



The Carmel Christian

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FROM THE PULPIT SIDE

When I read this story, I couldn't help but to share it with you. When we think of our flaws and quirks, this little lesson is beautiful!

Parable of the Cracked Pot

“A water bearer had two large pots, each hung at the end of a pole which he carried across his back. One of the pots had a crack in it, and while the other pot was perfect and always delivered a full portion of water from the stream to his house...the cracked pot arrived only half full. Of course, the perfect pot was proud of functioning perfectly in the job it was made for. But the poor cracked pot was ashamed of its imperfection, and able to complete only half of what it had been made to do. It spoke to the water bearer one day, *“I’m ashamed, and want to apologize to you.”* “Why?”, asked the water bearer, *“What are you ashamed of?”* The cracked pot replied, *“Because this crack in my side causes water to leak, and you only get half of my load. You have to do more work because of me.”* The water bearer felt sorry for the cracked pot, and said, *“As we return to my house today, I want you to notice the beautiful flowers along the path. They are on your side of the walk, not on the other side. That’s because I knew about your flaw and made use of it. I planted seeds and you watered them! Without you being the way you are, we would not have this beauty to grace my house.”*

Each of us has our own unique flaws. We’re all cracked pots! But don’t be afraid of that. Acknowledge them, and you, too, can be the cause of beauty around us. If we will allow it, our Lord will use our flaws to grace his Father’s house. Within God’s great love, no one’s differences go to waste. The Apostle Paul wrote (II Corinthians 12:9): **“...the Lord said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness...’** Let us all know that in our weakness we find our strength. Blessings to all...and,

*I’ll see you in church,
Frank*

Remember: “Love God...Love Neighbor...Get the word out!”

Vacancy In Office

It is with much regret that we announce that our Office Administrator, Dianne Hull, will be leaving the position at the end of September. Dianne has served our church with wonderful skill and expertise, and she will be missed very much. She has agreed to stay until September 30th, to assist our new Pastor, Rev. Gale Stutz, with the transition. Rev. Stutz is slated to begin on September 20th. We certainly wish Dianne our very best wishes and heartfelt thanks for a job very well done!

Memorial Service

A memorial service for long time member, Diane Neely, will be held this Saturday, September 4th, at 11:00 a.m., here at Carmel Christian Church. Rev. Don Schutt will present the service. (from Donna Carrier, Diane's daughter.)

Blessed Event Announced

A beautiful rose was displayed on the communion table last Sunday in honor of wonderful news! Jo and Dave Smith announced the birth of their first great granddaughter, Lillian Amelia Sloat, who was born on August 22nd. The rose was a wonderful tribute to her, and we extend our congratulations to Jo and Dave and the rest of their family. Blessings to all!

Note of Gratitude

Thank you to everyone that brought food and/or helped in the kitchen for Martha Ellis' funeral service on Monday. Your assistance was greatly appreciated. ~ Jo

Directory Correction

The correct email address for Jeff Price is jeffrey.price671@gmail.com

Outreach Update

During September and October, your Outreach Team will be contributing all of your generosity to Tuxedo Park Baptist Church, our partner on the Eastside of Indianapolis. They are amazing people at that food pantry who help so many; some of whom are homeless.

Of course, anything and everything you choose to contribute is always appreciated, but we have contacted TPBC and know what their specific needs are at this time. If you go shopping and choose to buy even one extra item (or if you want Myrna to shop for you, check payable to the church, she will adhere to these needs), these items have been named:

FOOD: Pork and beans, Mac and cheese, Pasta, Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Cereal

MISCELLANEOUS: Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Dish soap (for hand-washing dishes),
Adult sleeping bags

CLOTHING PANTRY: Men's belts (L-2XL), Men's sneakers (10-11.5), Men's Jean's (32-44),
Women's shoes (8-9.5)

Thank you for your generosity! We are so blessed.

Peace Garden Update

As the vegetable growing season slowly comes to an end, we continue to harvest as many vegetables as we can from the Peace garden. Last week we harvested 39 tomatoes (14 lbs.) and 58 peppers (16 lbs.), there were no cucumbers to harvest. This brings our total harvest for the year to 576 pounds, which equates to 3,268 servings. The United Methodist Church pantry truly appreciates the vegetables that Carmel Christian Church has donated this year.

