



the *Encourager*

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BE ON YOUR BEST BEHAVIOR

“Be on your best behavior.” I can remember hearing my mom say that when I was a kid and was going to be visiting someone, going out somewhere, engaging in an activity beyond her sight (and reach). I have come to realize that while we can’t control everything going on around us or even happening to us, we can control our own behavior—how we choose to respond to situations and circumstances.

Someone gave me a daily desk calendar for Christmas 2014 and it contained inspirational quotations for each day of the year for 2015. Each day I would read the quotation of the day, generally after tearing off and throwing away the one from the day before. However, there were a few that I kept either because of who said it or what was said or both. I came across the ones that I had kept while doing some cleaning up of old files and wanted to share a few with you because they relate to “behavior”.

“Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstandings, mistrust, and hostility to evaporate.” – Albert Schweitzer

“If civilization is to survive, we must cultivate the science of human relationships—the ability of all peoples, of all kinds, to live together, in the same world at peace.” – Franklin D. Roosevelt

“A pessimist is one who makes difficulties of his opportunities and an optimist is one who makes opportunities of his difficulties.” – Harry S. Truman

“Consider the rights of others before your own feelings, and the feelings of others before your own rights.” – John Wooden

“The time is always right to do what is right.” – Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Currently, we are being bombarded with people telling us how we should think, how we should act, what we should and should not say, what side we should be on, who we are going to choose to follow. It kind of makes my head hurt a little; it makes my heart hurt a lot.

There are controversies regarding the police, regarding race, regarding the COVID-19 virus, regarding whether or not schools should open, regarding the upcoming election, regarding democracy vs. socialism, regarding whether professional sports, college sports, even youth sports should be taking place, and regarding Coke vs. Pepsi (I added that one because there is always someone out there trying to make us choose sides on so many things).

We get to choose how we “behave” in regard to all of those things and a long list of other things that come at us every day. Do we join the mob or stay true to our convictions? Let me offer some other behavior-related quotations to help guide our behavior.

“May love and faithfulness never leave you; bind them around your neck, write them on the tablet of your heart.” – Solomon

“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.” -- Paul

“Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak, and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires.” – James

“Let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” -- John

“Let your light shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Jesus

If our behavior is going to be influenced by anyone or anything, if our words and our actions are going to be a reflection of whose side we are choosing, and if our decisions are going to indicate who it is we will follow, then this behavior-related quotation may serve to provide us with clear direction: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” – Joshua

-- Tim --



OUTDOOR WORSHIP

After a month of meeting outside we all seem to be settling into this new normal for our Sunday worship. So far we have been very blessed with good weather—even the hottest days haven't felt too hot under the shade of the trees and we seem to always get a nice breeze for the time we're meeting :-). We appreciate everyone's cooperation with the guidelines we've established and for being flexible when we've had to make little adjustments to help things run more smoothly. Our attendance has been hovering right around the high 70s which gives us more than enough room to spread out and enjoy our worship time together.

Guidelines for worship:

1. We will be meeting in the yard behind the Essentials house at 9:30 a.m., weather permitting.
2. Before coming, ask yourself these questions: Are you feeling ill? Do you have a fever of 100.4 or greater? Do you have a cough, which is new? Are you having shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, which is new? Have you traveled internationally in the last month? Have you been in contact with a suspected or lab-confirmed coronavirus patient? If you answer positively to ANY of them, stay home.
3. There will be no Bible Classes or Nursery
4. We will practice social distancing (6 feet!) with NO HUGS or handshakes, but will pray, sing, take communion and hear from God's word together. This is very important to protect each other.
5. Communion serving will be modified to eliminate multiple handling
6. You must wear your mask from your car until in your seat and during singing.
7. You must bring your own lawn/camp chair and be directed where to sit safely apart from others who do not live in your household (at this time, even if you have a group of people who you have "let into your circle" over the past few months, we must ask that everyone who doesn't live in the same house together sit separately)
8. The building will not be open so there will be no restroom access (but the service will be kept to 45 minutes)
9. There will be designated boxes for you to deposit your contribution
10. Volunteer guides will be assisting you with where to park, set up your seat and with sanitation practices and you are expected to do what they ask

UPDATED NEEDS/Reminders:

-Couples/groups have been inching seating closer than the 6ft. We have to maintain the 6ft, please to keep each other safe when masks are off. We can do this! Thanks!!

-As announced, please always RSVP as we need this for service planning AND will need to be 100% responding when we start to move inside.

*** In the case of inclement/possibly inclement weather, a decision will be made by 8 am whether or not we will have service. For those of you with email, please check your email in the morning to make sure service has not been cancelled. For those who do not have email, you will receive a phone call.

