

April 16, 2017

Issue 16

Lincoln Park Church of Christ

Hidden Pictures

Have you ever seen a stereogram? When I was a kid I saw several of them in "Magic Eye" books. The goal is to stare at a page that looks like one thing, but if you look at it in just the right way a different picture pops out. Maybe you didn't get it at first. Some people stare at those pages and never see anything. But in that moment when the image finally jumps out you say, "Wow, that's really cool!" I think this is a lot like how people respond to Jesus. There are many who you can tell the gospel to but they don't seem to get it. "But don't you see it? Don't you see how wonderful this is?" No, not really. But I have also been witness to light bulbs going on in people's head. Or, as Peter puts it, we should pay attention to the Word "until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19). In that moment when people finally see it, when they finally get what Jesus means, then they cannot help but exclaim "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

Jesus makes the picture look very different. Do you remember the moment when you went from no hope to having hope? Do you remember the time when you saw your life had purpose? Can you recall the time when you understood that being last on earth isn't the end of the world? Don't you see how much better life is with Jesus? Thanks be to God! Of course, I also remember when I was staring at one of those crazy pictures that I might see the hidden image for a moment - but then I would lose focus and the image would disappear. The writer of Hebrews says "Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:2). We are called to always keep the picture in focus. There is Jesus - and then there are peripheral things.

Because of Jesus our sins can be washed away. What does that mean to you, that God does not count our sins against us in Christ? Do you have this truth in focus? And what does it mean to you to know that death is not the end? Do you get it now? Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift! Jesus has given us the accurate picture. Be sure to look at it.

AM Sermon: The More You Give the Richer You Are

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:15

PM Sermon: When You Shouldn't Put Out Fire

Sunday

	<u>April 16, 2017</u>	<u>April 23, 2017</u>
Song Leader	N. Middleton	R. Alt
Prayer	P. Danz	E. Stewart
Communion	L. Montgomery	D. Smith
Assist	M. Davidson	D. Thomas
Pass	T. Jarvis	Z. Thomas
Pass	B. Fussell	B. Hoffman
Scripture	C. Fussell	S. Danz
Usher	B. Samu	D. Clay
Usher	R. Alexander	J. Fussell
Prayer	R. Bousho	Chu. Middleton

Evening Worship

Prayer	P. VanHorn	T. Raupp
Communion	Chr. Middleton	R. Coss
Prayer	M. Perry	S. Fiori
Bible Time	No Bible Time	L. & B. Montgomery

Wednesday Midweek Bible Study

	<u>April 19, 2017</u>	<u>April 26, 2017</u>
Prayer	P. Danz	P. VanHorn
Song Leader	L. Montgomery	D. Smith

ON THE CALENDAR AND CONGREGATIONAL NEWS

SAMARITAN LADIES: Every Wednesday at 10 am in room # 5.

MEN'S GROUP: Every Thursday at the Tim Horton's on Allen Rd. / Goddard Rd. in Taylor at 7:00 am AND 4:00 pm.

ORPHANS LIFELINE: Donations are due on Sunday, April 23 to Randy Alt.

LADIES' LUNCHEON: Saturday, April 29 at Little Pierogi and Crepe Kitchen, 125 Elm St. Wyandotte at 11:30 am.

5TH SUNDAY SINGING: Sunday, April 30 for the evening service. Give



your song requests to any song leader.



TEEN NIGHT: Sunday, April 30 at 7:00 pm, after the evening service.

HELPING HANDS: Monday, May 8 at 10:00 am in the fellowship room.

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, May 13 at 9:00 am at Charlie's in Lincoln Park.

E&D MEETING: Sunday, May 14 at 4:30 pm in the fellowship room.

FOOD PANTRY HELPERS NEEDED: If you can help on Tuesdays from 11 am - 2 pm with the food pantry, please contact Julie Moran.

YARD SALE: Right to Life of Michigan is now accepting donations of items for their annual yard sale which will be held June 9, 10, 11, 2017. See the flyer posted on the back bulletin board for suggested donation items. Contact Doug Thomas for more information.



IN OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

LISA PERRY

MARY JANE JOHNSON

ROBERTO CASTILLO

PEGGY MORTON

JERRY WHITE



CONTINUE TO REMEMBER

Tom Anderson, Virginia Clay, Laura Farr, Margee Frost, Ed & Gera Ingle, Yolanda Joiner, Joyce Jones, Ken Lewis, Pat Longoria, Gil & Glenda Maldonado, Don Mandernach, Randy Mathews, Trudy McCain, Evelyn Mullins, Matt Nasceif, Al Petrovich, Mae Perry, Faye Porter, Sheryl Prosis, Monty Riley, Garry & Kathy Ruphard, Louise Sparks, Gladys Thomas, Jim & Val Toby, Maria Tolbert, Rebecca Vaughn, Leila Wallace, Wilma Wegner, Bryanna Williams



ELDERS' EDIFICATION & ENCOURAGEMENT CORNER

Respect Others—Even if They Haven't Earned It
by Doug Britton

Show proper respect to everyone (1 Peter 2:17). We often hear one person say something along the lines of, "He (or she) hasn't earned my respect." Parents often say this of their teenage children. Most of us slip into this way of thinking when we talk about politicians. It's normal to feel this way, yet it isn't the attitude God wants us to have. We can be aware of others' faults, and there may be times when we need to confront sin, yet the Bible tells us that we need to maintain an attitude of respect for everyone.

