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MUSINGS...

by Pastor John Bethard

A couple years after I came to Charles Town Presbyterian Church, I painted my office. It had been this drab peach color, and I wanted something a little more exciting. I settled on two main colors – a muted yellow, and a dark navy blue. I also repainted the trim bright white. It's interesting – hardcore WVU fans come in and say, "I like the WVU colors! Nice!" while others, realizing I am a Penn State alum, will say something like, "Ah, Penn State!" The truth is, I was aiming for both. After all, I'm a Penn State boy in Mountaineer country!

Near my desk is a part of the trim that I missed in the painting. It should be white, but all I can see is the peach. It bothers me to the extent that sometimes I feel like the only thing I can see is that mistake.

Christians tend to think that way about themselves. Christ has redeemed us, called us to faith, and saved us. He imputes (which literally means, "to give") to us his own righteousness so that we always have good standing with God. When God looks at us, he does not see us, rather, God sees the Son.

And yet, so often, we focus on the negative. We look at the one or two areas where we are struggling, and think something like, "God can't possibly love me! I'm so messed up." We forget that it is precisely because we ARE messed up AND God loves us that he saves us through the work of the Son, and not our own works.

In Psalm 139:14, David writes these amazing words, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." At first glance this might seem like an arrogant statement. David has just listed the intimacy and knowledge with which God created him, and so this is more a statement of fact.

Each of us is a marvelous, exciting, unique creation of a holy God. We are called to redeeming faith in Christ. We may have committed the most heinous sins, yet, through the grace of God, we are forgiven. We may struggle with particular sins, but God's mercies are endless. God does not treat us as our sins deserve.

Rather, he treats us with love, mercy, and grace. His forgiveness will never end. God does not see the mistakes we make; God sees those whom the Son has saved.

That is what and who we must focus on!

Blessings,
Pastor John

Celebrations

August Birthdays

Mike Kursey
 Brittany Moreland
 Debra Low
 Jeannette Tabb
 Ann Workman
 Micaiah Noland
 Mark Day

Brett Moreland
 Lazan Rogers
 Rebecca Karos
 Charlie Workman



August Anniversaries

Ray & Joyce Jamison
 Mark & Debbie Stafford

Sunday @ CTPC

10:30am-Worship Celebration via FaceBook

For a complete listing of all of the church activities, please click [here](#).



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The READ Group (Racial Equality And Discipleship) will meet **this Saturday, August 15** via Zoom. We will be studying *White Fragility* by Robin Diangelo. Please read chapter one for that meeting. Pastor John will be using the reading guide found on Dr. Diangelo's website, which you can view [here](#). Zoom meeting id: 917 6583 6995, Password: 901006.

ONLINE GIVING

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Paypal service, we set up online giving through the Presbyterian Foundation. **Money donated via any of these services gets deposited to our church bank account.** By going through the Foundation, the fee they charge actually helps the mission of their organization, which is to help Presbyterian churches to be excellent stewards of their gifts and resources. The exciting part about working with the foundation is that we are able to use a mobile app that is connected to our account. The app is called Give Plus (created by Vanco) and you can find it at the Google Play Store if you have an android device or you may find the app in the Apple app store by searching for "Give Plus." The great part about the Give Plus app is that you can set up for weekly, monthly or one time giving! If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thank you.



Weekly Congregational Giving: Needed to

Meet Expenses Budget: \$6,934
 Sunday's Receipts for August 9th: \$5,783;
 Special Offerings: Steeple—\$80; Memorial—

\$25; Pastor's Help Fund—\$110; Homeless Dinner Donation—\$120; Hunger—\$131.

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 Thank you.

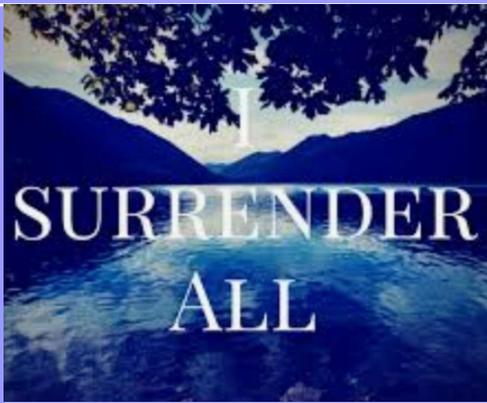
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Our Christian sympathy is extended to Diane Mayhew and family, upon the death of her mother, Marion Cordes, who died on August 11th.

