

# Mt Vernon Church of Christ

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# Mt Vernon Messenger

## August 14, 2016

### Welcome Guest

We are glad you chose to worship with us. Please fill out a visitor's card so we have a record of your visit. Come and worship with us again and often.

### Schedule of Services

Pioneer Home Service	8:30 am
Bible Class	9:30 am
Morning Worship	10:30 am
Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Ladies Class	12:00 pm
(at church building)	
Wed. Evening Study	7:00 pm
Fri. Ladies Class	10:00 am
(at church building)	

**Minister** Ronald Bryant

### Shepherds

Otto Buehler	Morris Guest
Gordon Gower	Glenn Kenner
	Larry Miller

### Deacons

Don Dillahunty	Rick Pinney
Spencer Guest	Eddie Redman
Bob Justice	Larry Sanderson
	Troy Trammell

### Church Statistics

OFFICE HOURS: M-Th 8am to 1pm

#### ATTENDANCE

Bible Class	70
Worship Assembly	123
Pioneer Home	19

#### FINANCES

Weekly Budget	\$4018
Weekly Contribution	\$4727

### Pioneer Home Schedule

Date	Lesson	Song Leader
Aug. 21	Rick Pinney	Roger Derda

### Greeters for August

Earline Everhart & Mary Justice

## "BE YE RECONCILED TO GOD"

How deep and compelling are our thoughts God? What part do they actually play, even in our "religious exercises?" How many of our actual thoughts about God are shallow, even dismissive? Are our thoughts of His power and holiness truly productive of greater love and faith? Too often we pay only lip service to His wisdom - for we are hesitant to accept His directives and counsel?

Some subjects are not easily grasped. Among those that are difficult for us to understand are the mercy of God and the justice of God. Most of us readily accept that God is rich in mercy and that He is also just, yet, we tend to embrace one to the exclusion of the other. It is vital that we understand that these two subjects meet in the spiritual process called reconciliation.

Although God is rich in mercy, no wisdom, except His own, could have provided the means whereby the exercise of His mercy towards sinners, could be made compatible with His justice and truth, and with the honor due His authority. The gospel reveals the means, and points out the place where mercy and truth meet, where God's grace and righteousness are fitted together perfectly. God, Our Father, was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself; He provided forgiveness; He gave the word of reconciliation and the ministry of reconciliation; He called sinners to be reconciled to Him. In the gospel of Christ, God is revealed as not only merciful but just, not only gracious but righteous. It is He who has provides salvation to the penitent. Salvation, in and through Christ, is the greatest of all His works, and fully reveals His character and perfections.

The means employed answer to the grand design, expressed by Paul in 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself" 1) Christ - the Messiah, the Anointed One, who is prophet, priest, and king, to the human race. There had been prophets, priests, and kings, for the Jews and their ancestors; and some were both king and priest, others king and prophet; but none were set forth as prophet, priest, and king. Christ alone is. 2) In reference to Christ all the others served as types, or examples, till the fullness of time should come. 3) God was in Christ, who was in subjection to the eternal purpose that provided reconciliation of man to God, by making atonement for sin. Jesus was "Immanuel." In Him did dwell all the fullness of the Godhead bodily, (Colossians 2:9); and He made peace by the blood of His cross. 4) Christ, was the sacrifice for sin, and in His obedience; He made reconciliation possible. This was God's provision, and in that transaction, He honored His holy will, and extended mercy, forgiving the sins and trespasses of mankind. God provided the sacrifice for sins. The penalty for sin was borne by Jesus in His death on the cross. He put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26). 5) The invitation of the gospel is God's invitation - "Be reconciled to God."

The whole of this vital doctrine can be stated simply, and we would do well to consider it carefully: 1) We believe that God is. 2) We believe that we are His -that He created us. 3) He requires that we trust Him, love Him, and serve Him. 4) He has revealed Himself and His will in the Holy Scriptures. 5) We have broken God's law, and because of our

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### Morning Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Rick Pinney
Opening Prayer	Larry Sanderson
Scripture Reading	Mike Wester
Prayer Leader	Otto Buehler
Lord's Table	Jim Wisniewski
	Charles Hughes
	Les Turner
	Dieter Pleier
Closing Prayer	Larry Miller

### August 21<sup>st</sup> Assembly

Announcements	Don Dillahunty
Song Leader	Morris Guest
Opening Prayer	Barry Redden
Scripture Reading	Pat Myers
Prayer Leader	Charles Hughes
Lord's Table	Kelly Whisenant
	Greg Hendrickson
	Rick Pinney
	Keith Drochak
Closing Prayer	Jim Rhodes

