

THE BULLETIN

Exercise Your Freedom

The right for all men to vote in this country did not come quickly or easily. In 1789, the United States elected its first president. At that election, only a

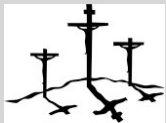


small select few of Americans and its inhabitants were permitted to vote. During this time, many of the inhabitants of this land were either enslaved or geographically displaced. Since then, thousands of this country's inhabitants were persecuted, beaten, and killed

for freedom and the right to vote. So, exercise your freedom and vote in your local and national elections.

Consider this, there is one who was persecuted, beaten, and killed so that

we all can be free. Hebrew 9:15 states, *"For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first*



covenant." If we were baptized into Christ, we were baptized into his death. Romans 6: 7 states, *"anyone who has died has been set free from sin."* If the Son has set us free, we will be free in-deed. So, exercise your freedom in Christ. Romans 6 teaches:

- do not let sin reign in your mortal body so that you obey its evil desires
- do not offer any part of yourself to sin as an instrument of wickedness
- offer yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life
- offer every part of yourself to him as an instrument of righteousness

We have been set free from sin and sin is no longer our master.

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Regularly Scheduled Services

Sunday worship: 9:30am
Sunday Bible class: 11:00am
Sunday evening: 6:00pm
Wednesday Bible class: 7:00pm

*Trust God, if He
says 'No', you're still
blessed!*

Family News

“So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.”
Galatians 6:10, NAS95.

If you're a visitor to our church, welcome! If you have questions, we welcome them; please don't hesitate to ask Park Linscomb our minister (the really tall guy) or any other church member.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

TRUNK OR TREAT!

No, we didn't misspell it. Tonight, October 30, on the church's parking lot, we're inviting neighborhood children (and our own kids) to come costumed-out and ready to ask for candy. Many of us will be decorating the back of our cars (trunk)—some with silly themes, others with Biblical themes as an outreach to our neighborhood. Even if you don't have kids or want to decorate your car, come by. We might just have a little soup, chili or other comfort food for a chilly October evening.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER

Kathy Feuerhelm is fixing dinner Wednesday night. Menu is still up in the air. A signup sheet is in the back of

**NEED HELP,
ASAP
WE NEED A NEW
JANITOR. PLEASE
SEE AN ELDER OR
CALL THE CHURCH
OFFICE.**

the auditorium. Please add your name to the list. Oh, and by the way, **NEEDED: MORE WED NIGHT COOKS:** *We need people to sign up for Nov 9 & 16 forward.*

THE SNOW REMOVAL LOTTERY (REALLY GROUND CARE): Soon, a signup sheet will be posted for Snow Removal (maybe you get lucky and it doesn't

snow your week!!!) This building belongs to all of us and we need to tend to the exterior. Bring the kids to work as a family.

MNFM COOKS NEEDED: Signup sheet in the back of the auditorium. Kim & Kara have signed up for Nov., and the Johnson's for Dec.

LORD'S SUPPER TO SHUT INS: Brian Cleavitt & Louise Roy are taking communion for. Nov.

Volunteers are needed beginning in Nov.

NEW - ELECTRONIC LIBRARY

We have added media to the library. Please come use out assets. We will add a set of CDs from this year's Ladies Retreat. There have been 2 CDs added from Dr. Joe's lessons last weekend.

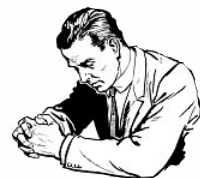
THANK YOU

Thank you to Dr. Joe for his inspiring lessons last week. They were recorded and will be available in the library

And thank you for all the helpers (**especially the young men**) who stayed Wednesday evening and Saturday to put chairs back after use by Life Line Screening and the carpet cleaning!

NEW PRAYER CONCERNS: The Edgewood Congregation's Spiritual Health, Casey Jones, Lynn Millette, Thom Forestburg, Brian Day, Malachi Norris, Geneva Baum

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER CONCERNS: Ministers, Elders, Deacons, Teachers, Parents, Gander Brook
ADDITIONAL PRAYER REQUESTS are on the back page of the Worship Insert



A Word of Encouragement

“For this reason we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it.”
Hebrews 2:1, NAS95.

ANSWERS TO “RELATIVE TRUTH”

Objective truth is not all that popular these days. How many times have you tried to share some truth about morality, Biblical teaching, or Christian evidence only to have the other person parry your argument with something like, “Well, what you say might be true for you, but not for me. You’ve no right to impose your beliefs on me. Truth is relative, you know. You’re just being judgmental.” So a discussion about faith, truth, righteousness, and salvation comes to a screeching halt.

