

Church of the Open Bible



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One evening an old Cherokee told his grandson about a battle that goes on inside all people.

He said, 'My son, the battle is between two 'wolves' inside us all. One is Evil. It is anger, envy, jealousy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego.

The other is Good. It is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion and faith.' The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather: 'Which wolf wins?'

The old Cherokee simply replied, 'The one you feed.'

ETHEL SHERMAN'S BIRTHDAY is a week from tomorrow (23rd) when she will reach 103! I talked to her niece last week and Ethel is doing well. If you'd like to send a card, her address is [I don't put personal addresses on line – if you would like her address, email me: rex Cain@gmail.com].

JENNIFER WETZEL (mark your calendar!) will be our guest speaker for Palm Sunday, April 5th. We all remember her fondly when she worshiped here while studying in college – she now teaches in Kentucky.

FRANK ROPER has made some phone calls to our IGS gas com-

pany and reduced our purchase price for gas to the parsonage & church from \$9.99 per mcf to \$8.13 per mcf and by February to \$6.50 per mcf. Then we can lock in the price for 12 months if it begins to rise. Thanks, Frank, for looking after these things!!

Our President Speaks At Washington Prayer Breakfast ...

"In history, faith has too often been wielded as a tool to divide, or as an excuse for prejudice or intolerance. There is no doubt that the very nature of faith means that some of our beliefs will never be the same. We read from different texts. We follow different edicts. We subscribe to different accounts of how we came to be here and where we're going next — and some subscribe to no faith at all. But, no matter what we choose to believe, let us remember that there is no religion whose central tenet is hate." — President Obama, at the National Prayer

Breakfast in Washington D.C.

Our Annual All Church Outing!

IN THREE WEEKS (March 8th), our annual Dutch Treat All Church Outing will be enjoyed at Golden Corral's buffet in Macedonia. Everyone is welcome! Lunch on Sunday is \$9.99. Drink is extra for \$1.99.

DID YOU KNOW ...

that you can take our Systematic Theology course on line for free? You can go to our General Conference website (this is the G.C. site: <http://www.abc-coggc.org/index.html>) or you can go directly: <http://www.hutchinsoncog.com/SysTheology/index.html>

If you complete these 29 lessons successfully, I'll take you out for dinner!

"There's always free cheese in a mousetrap."

"Bad people have set a trap for me along the wayside, but I have held true to the path marked by your rules for living." (See > Psalm 119:110)



"Life Questions: Have I fallen into any mouse traps lately? How about rat traps? How many snares have I barely missed stepping into, by the grace of God? How would my life improve if I would only hold fast to the precepts of God? How much aggravation would I save myself? Lord, give me the spiritual vision to see the snares I'm about to walk into

before I make a mistake I'll regret later."

-Pastor Ken Howe, e-devotional, 2-11-09

ANITA CAIN has provided us once more with a monthly review of the book titled, "Unchristian." Thanks, Anita! (See below)

Baptism

Baptism is a beautiful service that expresses our faith in Jesus as our Savior. It is Biblical and significant. If you have never yet been immersed in the waters of baptism, I encourage you to speak to Pastor Cain about being baptized. Read Romans chapter 6:1-14 for some significant information as to why baptism symbolizes "death" to our sins and "life" to God.

PRAY FOR: Stephen Sabat, Alva Huffer, Josh Eberly (by SMay), Bill Marsh, David Krogh, Pastors Don Ward & Leon Driskill, Ken Cramer, Joyce Macy Nodstrom (M.Ellen's niece), Jenna Bryan (15 by SMay), Don Kostyo, Tammy (Koston) Lisiecki, Gene & Gloria Faehnrich, W.C. Blankenship, Steve Henderson (14, by SMay), Leslie & Stanley Hervert (by Grace), Carol Reed, Ruth Schuld, Juanita (by SMay), Ryan (8 yrs by SMay), Susan (Stine) Bradley, Anita Cain, Edith Speer, Jack Hearp, Jacob Hinton*, Kathy Reed*, [*by Skip], Craig Blankenship, **College students:** Laura Schuld, Halee Fertig, Andrew Weaver, **Shut-ins:** Evelyn Pennington, Amy Dunbar Puehler **Military:** Rodger Schuld, Brandon Metzner, **Missionaries in other countries:** Gaston Ucanay-Peru, Mauro Apolos Gonzalez-Uruguay, Lupe Badillo-Mexico, Tracy Zhykhovich-Russia, Pastors in Malawi & Mozambique, Lesly Bertrand and the Pastors in Haiti. / **Churches:** Knightstown Family Fellowship IN, Korean Extension Steve & Sam An, RRCC, ABC, Golden Rule, Grace Brethren and for the peace of Jerusalem, Ps. 122:6; Isa. 62:6, 7