Please keep the family uplifted in prayer during this difficult time. May God bless those who grieve.

Diane Mayhew
 207 Pinewood Lane
 Harpers Ferry, WV 25425



All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Saviour
I surrender all

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Saviour wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessings fall on me

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
Oh the joy of full salvation
Glory, glory to His name

Songwriters: Eric D. Dawkins /
Winfield Scott Weeden /
Judson Wheeler Van Deventer /
Derek Clark / Anson R. Dawkins

Attitude of Gratitude!

I Surrender All

I Love the Lord!

“All to Jesus I surrender
All to Him I freely give
I will ever love and trust Him
In His presence daily live.”

Yes, I love the Lord! It is truly the most wonderful relationship. In retrospect, I cannot think of a time in my life that I didn't love the Lord. Surrendering my all to Him? That's a different story.

Many times I didn't surrender my all to Him and it occurs to me that maybe certain times in my life would've turned out way differently if I had. With age comes wisdom and discernment and clarity and the truly wanting to surrender all to Jesus!

“All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to thee.
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessings fall on me.”

This thing called life is hard enough, even harder without the Lord! In surrendering my life to Him, I have been able to get through some really difficult days. It is being filled with His love and grace that carry me.

“All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
Oh the joy of full salvation
Glory, glory to His name!”

I love the Lord! and He love me. Everyday that I awaken, I am given the opportunity to share His love and live His love. His gift of full salvation is for all that “Surrender all” to Him!

Stay safe! Stay well! Please wear your mask!

Penny



WANTED:

Your Special Psalm or Proverb

Please consider sharing a Psalm or Proverb that has special meaning to you.

Tell us why this passage speaks to you. This is such a great way to bless others.

Send your special Psalm or Proverb to Rebecca at the church office: rkaetzel@ctpres.org

PSALM 103 Have you ever had a night when you wake up and can't get back to sleep? Early on in my Christian life at Moody Bible Institute, I was challenged by an elderly pastor to memorize Psalm 103. This pastor had memorized the entire Psalm and repeated it every morning upon waking. I have to admit that I never did memorize the entire Psalm. However, there have been many nights when I wake up and repeat the first part of this Psalm. (This is done in my head, of course, or Peter would not be too pleased to hear it at 2am)! Many times it calms my soul and gives me something positive to think about and I'm able to fall back asleep. I hope you will read this entire Psalm and perhaps begin to memorize it. May it fill your heart and soul with gratitude and perhaps give you peace and calm, not only in the night, but whenever it pops into your head.

—Signe Garms

PSALMS 103

A Psalm of David.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;

Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things; so that thy youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord executeth righteousness and judgment for all that are oppressed.

He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy.

He will not always chide: neither will he keep his anger for ever.

He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.

For as the heaven is high above the earth, so great is his mercy toward them that fear him.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear him.

For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

As for man, his days are as grass: as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.

For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; and the place thereof shall know it no more.

But the mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children;

To such as keep his covenant, and to those that remember his commandments to do them.

The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all.

Bless the Lord, ye his angels, that excel in strength, that do his commandments, hearkening unto the voice of his word.

Bless ye the Lord, all ye his hosts; ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.

Bless the Lord, all his works in all places of his dominion: bless the Lord, O my soul!



CTPC hosts 1st Saturday of the month dinners. To offset the cost for people providing meals, you may mail or electronically send donations. Note in memo line "1st Saturday of month dinner donation." Our hosts are: September: **volunteer needed**; October: George Tabb & Jason Mullens; November: **volunteer needed**; December: **volunteer needed**.

If you can help, please contact Patsy White (304-725-8958) or Gary Scott (304- 279-5296). Page 4