Of course, it is possible to try to pursue this modern philosophical position by asking, “Is it absolutely true that truth is relative?” And if they understand what you’ve just said, you get the opportunity to watch their head explode as they struggle in their mind to make sense of the self-contradictory statement that they just threw out so confidently and cavalierly. Sometimes, at this point, you might get a sheepish grin from the person you’re talking to and a concession that you have a point. And maybe you can make some progress from there.

However, getting past this modern conversation stopper will more likely happen, if we understand *why* people want truth to be relative. Here are three fairly common reasons:

1. Especially in modern day America, there is strong internal impulse and push to be “cool”, “hip”, “fresh”, “trendy”, and modern. From the time we were teens we sought not to be “uncool”, “nerdy”, “old-fashioned”, or “square”; those labels could immediately kill our social lives. But despite the fact that many of us have grown up, we still recoil at the prospect of being out of step with the rest of the world. Thus, we learned that one way of dodging the world’s disfavor was subjectivity and relativity. Relativity helps me stay cool.

The problem, of course, is that “cool” isn’t the key to getting into Heaven; having a

righteousness from God through Christ is. We must not fail to point this out.

2. There are some who just enjoy being oppositional, shocking, and *avant garde*; and relativity (as it applies to truth) is their ally. While this is seen most often in adolescents, it is not unknown even among adults—who usually have a (im)moral agenda to push. Subjectivity helps me argue for doing something that I want to do that others would object to. This is just naked rebellion.

There may be a certain cachet in being a rebel in our culture (think James Dean and *Rebel Without a Cause*), but rebellion against God’s will (sin) is a complete “no win” situation every time and concludes in eternal tragedy.

3. Still others embrace “relative truth” or subjectivism, because they do not wish to change or find it difficult to do so. They are often caught up in some sort of sin or are comfortable in a barely-committed religious tie. These folks like a “sliding scale” of morality and commitment.

They need to be reminded that while it is true that the Christian life is one of growth and that in that sense there is a scale, there is also a goal, Christ. Paul said, “*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 3:13, 14).

In most cases, if you’re able to “drill down” into the real motivations of the “it’s all good” mentality about truth (subjectivity), you’re more likely to make some real progress with the Gospel of Jesus, who said, “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me*” (John 14:6).



UPCOMING EVENTS

*Today is the Day -
Trunk or Treat -
5-7pm. Snacks must be
prepackaged

*Youth Rally
Registration Forms are
in the Foyer. They are
due back TODAY

*Calendars for
November and
December can be found
in the foyer.

*Nov 4 - Devo at
Kathy F.

*Nov 12 - Game Night

Food for Thought...

*"For to this end we toil and
strive, because we have our
hope set on the living God, who
is the Savior of all people,
especially of those who believe."
1 Tim. 4:10*

Fall is one of my favorite
times of year. Besides the
changing of the seasons, the
cooler weather, and the
beautiful trees, there are also a
ton of sports. Baseball ends,
football is in full swing, soccer
ends in America but gets going
in Europe, while basketball and
hockey begin. All of these
activities tie into 1 Timothy
Chapter 4 and apply to our
spiritual lives.

Sports require a lot out of us.
We have to practice hard, sweat
a lot, and train our bodies
harder. To be a successful
athlete and reach your goal you
have to give it everything you

have. You have to leave every
ounce of your physical and
mental being out there to
accomplish your goals.

This section of Timothy really
starts back earlier in the book.
Paul is talking about being a
good servant of Christ and how
we are trained in the words of
the faith and doctrine that we
follow. We have to train
ourselves in Godliness.
Godliness holds a promise for
not only this life but the one to
come as well.

While we are on this earth we
need to train ourselves in
Christ. We work for the Savior
who saves us all and gives us
eternal life. Working for Christ
helps us now and in the future.
We need to work hard so we can
share the faith and let others
know about the promise of God.
Keep reading what Paul has in
this chapter. - Mark

**Thought Provoking Section:
Godly Wisdom begins in God's Word**

Family Bible Reading and Congregational Calendar for Oct 30 - Nov 5

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 - Ezekiel 39 Worship 9:30am Bible class 11am "Trunk or Treat "	31 - 2 Peter 2	1 - Ezekiel 40-41	2 - 2 Peter 3 Melanie Fogal - BD Dinner 6pm Bible study 7pm	3 - Ezekiel 42-44	4 - 1 John 1 Teen devo @ Kathy F.'s home	5 - Ezekiel 45-46