

2018

Begin With The End In Mind!

Another step in my journey by Carl Thompson

Digging Deeper

There is no law against eating glass. I have heard of weird people who do.

Most of avoid painful or hurtful behavior. If we don't, then some form of pleasure has to be the motivation. Addictive substances are pleasurable but have tragic consequences. Breaking commitments and promises because of pleasure takes one to a place you really do not want to go.

The best place to begin is the Ten Commandments. They are not arbitrary but are intended to protect others and society while fostering healthy ethics. But, personal pleasure will override what is right and create personal chaos.

Perfect persons do not exist. The one who was, ended up on a cross. Everyone is flawed with dark places in the soul and need a redemptive experience. At this point, I am at peace with my past but I am digging deeper to explore those dark places. I am not going to make a list—not sure there is enough time or paper so I am reflecting on the dynamics of the darkness.

Anger is a necessary response to danger and we would be crushed without it. There is a delicate balance between anger as defensive behavior and becoming a "foothold for the devil." Anger arising out of self-centered emotions is the platform for personal disaster. Martin Luther King's non-violent message, arising out of anger, demonstrated its power in a societal transformation. A sense of shame encourages hiding inappropriate behavior as a way to avoid detection. Adam and Eve hid and children playing "house" or "doctor" hid. It appears to be inborn. Acknowledging and deciding that hiding does not change the past but encourages a truly ethical life. Transparency is the superior way to live.

We use half-truths and lies as protection to mask an sense of shame, otherwise we would tell the truth. Messages from the Bible encourages us to tell the truth, accept personal responsibility for words and action and delay gratification as ways to spiritual well-being. Scott Peck in The Road Less Traveled focused on them as important factors of good emotional health.

Perhaps you have been in these dark places as well. When we visit these dark places, it is easy to self-justify what we do. The pleasure of thoughtlessness blinds us to the emotional and spiritual consequences to ourselves and to others. The recurring theme of failure and redemption from Genesis through Revelation has allowed me to dig deeper into the dark places, better understand forgiveness and experience a "peace that passes understanding."

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SCHEDULE

Sunday

Bible Classes for all ages 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Ladies Class 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday

Bible Classes for all ages 6:30 p.m.

ELDERS, DEACONS AND STAFF

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OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Nursery Attendant
Sandy Hopkins

Bible Hour
Sharon Donaghe
Brenda Knittle

WEEK OF JUNE 10, 2018

Bible Class AM Worship PM Worship Weds. Class Offering
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Enter to Worship

JUNE 17 2018

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Song leader:.....Ryan Bliss

Welcome.....Eric Bliss

841 Sing And Be Happy
989 You Are My All In All

Prayer.....Russell Capshaw

454 Nothing But The Blood

Lord's Supper.....Martin Casey

882 Sweet, Sweet Spirit

Offering.....Matthew Dudley

356 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling

Scripture Reading:Ben Knittle

Message.Bob Bliss

598 Standing On The Promises
213 He Gave Me A Song

Closing Prayer.....Bob Donald

Afternoon message following the potluck

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS WEEK?!

June 17th Morning services
Happy Fathers Day
Potluck following morning services
19th Lesly Hernandez's birthday
20th Wednesday night services 6:30 PM
21st Men's breakfast @ Budget Café
22nd Bible study @ the Donaghe's @ 7PM
Bob Donald's birthday
23rd Funeral Service for Larry Lang

MONTHLY POTLUCK

Our monthly potluck is directly following morning services. If you have any questions please see Shelli.
Our afternoon service will follow the potluck. That will conclude our services for the day.

GUEST SPEAKER

This morning we have Bob Bliss as our guest speaker.
Welcome to him and his family!

FUNERAL SERVICE FOR LARRY LANG

We will be having services for Larry Lang here at the building this Saturday June 23rd at 11AM. A light lunch will follow in the fellowship hall . Everyone is welcome to attend.

A big thank you from all the graduates for their celebration last Sunday. They really appreciate the outreach of love and support they receive here from their church family!

Name one thing that God did for you today?

PRAYER IS IMPORTANT

-Shawn B Johnson had neck surgery this past week. Please keep her in your prayers that she will recover quickly and feel better soon.
-Please remember Veda Battison as she recovers from her hip surgery.
-Alora Cottam asked for prayers for her health that she may get to feeling better soon.
-Matthew Dudley asked for prayers. Please remember him and the challenges he faces daily.
-Mike Cottam is doing some better. He is on a new antibiotic. Please keep him in your prayers.
-Ron Brabak was admitted to Marian hospital earlier this week. Please keep him in your prayers as he deals with his health issues.
-Prayers requested for Daisy Simmons as she is not feeling well and was unable to come to services last week. Please remember her and her clients at this time.
-Please continue to remember those of our number fighting cancer: Gina Bumgardner, Ron Brabac, and Hazel Thompson. Prayers also for their care givers. Also for those with family and friends that are fighting this dreaded disease as well, i.e. **Hazel's family members including her brother Phillip who was recently diagnosed, Val DeVeyra, Rochelle Masterson and Linda Reeves.**

THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Great difficulties may be surmounted by patience and perseverance. ~Abigail Adams (1830)

SCRIPTURE FOR TODAY

Hot tempers cause arguments, BUT patience brings peace.
~ Proverbs 15:18



ENCOURAGING WORDS

The Lord Is Always Before Me!

There are verses in the Bible that are comforting. There are verses in the Bible that are challenging. There are verses in the Bible that are insightful. And, there are verses in the Bible that are comforting, challenging and insightful all at the same time. **Psalm 16:8** is one such verse. "I have set the Lord continually before me; Because He is at my right hand, I will not be shaken."

This beautiful Psalm begs the question to be answered by each of us....Have I set the Lord ALWAYS before me? Or have I set the Lord before me only at certain times or in certain circumstances?

To "set the Lord always before me" means that...I seek His will above my own; I long to please Him in all that I do; I love Him above all else; I love His Word wholeheartedly and strive to draw near to Him every single day.

When I set the Lord always before me, it will affect every part of my life!

When I set the Lord always before me, it will affect the very thoughts that come to my mind. "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth" (**Col. 3:2**).

When I set the Lord always before me, it will affect the words that I choose to use. "Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Your sight, O Lord, my strength and my Redeemer" (**Psa. 19:14**).

When I set the Lord always before me, it will affect where I go and where I don't go. "I have restrained my feet from every evil way, That I may keep Your word" (**Psa. 119:101**).

Now, look at what happens when I set the Lord always before me. "Because He is at my right hand I shall not be moved." Other translations say, "I will not be shaken."

Setting the Lord always before me gives me confidence (**2 Tim. 1:12**), peace (**Phil. 4:6-7**), hope (**Heb. 6:19-20**), joy (**Phil. 4:4**), strength (**Eph. 6:10**), patience (**1 Thess. 5:14**), determination (**1 Cor. 15:58**), and a satisfaction for my "longing soul" (**Psa. 107:9**) which can only be found in HIM!

As a child of God, I must set the Lord always before me and so should you!

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