

Brady's "Squared-Off-Edge-of-the-Paper"

There is an old story about a retiring missionary who returned to America after lifetime of commitment to others. While the missionary slipped off the ship unrecognized, a fellow traveler, the president of the United States, was welcomed with banners and bands. The minister felt dejected. Occasionally, we have to be reminded whose recognition and approval really matter. When life gets tough, remember that your time on earth is brief. When compared with eternity, it is just a temporary assignment. And, when you leave your assignment here, you won't be "leaving" home" . . . you will be "going" home.

Repeatedly, the Bible reminds us that this is not our permanent home. Home and our identity are in eternity. (borrowed)

Sermon Notes "Back To School: Some Advice" Lesson #1

I. Scripture Reading: Micah 6:6-8.

- Precise statement of what it is to live a life that is p_____ to God.
- Micah is one of the lesser known p_____.
- Micah announces a message from God.
- Ask Most people today what it takes to please God....List will go on and on.

II. First, To do What Is Right Is To Choose To Do What Is Right!

Col 3:17 and Psalm 119:1-3, 9,11, 30, 61, 73.

III. Second, The Cost of Doing What is Right! Acts 4:1ff.

IV. Finally, two principles:

- We cannot do what is right if we do not know what is right!
- Heed the wisdom of those who faithfully follow Jesus and do what is right!



This past week we were glued to the news. We watched the story unfold as eight innocent people were gunned down. What a horrible crime! I could not imagine what it was like for the family members who said that morning, "Have a nice day," to their spouses and then went off to work not to be seen again. We pray that God will comfort the family and friends of those who lost loved ones.

This tragic week reminds me of the story of Job. He watched and he heard the news as he lost everything and everyone. Job mourned his losses. He sat among the ashes and scraped his skin with a piece of broken pottery. His wife told him to curse God and die. He did not understand why this happened to him. But at the end of the story two things happened that was significant.

- Job's faith was stronger. He said, "I had only heard about you before, but when I have seen you with my own eyes. I take back everything I said, and I sit in dust and ashes to show my repentance." (Jb 42:5f).
- Job was blessed by God. The Lord restored his fortune and gave him more family. The Lord gave him more than family. The Lord gave him twice as much as before. Job learned to trust God even in difficult circumstances and God brought comfort and blessings.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| August 9th | Honduras Team arrives home |
| August 14th | Men's Breakfast |
| August 15th | Fellowship Group Meetings |
| August 18th | Farewell to the Currys |
| August 21st | Senior Saints Pasta Supper |
| August 22nd | 4th Sunday Special Programs |
| September 6th | Labor Day Picnic @JB Williams Park in Glastonbury. |

AREA EVENTS*

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| Sept. 3-6th | Gander Brook Christian Family Encampment |
| Sept. 16-18th | Gander Brook Ladies Retreat |
| Sept 23-25th | Gander Brook Men's Retreat |

* See the bulletin board for more information

Welcome To Our Worship

If you are visiting with us today, you are our special guest. We ask that you fill out the PRAYER REQUEST CARD in the packet you received as you entered and please drop it in the collection plate. We hope that you are encouraged and grow closer to God as a result of being here today.

Church Address:
595 Tolland Turnpike, Manchester, CT 06042
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Assembly Times

Sunday:
Bible Class: 9:00 a.m.
Worship: 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.*
Wednesday: Bible Classes: 7:00 p.m.
*Small groups at homes 3rd Sunday eve.
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PRAYER LIST

Our Manchester Family

- **Becky Todd** (waiting for heart transplant).
- **Danielle Cummings**-Air Force deployment for a few months; and all the troops in harm's way.
- **Eleanor Arey**-Crestfield Rehab

Family & Friends

- **Don Bennett** - Northside Minister-(cancer)
- **Chris Kelley**-Jean's son (serious condition)
- **Trudy Wright**-Marsha Adams mother (cancer)
- **Helen Chase**-Mike's mother (critical condition receiving Chemo).
- **Family members** who lost loved ones in the shooting in Manchester this past week.

Those Traveling

- ◆ **Albert & Ann Barnett**-Jamaica
- ◆ **Robert & Wandely Nelson**-Aruba and Myrtle Beach, S.C.
- ◆ **Pat & Beth Courtney & family**-Cape Cod
- ◆ **Leroy Washington**-Georgia

Those looking for employment:

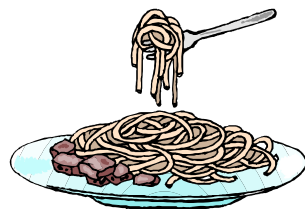
- **Richard Chang**.

