



THE VISION

October 2017

*“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them and...teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you...”
Amen. Matthew 28:19-20*

Have you wondered with all the natural disasters taking place in North America (western fires and hurricanes) and (earthquake and hurricane) in Mexico, is God judging us?

Personally, I believe God uses circumstances like natural disasters to reveal His power, His love, and His presences in our lives. God does not abandon us during our pain but He walks with us during our darkness. God’s children are NEVER alone! God wants us to know Him.

Still, we might have questions of uncertainties. Someone wrote a question to my friend Tom Lovorn, Th.D., asking: “when God punished people in the Old Testament, was He trying to get even?”

Dr. Lovorn responded, we can only know about God that which he reveals of Himself in his Word. However, we must remember that He is the same God in the Old Testament as He is in the New Testament. In **Malachi 3:6**, God said, “I change not.” We tend to think of Him in terms of His love revealed in the New Testament **Ephesians 6:23**, but we remember His wrath in the Old Testament. Yet, the same God said in the Old Testament, “I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord God: wherefore turn yourselves, and live,” (**Ezekiel 18:32**).

God’s punishment in the Bible is judgment, not

revenge. “Getting even” goes against God’s nature; judgment does not. When God says, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay,” (**Romans 12:19**), He is not talking about revenge but judgment. The sinner brings judgment on himself by rejecting the many warnings God gives all through the Bible.

The holy nature of God requires judgment to be offset by mercy. Think of them as two sides of the same coin of God’s character. Which we receive depends on our response to God. The God who called as Jesus, “Come unto me,” (**Matthew 11:28**), will gladly give mercy to those who come. Those who reject His call to emulate His character will reap his judgment.

However, even then, we can think of God’s judgment as an extension of His mercy. If He did not punish sin, evil would continue unchecked. But, judgment is like the blue lights on the patrol cars intended to slow traffic more than just catch one speeder. Before Jesus took the punishment for believers, judgment fell on sinners. But, God’s true character is seen when we let Jesus bear the punishment for our sins. He will do that if you will ask him.

I pray for God to continue His blessings upon those devastated by the natural disasters and may He continue to bless us as we reach out to help those in need!

Pastor Bud Goude

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Deacon's Devotional

Growth In God

But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

2 Peter 3:18

Peter urges his readers to get to know our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ more and more. Every day we should grow closer to Christ, helping us to be prepared to stand for truth in any and all situations.

Are you the same Christian you were a year ago? Christ wants us to grow closer to Him to become a mature Christian.

There are four habits we need to do daily that will help us to grow to becoming a mature Christian and they are:

1. Prayer (communicate with God).
2. Study (The Bible).
3. Giving (ourselves, our resources, time, and talents).
4. Fellowship (with God and others).

Love in Christ,
Al West

CAKE WALK GOODIES NEEDED!

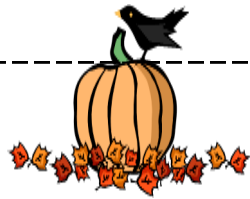
We need your help to provide cakes, pies, breads, cookies, cupcakes or goodie of your choice for Cake Walk prizes. Remember, it's not just for the kids — adults can win too! For more info. contact Melissa Ashe.



CAR OWNERS NEEDED FOR DISPLAY!

Do you have a car, truck or motorcycle that you would be willing to show off? Anything from antiques to the latest muscle cars would be great! Kids are encouraged to enter too! If you would be willing to bring your vehicle, sign up on the list in the Narthex or simply bring your vehicle to the Fall Festival. If possible, contact Jeff Breaks, Chris Gibbons, or Melissa Ashe so that we can determine the size of the parking display area needed.





Community Fall Festival

October 14, 2017

11:00am—3:00pm

It's almost time. This is a wonderful outreach ministry for the community as well as for our own church family. Use this as an opportunity to invite someone to visit our church. Flyers will be available for distribution.

We have lots of great indoor & outdoor activities for all ages! Outside, we'll have the inflatables, pony rides, face painting, hay rides, great music, children's games, children's crafts, balloons, cake walk & car display! Inside enjoy the annual dessert contests: Men's Cakes, Women's Pies and Kids Desserts! As always we'll have lots of clam chowder, hot dogs, popcorn and snow cones!

WE NEED YOU! We need everyone's help to make this year another success! We have many ways that you can get involved — greeters, children's crafts, children's games, inflatables, food, music, parking & of course set-up/clean-up! See the sign-up list in the Narthex for available spots. If you feel led to help, contact Melissa Ashe or Jeannie Fitzgerald.

DESSERT CONTESTS:

Women, Men, & Children—It's not too late for you to enter your cake, pie or dessert. Sign up on the list in the Narthex or simply bring your dessert to the Fall Festival.

Remember, trophies will be given for the Best Tasting and Appearance. For more information, contact Jeannie Fitzgerald.

Deacon of the Week

10/1—Gary Mangrum
10/8—Sonya Anthony
10/15—Amy Boykin
10/22—Al West
10/29—David Crummett

Nursery Workers

10/1—Beverly West
10/8—Pauline Littell
10/15—Maribel Loveland
10/22—Devon Willard
10/29—Open

October Ushers

Jimmy Diggs
Gus Saunders
Dale Jacobson
Amy Jacobson

October Tellers

Amy Jacobson
Tommy Ashe

Sun. Sch. Nursery
Sharon/Howard Warren



CHURCH WORKERS

Older Children's Church

10/1—Sarah Saunders
10/8—Jennifer/Derick Hall
10/15—Madison/Seth Gandee
10/22—Charlene/John West
10/29—Seth Gandee

Younger Children's Church

10/1—Tracy Williams
10/8—Sonya Anthony/Nancy Dyson
10/15—Denise Gandee/Mallory Wagner
10/22—Laraine Sentz/Rachel Wells
10/29—Tammy Greggs