A good starting point is to respect others because God said to. For example, we read in the Bible that husbands and wives are to respect their spouse: ... and the wife must respect her husband (Ephesians 5:33). Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect ... (1 Peter 3:7).

The same principle applies to other relationships. Peter wrote that we should show respect to everyone and honor the king, although the king in those days was an evil person (1 Peter 2:17).

You can respect your spouse, child, parent, boss or others because of their position. For example, after David killed Goliath, he became more popular than King Saul. Saul became jealous and determined to kill David, so David fled.

Saul gathered his army and chased David. On two different occasions, when Saul's army was pursuing David, David had the chance to kill Saul.

Most of us would say that David had every right to kill Saul. After all, Saul was trying to kill him. Yet although he knew that Saul's actions did not deserve respect, David honored Saul as his king and refused to kill him. At his second opportunity to kill Saul, David said, "The LORD forbid that I should lay a hand on the LORD'S anointed" (1 Samuel 26:11).

Here are a few thoughts that we may find helpful when looking for ways to respect each other:

- Everyone is imperfect. Be careful not to let their failures erode your respect for their good qualities
- You can find something to respect in anybody if you look hard enough.
- When with Christians, you are with God's children and should honor them accordingly—regardless of how they are acting. (When with non-Christians, respect is still necessary!)
- The Bible says, "For in the image of God has God made man" (Genesis 9:6). Whether or not some one is a Christian, honor him or her as God's creation.
- The Bible says, "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Do not dishonor someone God loves.
- Your husband, wife, child, boss or employee may make foolish decisions. He or she may be lazy and forgetful. Yet chances are good he or she wants to be a good person and do the right thing. You can respect the desire of someone's heart even if you are disappointed by his or her actions.

See others as God does. Each of us has an amazing potential. Gideon was a fearful man, living hidden from the enemy, yet the angel of the Lord greeted him by saying, "The Lord is with you, mighty warrior" (Judges 6:12). The angel's greeting was not because of anything Gideon had done, but because he knew how God planned to use Gideon.

Love, Chuck

THIS IS THE DAY
THAT THE LORD
HAS MADE; LET US
REJOICE
& BE GLAD IN IT

PSALM 118:24

CALL TO WORSHIP

You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Romans 5:6-8

SCRIPTURE READING

Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

SERVICES

Sunday

Bible Study 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am and 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Bible Study 7:00 pm



SERVING THE LORD IN APRIL

Communion Preparation: Julie Moran

Care of Baptismal Clothing: Julie Moran

Closing the Building: Jim Fussell/Louis Montgomery

OFFICE INFORMATION

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APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES



Matt Nasceif
Beckie Nezych
Chris Middleton
Roberto Castillo
Matt Perry
Steve Banules
Ron Alexander
Sheryl Prosisie
Sam Fiori



We need more April weddings!

MINISTER
Doug Wells

ELDERS

Russ Bone Randy Coss
Chuck Middleton Louis Montgomery

THEME

“Commit to the Lord in 2017”

DAILY BIBLE READING SCHEDULE FOR APRIL

- 1) 1 Samuel 11-13
- 2) 1 Samuel 14-15
- 3) 1 Samuel 16-17
- 4) 1 Samuel 18-20
- 5) 1 Samuel 21-24
- 6) 1 Samuel 25-27
- 7) 1 Samuel 28-31
- 8) 2 Samuel 1-3
- 9) 2 Samuel 4-7
- 10) 2 Samuel 8-11
- 11) 2 Samuel 12-13
- 12) 2 Samuel 14-15
- 13) 2 Samuel 16-17
- 14) 2 Samuel 18-19
- 15) 2 Samuel 20-22

- 16) 2 Samuel 23-24
- 17) 1 Kings 1
- 18) 1 Kings 2-3
- 19) 1 Kings 4-6
- 20) 1 Kings 7
- 21) 1 Kings 8
- 22) 1 Kings 9-10
- 23) 1 Kings 11-12
- 24) 1 Kings 13-14
- 25) 1 Kings 15-17
- 26) 1 Kings 18-19
- 27) 1 Kings 20-22
- 28) 2 Kings 1-2
- 29) 2 Kings 3-4
- 30) 2 Kings 5-7

CONTRIBUTION

WEEKLY BUDGET

\$3,400

04-02-17 \$3,906

04-09-17 \$3,616

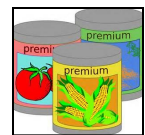
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04-23-17

04-30-17



FOOD PANTRY



Needed items

Canned fruit

Canned meat

Toiletries

PLEASE check
expiration dates on all
donated food.

Thank You!