don't lose sight of them. Let them penetrate deep into your heart, for they bring life to those who find them, and healing to their whole body.* ²³ *Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*

I pray God, through Christ, will *strengthen* and *bless* our efforts as we strive to honor Him with our lives. Next month's article will be a continuation in my quest to answer the question, "does truth exist".

Your friend,

Pastor Tim

Church in the Park

by Pastor Tim

We had church in the park all went well except Janie was missing to ring the church bell.

The attendance was great, the worship was splendid and even our pastor was not longwinded!

We played a few games some quite peculiar, which caused us to mingle and get more familiar.

By the time we were done acting silly and young our stomachs were screaming for a burger and bun.

We ended the day all happy and spry our bellies were full some thought they would die!

Many thanks go out to those who attended the fellowship was great just as intended.

Father's Day Breakfast

Many thanks go to the women who prepared breakfast on Father's day. They did a great job and delighted all who participated with their presentation. The food was wonderful and so was the fellowship.

You men set the bar high, on Mother's Day Breakfast, but of course the ladies matched their excellent feast.

Wednesday Night Activities

Mark Your Calendars - All Wednesday night activities on July 1st and July 15th have been cancelled. This includes dinner, prayer meeting and choir practice.

Friday Night Out

Our third *Friday Night Out* event went over with a bang! We had several people gather to fellowship and challenge each other in good *Christian* fun.

Our next event is planned for July 10 at 5:00 pm. Everyone is invited, bring your game face, your favorite game and your favorite potluck dish.

See you at the *games*.

Women on Missions

Some of you ladies missed a great time at the HomeTown Buffet on June 13. Deb Davis lead the Missionary Prayer List and encouraged us all to faithfully pray for those serving on the Mission field.

Our next meeting will be on July 11th. Come and see what we have in store for you, also bring a dish for our brunch.

VBS at Village Baptist Church starts July 12th and runs through July 17th. Hope you can come to our meeting and attend VBS.

Dinner and a Movie

Fundraiser for Fellowship Committee

The *Fellowship Committee* is sponsoring a fundraiser during the latter part of July; they are calling this soirée *Dinner and a Movie*.

Please make plans to attend this fun affair and help raise funds for future activities. Tickets are available now, please contact Caryl Shaw for more information.

Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class
Assignment - Virginia Beach

Megan Hines - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - USNA
Rank - Midshipman - **Assignment** - Annapolis, Maryland

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air force
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona

Joshua Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Navy
Assignment - Great Lakes, Illinois



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Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Services

Family Dinner 5:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting 5:45 pm
 Choir Practice 6:45 pm



July Calendar

- 1st - No Wednesday Night Activities
- 7th - Prayer with Pastor Tim - 6:30 pm
- 8th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
- 10th - Friday Night Out - 5:00 pm
- 11th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am
- 12th - No Evening Service
- 13th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 14th - Prayer with Pastor Time - 6:30 pm
- 15th - No Wednesday Night Activities
- 18th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
- 19th - Lord's Supper - 10:45 am
- 21st - Prayer with Pastor Tim - 6:30 pm
- 22nd - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm
- 23rd - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
- 25th - Dinner & Movie Night - 4:00 pm
- 27th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 28th - Prayer with Pastor Tim - 6:30 pm
- 29th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 5:45 pm
 - Choir Practice - 6:45 pm

Happy Birthday

- 8th - John Kopet
- 8th - Diane Varady
- 12th - Eva Emerson
- 17th - Sue Abbott
- 21st - Margaret Ferguson
- 29th - Don Clark
- 30th - Millie Brogdon

Happy Anniversary

- 4th - Bill & Shauna Duncan
- 5th - Jeff & Debbie Machetta
- 16th - Alex & Lisa Villafuerte



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As we celebrate Independence Day let us recall St. Paul's words to the Galatians: **You were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence...**

(Galatians 5:13)

May God enable us to use our freedom for service and the love of one another.