Take Me Out To The Ballgame!

Yeah, we did that! Last Sunday was our Victory Field outing, and all 27 tickets were put to good use by a contingent of baseball fans! Thanks to all those who went, and especially to those who shared rides. It was a very entertaining game, and the Indianapolis Indians won 7-6. (Wow...there were 25 hits in this game, with no count as to how many hot dogs were consumed!)



Sneak Peek at this Sunday's Message

Sermon Title: "Don't Be Shocked!"

This coming Sunday acknowledges "Labor Day", with an emphasis on using our work/career/labor to bring glory to God in following his rules for bringing blessings into our lives. Following God's will is a sure way to success.

Scripture: Joshua 1:5a-7; Revelation 3:20-22

(God speaking to Joshua) *"Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you. Be strong and courageous, for you shall give this people possession of the land which I swore to their fathers to give them. Only be strong and very courageous; be careful to do according to all the law which Moses, my servant, commanded you. Do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go."*

(Jesus speaking) *"Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come into him, and will dine with him, and he with me. He who overcomes, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also overcame and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."*

September Birthdays | September Anniversaries

6 Rachel Carfagna
7 Doug Smith
26 Ann Callahan
26 Ches Michael Schrimsher
28 Marilyn Huckleberry

3 Nicole & Adam Aasen
20 Laurel & Scott Vowels
26 Maleesa & Tony Williams
26 Mandy & Jeremy Wray

Please Note

Due to a change in the Elder schedule for worship, the communion prayer for September 5th will be offered by Tom Scott.

September Service Schedule

September 5

Greeters - Mandy and Jeremy Wray
Elder - Tom Scott
Scripture Reader - Tom Scott

September 12

Greeter - Tana Meko
Elder - Mark Carfagna
Scripture Reader - Mandy Wray

September 19

Greeters - Pam & Dave Berninger
Elder - Tom Scott
Scripture Reader - Ginger Pyatt

September 26

Greeters - Pat & Tom Scott
Elder - Jeff Price
Scripture Reader - Scott Vowels

September Scripture Readings

Week of September 5

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23
Psalm 125
James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17)
Mark 7:24-37

Week of September 12

Proverbs 1:20-33
Psalm 19
James 3:1-12
Mark 8:27-38

Week of September 19

Proverbs 31:10-31
Psalm 1
James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a
Mark 9:30-37

Week of September 26

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22
Psalm 124
James 5:13-20
Mark 9:38-50

Prayer Concerns

Please remember these folks and their families in your prayers. Mailing addresses are listed if you would like to send a note or card.

We offer condolences to Bob Foster and family, as his mother-in-law, Marilyn Durnil, passed away on Friday, August 27th. Our prayers go out for the family.

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Family and Friends of Martha Ellis

Beatie Cummings, 334 S. Cherry St., Apt. 107, Westfield, IN 46074

Mary Rudy, on the passing of A.B. Rudy, 1630 Marborough Ln, Indianapolis, IN 46260

Judy Gest, 720 East Auman Drive, Carmel, IN 46032

Marilyn Huckleberry, 12130 Old Meridian St. Rm. 210A, Carmel, IN 46032, phone number (317) 317-846-2275

Elnora Osler, 751 Hawthorne Dr. Carmel, IN 46033

Joan Bubna, 519 Oak Drive Carmel, IN 46032



Keep In Touch

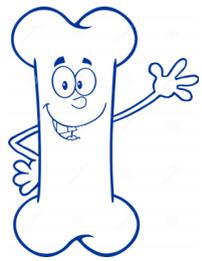
A phone call, card or visit can mean so much!

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Elnora Osler (317) 844-4282

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FUNNY

BONE

Signs on church billboards:

- Parking for church patrons only – violators will be baptized!
- Forbidden fruit creates lots of jams!
- Laughter is contagious -- start an epidemic!
- Be a candle if you cannot be a lighthouse!
- I can keep a secret...but the people I tell it to can't!
- With my new car, I only get a couple of miles to the gallon. My teenage son gets the other twenty!