### AN INSPIRED SERMON ABOUT THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

*For all the Athenians and the foreigners who were there spent their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing. Then Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus and said, "Men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are very religious; for as I was passing through and considering the objects of your worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO THE UNKNOWN GOD. Therefore, the One whom you worship without knowing, Him I proclaim to you: God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands. Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things. And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, and has determined their pre-appointed times and the boundaries of their dwellings, so that they should seek the Lord, in the hope that they might grope for Him and find Him, though He is not far from each one of us; for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.' Therefore, since we are the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the Divine Nature (Godhead) is like gold or silver or stone, something shaped by art and man's devising. Truly, these times of ignorance God overlooked, but now commands all men everywhere to repent, because He has appointed a day on which He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained. He has given assurance of this to all by raising Him from the dead." And when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked, while others said, "We will hear you again on this matter." So Paul departed from among them. (Acts 17:21-33)*

1. The assembly and its place: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Paul's personal comment: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Paul's observation: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Paul tells them what he is going to tell them: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Paul speaks definitively of God: \_\_\_\_\_
  - A. He made: \_\_\_\_\_
  - B. He dwells: \_\_\_\_\_
  - C. He does not need: \_\_\_\_\_
  - D. He has given to all: \_\_\_\_\_
  - E. He has made of all mankind: \_\_\_\_\_
  - F. He has limited man: \_\_\_\_\_
  - G. What is then true of men? \_\_\_\_\_
  - H. What must man be careful to do? \_\_\_\_\_
  - I. What does He now require? \_\_\_\_\_
  - J. What guarantees the judgment? \_\_\_\_\_

Close: To the end that the Athenians might come to know of God, Paul preached this powerful sermon. To the end that we might know God as He is revealed, we give ready attention to this sermon.

**THOSE SERVING ASSEMBLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE PROMPTLY AT 10:20**

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sins we are separated from Him. 6) We are not able to undo or make amends for our sins, for we have offended God, and need His forgiveness. Furthermore sin is working to fill us with hatred for God. 7) To deliver us out of this state, God has given his Son, Who died in our stead. 8) Desiring to save us, He now commands that we repent of our sins, and obey His will, that we might receive remission of sins. 9) This message is to be proclaimed to the whole world, and all who turn to God -who embrace Christ as the offering for sin shall restored to Him. 10) All who abide in Christ are promised an eternal inheritance. These great truths are more than worthy of our most careful attention and thought.

-- Ronald Bryant



There's no limit to the amount of good one can do when he doesn't care if someone else gets the credit for it. But he won't do much good if he insists on getting credit for everything.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. Colossians 3:17

### Prayer List

**Glenn Kenner** many health concerns.

**Kenny Dorrance (Bob Justice's nephew)** newly diagnosis with throat cancer

**Jane Gifford** was released from physical therapy, all her doctors are happy with her progress and she is home recovering.

**Cliff Seawel** slowly healing.

**Eddie Redman** slowly improving after shoulder surgery.

**Elizabeth Cook (Heidi Guest's mother)** first round of tests done, will see doctor Tuesday to discuss treatment plan.

#### Continual Prayers Health Reasons/Treatment

~ **Michelle Henry (Denise Miller's daughter)** doing better

~ **Carlos Rodriguez (Melissa Daniels brother-in-law)** prayers for a kidney transplant.

~ **Brad Hall** (friend of the Cleavelands) needs a kidney transplant.

~ **Bob Justice** knee injury.

~ **Marian Johnson (Mandy Buchanan's grandmother)** comfort while dealing with bladder tumor.

~ **Kathleen Hall** improved health and kidney to work better.

~ **Julie (friend of Sally Guest)** husband, has liver cancer.

~ **Jan Stevens (Jean & Rudy Kantu's sister-in-law)** cancer treatment; she is improving

~ **Steven Lemm, 55 years old (nephew of Jean & Rudy Kantu)** failing in health, with no diagnosis.

~ **Christian (Becky Hanna's nephew)** terminal leukemia.

~ **Nick Cureton (nephew to Dale Cureton)** acute leukemia rare type.

~ **Gene Harmon** Alzheimer's / **Dolores** caregiver

~ **Eddie Redman's niece Rose** terminal illness

~ **Ellen Larremore** health problems

~ **Deanna Larremore** health problems

~ **Joe Hixenbaugh (Jim Hixenbaugh's brother)** cancer.

