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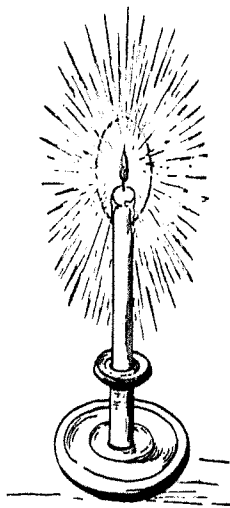
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Pastor's Perspective: "We Are Fighting A Spiritual War; Time To Defend Righteousness"



What happens to a society that turns its back on God? Our nation once had a great reverence for the things of God. Even unbelievers showed some respect for the beliefs of the truly devout. In our society unbelief has moved from a passive role to open rebellion and hatred against God and His followers.

Isaiah 5:20 warns, "Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil..." So-called educated secular unbelievers not only reject God and His word; but question the integrity, faith and

knowledge of Christ's followers. Jesus told us that such things would happen. At the Last Supper, Jesus said in John 15:18-20, "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world; the world would love his own: but because you are not of this world, but I have chosen you out of the world, the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you..."

Romans 1:21-28 speaks of the downward spiral that occurs as a nation forgets God. It begins with unthankfulness and continues to idolatry. Idolatry is more than a statue made of stone or metal but anything that takes the place of God. It could be sporting events, leisure activities or our job. God is crafted into a god that is convenient and molded to our desires. This sometimes is followed by sexual uncleanness and the misuse of the men/woman relationship

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From The Pastor's Desk...

Heartaches Are A Gift From God—I Peter 5:7, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

When something bad happens in your life, do

you ever wonder what you did wrong? Perhaps you ask yourself, "Where is God?"

Solomon wrote in Ecclesiastes 7:14, "In the day of prosperity be joyful,

but in the day of adversity consider: God also hath set the one over against the other, to the end that man should find nothing

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that God intended for marriage. The final destination of such rejection of truth is, “God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient.”

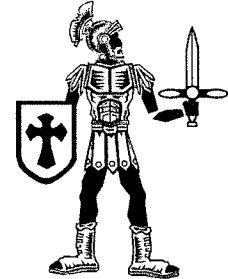
A person who is given over to a reprobate mind is lost for eternity. They are the walking dead who have willingly sinned against the truth to the point of no return. II Peter 2:21 declares, “For it had been better for them not to know the way of righteousness, then after they had known, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them.”

Jesus has commanded us to be salt and light in a rotting world that loves darkness, Matthew 5:13-16. Salt not only preserves but in an open wound, it burns. In today’s society, where evil is greatest, the sting is painful to such large open wounds. The light that we shine blinds the eyes of those whose eyes have adjusted to evil.

The Apostle Paul warned in II Timothy 4:3-4, “For the time would come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables.” Let us heed God’s word for what it says, not what we wish it to say. Living for God will be difficult in this world.

So put on the armor of God and in faith and your daily walk, stand for what is right. We are in a spiritual war and we must fight. Surrender is not an option. Matthew 5:13 teaches us, “Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? It is thenceforth good for nothing, but to cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.”

It is time for Christians to stand firm in the faith and without apology defend righteousness. To do less is to be of no value to God.



April Finances

General Fund	\$2,999.40
Designated	<u>\$1,065.20</u>
Total	\$4,064.60

Designated Accounts

Youth	\$1,734.72
Miscellaneous	\$.89
D.C. Trip	\$ 89.16

MEMORY VERSE:

Hebrews 10:25, “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

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after him.”

Sometimes God allows things to come into our life unexpectedly. Humanly speaking some of these things are good, while others seem bad.

God has promised no one a life of ease or comfort. His purpose in allowing heartache is not to punish you, but to refine your faith and remove the impurity of sin from your life. He desires spiritual fruit that can only come by overcoming hardship

and disappointment. Regardless of appearance, your faith in God must overcome your pain of disappointment. God loves you.

Allow Him to work in your life without complaining. God is more ...continued on page 3.

Poetry Corner

A Father's Prayer

Dear God, my little boy of three has said his nightly prayer to Thee.

Before his eyes were closed in sleep, He asked that Thou his soul would keep.

And I, still kneeling at his bed, My hand upon his tousled head, Do ask, with deep humility, That Thou, dear Lord, remember me.

Make me, kind Lord, a worthy Dad, That I may lead this little lad in pathways ever fair and bright, that I may keep his steps aright, O God, his trust must never be destroyed or even marred by me.

So, for the simple things he prayed with childish voice so unafraid, I, trembling, ask the same from Thee.

Dear Lord, kind Lord, remember me.

—selected

The Ten Most Wanted Men

1. The man who puts God's business above any other business.
2. The man who brings his children to church rather than sending them.
3. The man who is willing to be the right example to every boy he meets.
4. The man who thinks more of his Sunday School class than his Sunday sleep.
5. The man who measures his giving by what he has left, rather than by the amount he gives.
6. The man who goes to church for Chris's sake rather than for himself or for some else.
7. The man who has a willing mind rather than a brilliant mind.

8. The man who has a passion to help rather than a passion to be helped.
9. The man who can see his own faults before he sees the faults of others.
10. The man who is more concerned about winning others for Christ than he is about winning worldly honor.

What Is A Church?

A church is never a place, but always a people; never a fold, but always a flock; never a sacred building; but always a believing assembly.

A structure of brick or marble can no more be a church than your clothes of cotton or satin can be you. There is in this world nothing sacred but man; no sanctuary of God but the soul! On earth Man alone is the habitation of God!

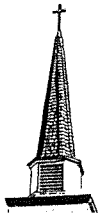
Happy Father's Day

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Interested in your faith then your comfort. Trust Him to make you what He desires you to be.



Plan now to be with us on Friday, June 21st at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation by Pensacola Christian College. This is a great opportunity to invite family and friends to enjoy an evening of special music.



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*Searching the Scriptures for
Life's Answers - Acts 17:11*

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Welcome To Our Church

Sunday Worship Services

Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship Service.....11:00 a.m.
Children's Church.....11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday Services

Bible Study & Prayer.....7:00 p.m.
King's Kids (grades 1-8).....7:00 p.m.

Saturday

Daytime Visitation Program10:00 a.m.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 2nd, Pastor Blanton a.m.
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Sunday, June 9th, Pastor Blanton a.m.
Sunday, June 9th, Pastor Smith p.m.
Sunday, June 16th, Father's Day
Friday, June 21st, Pensacola Christian College, 7:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 30th, Birthday Sunday, 12:00 p.m.
Sunday, June 30th, Finance Committee, 5:15 p.m.

Don't forget Bible reading every Saturday morning in the
Church fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m.