In Sympathy

- ◆ **Holly & Robert Klein**-her grandfather Iver-son passed away last week in Colorado.

To The Parents of 1st-5th Grades

August 21st is our pasta dinner for the Senior Saints. If your child will be able to participate in this event and you haven't contacted Sharon Costa yet, please do so ASAP.



Special request of all members:

If you have photos of church members or church activities over the last 48 years, please bring them to **Janet or Phil Stice** at church, or send them electronically to pcstice@cox.net. They will be scanned and returned to you, and then later used for a 50th anniversary presentation.

WEEKLY RECORD 8/01/2010

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| Bible Class | 210 |
| Morning Worship | 255 |
| Evening Worship | 140 |
| Wednesday Evening | 100 |
| Offering to God | \$9,738.45 |

Our men were successful at Monday evening's softball game and preserved a 13 - 9 win. Congratulations to Tony "The Tiger" Melakian who pitched very accurately for the entire 7 innings and also hit a couple of line-drive base hits where they weren't! The regular season is now complete and our Manchester Church of Christ men's softball team finished with an 8 - 6 winning record!

Our first playoff game is this Monday, August 9th at 6:00 pm at Keeney Field vs. Faith Tabernacle. The playoffs are single elimination, so the team really needs all of your loyal and enthusiastic international fan support-just like during the entire season so far. Thanks again-and let's win some more games!

New Address for Danielle Cummings:
Sr A-Danielle Cummings
379 EFSS-FSVFF
APO AE 09309

She would appreciate a note or a card!!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Song Leader- Andre McMillian

Elder's Prayer-George Caruthers

Communion Scripture I Cor. 11:23-29-
Richard Sale

Lord's Table

Offering

Scripture- Micah 6:6-8

Sermon "Back to School: Some Advice" #1

Announcements- Arnie Holmes

Closing Prayer- Dave Berberian

Children's Bible Time -Jamie McMillian/
 Megan Bouffard

Toddler's Bible Time- Charmaine Daley/Erin
 Courtney

Evening Lesson: 7 Disciplines of Disciple-ship Lesson #7 "Waiting on God"

NEWS AND NOTES

- ◆ **Lori King** spent this last week in Colorado visiting her grandchild.
- ◆ Congratulations to **Arella Ayala** who was baptized last week at TRCC. Welcome to our church family.
- ◆ The **Conway Family** will be here Wednesday Evening for services. They are going home to Tennessee on Saturday. Pray for their travel!
- ◆ **Men's Breakfast Saturday the 14th at 8:00 am.** Food is great and so is the fellowship! How much? \$3.00.
- ◆ **Ladies Mark your calendar for Sun Aug 29th for a Wedding Shower for Marla D'Amato.** It will be after A.M services in the fellowship hall. Marla and David are registered at Bed, Bath, and Beyond. Sign up sheets on table. Any questions email Christi Garcia. (christilgarcia@hotmail.com) or call her at home.

ANTHONY'S CORNER

When I was a senior in high school (please don't ask what year that was), one of the classes I took was chemistry. Science was never one of my favorite subjects, but luckily, this class was always at the end of the day which meant that I would often miss it because we would be having a baseball game around that time (I am still convinced that the only reason I received a passing grade was because I was on the team). Obviously, I did not learn much, but I do remember a couple of things. One of them was the nerd who was always asking the teacher about which combinations of chemicals would cause an explosion (we called him "The Mad Bomber"). The other thing I remember was when the teacher demonstrated what happens when pure sodium mixes with water. The violent reaction that occurs when those two substances mix is in a way reminiscent of what can happen when the righteousness of God and the sin of man meet. The result of that combination is called the wrath of God (see Romans 1:18). Another violent reaction can occur when righteousness in men meets unrighteousness in men. According to I John 3:12, that combination can result in murder. The apostle writes "*...not as Cain, who was of the evil one, and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.*" In verse 13, John goes on to say, "*Do not marvel, brethren, if the world hates you.*" There are times when we allow the hostile reaction we get from the world to bewilder us, especially when we seek to bring the good news of Christ to them. Rather than allowing such a scenario to deter us from doing that which is good, we need to understand the explosive result that can occur whenever righteousness meets unrighteousness as well as the fact that the rejection we may experience in such situations is not a rejection of us, but ultimately of Christ. He is the Righteous One who suffered greatly at the hands of the unrighteous for our sin, but who now sits at the right hand of God, ready to return soon.