#### Our Shut-ins

Ruth Hague Dwain Oliver

Danny Jones Marjorie Trammell

Bill Withers-VA

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the law of the LORD. Blessed are those who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart  
Psalm 119:1-2*

### Things to Know

#### Nursery/Cry Room

Available at the back of the auditorium

#### Sunday Evening Assembly

6pm TONIGHT

#### \*\*\*\*HELPING HANDS CRAFTS\*\*\*\*

Friday Aug 19<sup>th</sup> 2pm at Sally Guest's home. All those ladies interested in making things for the upcoming Ladies Retreat please come and be prepared to work on projects.

#### Breakfast at IHOP

Aug 24<sup>th</sup> 8am

#### Ladies Fall Retreat

Sept 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

#### Men's Retreat

Sept 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

#### \*\*\*\*\*FRIDAY LADIES CLASS\*\*\*\*\*

Ladies class will resume this Friday Aug. 19<sup>th</sup> at 10am, class will resume in chapter 11 of the study book.

#### LTC SIGN-UP

Sunday Aug 28<sup>th</sup> after morning worship. We will have our annual kick off to Leadership Training for Christ (LTC). Kids this will be your time to sign-up for what events you want to participate in. This is a quick sign-up ONLY event. Once we have an idea of what you all are interested in we will make a schedule and start posting the dates and times for practice to the Mt Vernon LTC Facebook page.

#### Thank You!

*For all the men who came to help load the moving truck I am grateful for your time to get me on my way safely to Texas. I arrived in Texas on Wednesday and have found a few churches to visit with. I will miss Mt Vernon.*

*In Christ,*

*Chuck Whisenant*

#### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

*I want to say "Thank You" for your thoughts and prayers for the recent surgery on my shoulder. I am healing quickly, not as quickly as I would like, but will be starting physical therapy next week for the next 6 weeks.*

*I know that the operation went as well as it did because of your kind thoughts and prayers.*

*Thanks again.*

*In Christian love,*

*Eddie Redman*

#### Welcome to the family

Laila Walker, a friend of Emilee Schoen who has been coming for a little while, was baptized at the Surprise Youth Rally on Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>.

### The Mirror Doesn't Lie

"Magic, mirror on the wall. Who is the fairest of them all?"

It's amazing, that probably most of us haven't seen that movie in years, but every single one of us knows what it's from. It's a legendary scene in cinema. In 1937 Walt Disney struck gold in the release of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.

Disney came up with the idea of retelling the story of Snow White and The Seven Dwarfs when he was just 15 years old. Originally the movie was budgeted at \$250,000, but after production ran over it ballooned to \$1.5 million-which is a crazy amount of money today, but was a really crazy amount in the 1930's. Disney was forced to mortgage his home to pay for the production of his film. He took a giant risk. In fact, even Walt Disney's wife, Lillian, thought the movie would bomb.

Well, as you know, the movie made history, and Walt Disney used the profits from Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to build Disney Studios in Burbank, and if you go visit you'll see Happy, Dopey, Sleepy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Doc, and Bashful are the pillars which are sculpted into the building's framework. The dwarfs were what supported Walt Disney Studios from the beginning and paved the way for many more films to follow.

And to think, it all began with an evil queen looking into the mirror...

The Evil Queen knew what all of us know to be true: the mirror doesn't lie.

James 1:22-25 states:

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man observing his natural face in a mirror; 24 for he observes himself, goes away, and immediately forgets what kind of man he was. 25 But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does. The mirror is a truth-teller. We look into the mirror and make adjustments.

"Whoa, I look rough. I've got to take a shower."

"Ewe, my hair needs washing."

"Gross, there's some disgusting spinach in my teeth."

"This shirt looks a lot weirder on me than it did on the mannequin."

Why do we say stuff like this? Because the mirror doesn't lie. The mirror is a truth-teller.

The Evil Queen looked into the mirror and she didn't like the truth. She didn't like what the mirror revealed or what it had to say.

And if I'm being honest: sometimes I don't either.

So what will you do with the mirror?

What if today, we made it our aim to look into the mirror and said, "Oh, that's not what I need to look like," and you made adjustments, and then tomorrow rolled around and you looked into the mirror and you thought "Well, I need to fix that," and then the next day you did the same thing, and the next day, and the day after that...

That's what it means to look into the law of liberty, and to continue in it, and to be a doer of the work. And best of all, let's not forget the final phrase of verse 25, "this one will be blessed in what he does."

When you look at yourself in the mirror do you like what you see? Let's all look into the truth-telling mirror of God's Word daily and let's make adjustments whenever we need.

~ by Philip Jenkins