FEBRUARY 2009

- 15 Enter to worship, leave to serve
- 23 Ethel Sherman's 103rd Birthday! (Address inside)

MARCH 2009 (MISSION'S MONTH)

- 08 Annual All Church Outing / Golden Corral
- 08 Daylight Saving Time Begins (clocks forward 1 hour)
- 15 Guest speaker / Pastor at NE and Minister's Conferences (GA)
- 22 Gideon Speaker
- 29 SS offering to missions

Future Dates: Apr 5, Palm Sunday – Jennifer Wetzel, speaker / Apr 12 Easter: Andrew Weaver assisting; 'Son'rise 8a.m., Breakfast 9a.m., Worship 10a.m. / May 3, Annual Membership Mtg / Jun 1-5

CWS

SEPT. 13, 2009 / 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45A.M.
WORSHIP 10:45A.M.

Musicians: Sharon Cain and Frank Roper

Welcome / Announcements / Prayer

Worship Hymns: Mark Cain

439 Dwelling in Beulah Land

459 Sweet Peace, the Gift of God's Love

Prayer / Offering

Message: You Can't Compare Today With Tomorrow

Key Verses: Job 14:1; 1 Cor 15:19; 2 Cor 4:16; Col 3:10; 2 Cor 3:18; Rev 19:6;

Mk 5:39; Rom 8:38; 2 Cor 4:14-18; Rom 8:18

1 How Great Thou Art

On The Lite Side:

The Perfect Valentine

I work in a bookstore part time. As is typical, we sell a lot of greeting cards during the weeks before Valentine's Day. A young man who appeared to be about 20 years old approached the counter one day and was talking about how fortunate he was to find a Valentine card that offered the perfect greeting for the important occasion. I expressed some interest, so he opened the card and read it to me. It said, "To a unique one of a kind person who is the answer to all my dreams."

He was purchasing six cards with the exact same greeting.

BOOK REVIEW - March, 2009 by Anita Cain

Unchristian

(What a New Generation Really Thinks About
Christianity ... and Why It Matters)

by David Kinnaman

Perhaps you really haven't thought much about it, but what exactly do people outside the church—especially young people—think of the church? If you want to know, you should read this month's review book. Be forewarned, however, you may not like what they have to say. Sooner or later, though, we will have to face up to it,

for there are ever more of them, while the older generations are dwindling. What young people think of the church is going to affect the future of the church to an ever-growing degree. Be aware, too, that this book is not based upon the author's opinion, but upon three years of solid research. He's a part of the reputable Barna Research Group, which is well known for its research and polling concerning church affairs.

Unchristian (What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...and Why It Matters) by David Kinnaman - Christianity has a serious image problem, but the problem goes deeper than image. The perceptions of those outside the church (called in the book outsiders, for want of a better term) are very negative and this is going to have more and more impact as the years go by. Often outsider's perceptions reflect a church infatuated with itself—a church in which many Christians have lost their heart for those outside the faith. The church has become famous for what it opposes rather than for what it stands for. Outsiders believe Christians do not like them because of what they do, how they look, or what they believe. They feel minimized—or even demonized—by those who love Jesus. The three most common perceptions of present-day Christianity are anti-homosexual, judgmental, and hypocritical. Following these are old-fashioned, too involved in politics, out of touch with reality, insensitive to others, boring, not accepting of other faiths, confusing. Only a small percentage of outsiders strongly believe that respect, love, hope and trust describe Christianity. The reason for the title of this book is that outsiders claim we are unChristian because they see Christians not acting like Jesus.

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