

WELCOME

WEST END CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWSLETTER

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IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US, YOU ARE OUR HONORED GUEST!

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God's conditional promise, not a magic verse.

L.R. Kennon

If you were to do a street survey and ask what verses in the Bible protect us, someone would likely list 1 Corinthians 10:13, not likely by Book, Chapter and Verse but by a scattered misapplication of the verse.

This Corinthian letter is written to those of the church of God, sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints. This means the contents of this letter are for Christians. These people had obeyed the Gospel and put on Christ by a burial in baptism (Romans 6:4, Galatians 3:27) to walk in newness of life.

If we, as modern-day Christians, also faithfully follow what written in God's word for us, then we too can reap the benefits of the faith.

The verse states, "God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will also make the way of escape, that you may be able to bear it." In a chapter that encourages to flee from idolatry, Christians only are given the promise of this verse. The book is written to Christians, not to non-Christians.

To reinforce this promise, the early part of the verse gives the Corinthian Christians an example that "No temptation has overtaken you except such as is common to man."

These faithful Christians NEVER had a temptation without a way of escape, because God will not allow you...Christian to suffer with temptation you cannot bear.

Hev Christian! Yes, you're going to have common temptation to come your way! Flee it!

Hev non-Christian! Yes, you're going to have some overwhelming temptation to come your way...What are you going to do about it?

The person on the street is often deceived that they cannot suffer overwhelming temptation. Satan is the father of lies.

With out a plan, there is no attack, without attack, there is no victory. Victory is only in Jesus because he gave us a plan of salvation. If you're not a Christian, what is your plan to overcome temptation?

SUN AM

Call to Worship

Song Leader

Clint Laird

Scripture Reading

Aiden Renfrow

The Lord's Supper & Giving

Dale Laird

Opening Prayer

Jarrod Shive

Sermon

Erik Borlaug

Closing Prayer

Byron Darnall

SUN PM

Song Leader

Garry Hammer

Scripture Reading

Andre' Harper

Opening Prayer

Nathan Holton

Sermon

Dylan Cunningham

The Lord's Supper & Giving

Ben Vogeler

Closing Prayer

David Dowdy

WED PM, 1/31

Song Leader

Spencer Cook

Closing Prayer

Ian Conrad

Invitation

Will Harrington

Prayer Requests

- Dale and Jillian Dye had their baby girl Reagan Alise Dye
- Dennis Neely had his eye surgery
- The Carr's friend, Jessica Hart, passed away
- Sue Young fell and broke her ankle while in Tampa
- Sarah Grace and Lawson Clayton had their baby girl Beckett Kate Clayton
- Joey Elms's father, Shelby Elms, had a stint installed
- Matt and Elisha McCurdy had their baby girl Maisie Louise
- Heather Dowdy's mom is in the ICU and has a long road ahead with recovery and care
- Lou Ellen Johnson is healing from a pulled hamstring
- Jillian Dye's preeclampsia
- Jimmy Ligon's mom, Christine, in your prayers
- Quin Mosley and the family
- Darriel and Marilyn Clark
- L.R.'s mother, Shirley Kennon
- New parents and expectant mothers

In Need of Cards, Visits or Prayers:

- Jean Webster
- Barbra Vance
- Mary Cash
- Lavon Whitaker
- W.D. Anderson
- Doris Martin
- Don & Jeanette Miller
- Debbie Lanphear
- Gary Cassibry
- Ezra Hunt
- John Bunch
- Paula Page
- Jonathan Holden

Upcoming Events:

February 17th

Ladies' Day

Beth Erickson

February 24th

Men's Day

Marty Broadwell



Greater Than Family & Finances (Mark 1:16-20, Pt. 3)

Erik Borlaug

At the risk of overgeneralizing, there are two major kinds of cultures one may identify. A traditional culture is one that esteems family above everything else. A "modern" culture is one that esteems personal wealth and success. Countries may tend towards one of these tendencies, but a culture, states, cities, and families will have their unique emphasis.

Mark 1:19-20 says, " 19 And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. 20 And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him." Imagine James and John fixing their nets, looking up to see Jesus approaching, and then

dropping what they were doing to follow. I don't imagine they even finished working on the nets!

There are two things from which James and John walk away. The first thing we will mention is the last thing in the text... "the hired servants." These brothers walked away from hired servants. Being a fisherman is not the most lucrative job in the world, but to have a fishing operation that has hired servants means you are doing well.

In this culture, it would be expected for the sons to carry on this business, but here they are walking away from it all. These guys have come to understand that Jesus is more significant than a comfortable financial future. It is not inherently wrong to be well off, but would you pursue this to the

neglect of following the Lord?

The first thing in the text they walk away from is "their father Zebedee." This is even more shocking than leaving the hired servants. We are not given any details on whether this decision brought family tension and strife. Perhaps there was some collateral damage like this, but these brothers were unconcerned about these matters. Does Jesus mean more to you than family? You could test this is whether you change your views to fit family members or attend family gatherings when they interfere with worship. When we are concerned with "what would they think" we are not seeing the opportunity we must follow Jesus.

Jesus is greater than the values of both traditional and modern cultures. How does this challenge you?

BIBLE CLASSES FOR ALL

Listen to all class recordings online at westendchurch.com

ADULT CLASSES

Auditorium

Sun AM

In His Image

Matt Finley
Nate Holton

Wed PM

The Church

Erik Borlaug

Back Classrooms

Sun AM (B-7)

Big Words of Bible

Travis Renfrow

YOUNGER CLASSES

Sun AM & Wed PM

High School

Middle School

9 Months - 6th Grade

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NEW MEMBERS - WELCOME!



Jerry and Dana Boyd



Intentional, ME?

Jim Holton

We are literally just weeks into 2024 but what are you doing to make this year what you want it to be?

We all have the capacity and the responsibility, if we fear, respect and love God to let our lives reflect Christ through what we are taught in God's word. Solomon, for all he had and did in the book of Eccl. 12:13-14 said, "let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man, for God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil." So, if we love God and fear Him we must keep the most important things... the most important things.

And, what are the most important things? Is your FAITH? FAMILY? FRIENDS? Is working to stay physically and mentally strong important? Should you enjoy life and are you thankful for what God

has promised us next if we are faithful? And ultimately, will you make the effort to FLOURISH in all aspects of your life? Whatever is important to you is what you will invest time in and we have to decide everyday if we will commit ourselves to growing and improving.

Everyone is at a different place in life. If you are in the middle school class, you've got a good possibility of having lots of birthdays in front of you. If you are me, or those my age or older, then it is a fact you don't have as many birthdays ahead of you, and that's ok. No matter our age, every day we need to WALK AS CHILDREN OF LIGHT, Ephesians 5:8 our theme for the year. Every day, we need to put God first and let Him be reflected in our lives. We need to seek to please God and glorify Him in what we

do and say. Don't let other people decide what you value and how you spend time on earth, decide for yourself based on the guidance we receive from the Holy inspired word of God, which will make us complete. 2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All scriptures is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking correcting and training in righteousness so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Make what should be important come alive by your words and your actions. Tell your family you love them, take a friend out to lunch, challenge yourself to be physically and mentally improving, try and have some type of joy in life every single day, flourish in all you do for God and grow your faith and your commitment to do His will as long as you have breath on this earth!

WEEKLY VERSE

"This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all."

1 John 1:5