Prayer List

Anneka Broughton **Ken Maupin** **Andrew-James Broughton** · **Jason Willis** **Jan Morris**
Lea Schorer – no visitors at this time please **Larry Borrison**
Pat McRill · **Dar Hinrichs** **Frances Hughes** **John Anderson**
· **Brenda Hill**—friend of the Cervantes family who was diagnosed with cancer
Sonya Puentes – friend of the Cervantes family; has cancer
Bolen's nephew Tim – dealing with chronic knee issues and scoliosis
Donny Hoffman- Chuck Mausehund's nephew who has cancer and is going through chemo treatments
Pete Denby – friend of the Lyman's who is awaiting a liver transplant
Sabrina Freter – a friend of Katie Schulz who was diagnosed with acute myelogenous Leukemia
Lisa Broege – friend of Dar Hinrichs, diagnosed with MS
Kate Marschang – daughter of a friend of Jackie Garcia who is being treated for ovarian cancer
Brandi Ostergard – friend of Wendy Williams who has cancer
Steve Burdge – Sally Battha's nephew; liver transplant
Charlene Govert – friend of Gayle Bolen who was recently diagnosed with cancer
Frank Lott – is now under hospice care
Lonny Fortin – Lonny has been having some back pain
David Hagerman – Jeff Hagerman's brother, was in a car accident and broke several bones
Michelle Hutchison – Tammy Weir's sister in law, undergoing cancer treatment
Tim Loos— friend of Jeff Hagerman who has a very rare lung disease and needs a transplant but is having a hard time finding a transplant center to work with.
Corrine Furman— friend of the Morris family who was recently diagnosed with cancer
Mac Milam— Wanda Long's brother who was recently diagnosed with cancer - treatments are going very well!!
Crouch family— Louise Crouch's grandson Ron is out of the ICU and is now going through physical therapy as he recovers from his stroke
Donna Fincher— dealing with multiple health issues
Ashley Raddenbach— The Bolen's granddaughter who was recently diagnosed with PoTS
Axel Diaz— Young man who attends the Waukegan Church of Christ who is battling cancer
Sandy Allen- dealing with severe back pain
Sara Cancagallo- friend of Louise Crouch who will be having surgery soon as part of cancer treatment
Chad Lane – Matt Lane's nephew who was in a bad accident and has a long recovery ahead of him
Maxine Byrne – broken clavicle
Myrtle Williams – had her shoulder surgery and that went well. She fell again, which caused some inflammation in her bad foot that will have to resolve before they do surgery again on her foot
Vernon Ray Jr. — still battling the after effects of having Covid
Dean Aske – at home recovering from a heart attack and having some stents placed

Pantry Sub List

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Genesis 5 - From Adam to Noah

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AUGUST 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 <small>Partny 10:noon</small> Pauline Eppes' bday
2 <small>WORSHIP @ 9:30</small> Dulane Willis & Karen Erdman's bday	3 <small>Tammy Weir's bday</small> Murray's ann.	4	5 <small>Ken Rodden's bday</small> S/G Gregory's ann.	6 <small>1-3 pm Partny</small> Dominic Nicosia's bday	7	8
9 <small>WORSHIP @ 9:30</small> Grant Gregory's bday Garcia's ann.	10 <small>Broughton & Letzinger's ann.</small>	11	12 <small>HHP Food Delivery</small>	13	14	15 <small>Partny 10:noon</small>
16 <small>WORSHIP @ 9:30</small> Eva Hagerman's bday Reese & Donovan's ann.	17	18 <small>Sandy Donovan, Earline Nipps & Louise Crouch's bday</small>	19 <small>Ken Lynch's bday</small> Lynch's ann.	20 <small>6-8 pm Partny</small> Brent Garcia's bday	21	22
23/30 <small>WORSHIP @ 9:30</small> 2 nd Drake Nicosia's bday	24/31	25 <small>Valerie Nicosia's bday</small>	26 <small>Linda Castree & Chris Yousif's bday</small> HHP Food Delivery	27	28	29


NEWS & EVENTS

--Ben and Sarah Murray are having a baby!! Make sure and congratulate all of the Murrays next time you see or talk to them :-)

-- The Helping Hands Pantry remains open under a drive thru, contact-less basis and with fewer volunteers. **For those of you who usually work at the Pantry on our open dates: Please email Sandy Youssi (1st Saturday) or Jerry Gibson (3rd Saturday) to find out what is needed from you for your normal date.**

--Ashley is working on a project and would LOVE any old pictures you have with people from North Park in them. They could be pictures of events at North Park, at RCC, or just a group of friends fellowshiping with each other. If you have them in digital form, you can send them to npcc@sbcglobal.net but if you only have hard copies, you can bring them to church and she will scan them and get them back to you asap. Trying to get a good sampling from every decade so any help is greatly appreciated!!!

--A reminder to everyone that if you or a loved one is hospitalized for any reason and you would like the church family to know, please contact the church office (or Tim or Ashley directly on the weekends) to let us know, the hospitals won't necessarily contact us for you.



The North Park Church of Christ is committed to sharing Jesus with our community and the world; while encouraging the spiritual development of our youth, strengthening the bond of our families, and serving the needs of our senior adults to build a church known by its love and message that flows from the very heart of God.

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