

THROW AWAY THE EXPIRED!

Some of you may be like me; you may be a little “OC” (Obsessive Compulsive). Mine is in the area of food expiration dates. Those little dates that say things like, ‘best by’ or ‘use by’. I have to know when I take food out of the refrigerator or cupboard, when does it expire? I am obsessed by it. (I read recently of a man who ate expired food for a year and did not get sick. Nut.)

The good news is that I found myself being very biblical! I am, in a spiritual way, being a better Christian by discarding the old, outdated things of my life. Listen to Peter tell us what to throw out:

“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation---if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.” I Peter 2:1-3 ESV

Peter has concluded at the end of Chapter 1 that the word of God is everlasting. The words of God are the good news! We are born again. Peter starts Chapter 2 with ‘So’. Now that we know God’s word is supreme and by it we are saved, this is what you must do, writes Peter. What are they? Five things that must be ‘put away’, ‘discarded’ or ‘stripped off’:

1. So put away all malice. The first thing we must no longer digest is malice. That is the old self. The new self in Christ must no longer be consuming any malice. Malice is evil and wickedness. It means any kind of **ill-will toward people**. It is not to be in our spiritual refrigerator.
2. So put away all deceit. Deceit is guile, trickery, cunning, treachery and the like. Peter will soon write of Jesus: **He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. I Peter 2:22.** Deceit can also be simply withholding truth, i.e., selling your car knowing the transmission occasionally slips and you keep it to yourself. Deceit. Toss it!
3. So put away hypocrisy. Two faced. Best described as an actor wearing a mask. What a person shows outside and is really inside can be different. Peter says this is hypocrisy. (Remember Ananias and Sapphira, Acts 5.)

To Be Continued Next Week.... God Bless, Brethren.

GARY

Medical & Prayer Needs

Bill Ackley – home now.

Randy Dean’s mother – (wife Tammy), lives in FL., dementia.

Braxton DeLong – 4 yr. old grandson of Kathy Lindsey. Tests for cystic fibrosis, 20th.

Hazel Driver – O’Neill’s - *many* issues. But doing some better!

Bob Eddy – surgery for cancer, now recovery.

Richard Foy – Legs spots treated.

Matt – co-worker of Zach. Heart issues.

Kevin Reddick – to see cardiologist on 3/27. Some tests results were poor.

Shane Resinger – Cancer. Some better. Tests. May go home next month. Steve’s co-worker’s nephew.

Austin Taylor – tests, very ill.

Kielee Taylor – strep throat.

Gladys Thomas -- working in Haiti. Friend of Terry & Gail.

Many needs there.

Ruth Watson – home now.

Marie Wilburn – eye problems. Pray for sight recovery.

Travel: Larry and Cheryl are travelling by car to Texas today. Travel mercies.

Military Prayer List

Anthony Chesck, Brianna Jordan, Philip Pape, Matthew Potts, Chris Westbrook.



Extended Prayer List:

Bill & Virginia Ackley, Betty Alley, Linda Caldwell, Hazel Driver, Giada Foneseca, Richard & Wanda Foy, Barbra King, Nancy Maha, Dave Pollard, Howard Priddy Family, Olivia Smith, Georgianna Priestersbach, Tom Tablett, Jenise Veris, Ruth Watson, Marie Wilburn.

Attendance -3/17/2019:

Bible Study	48
AM Worship	90
PM Worship	34
Wed. Bible Study	29

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God's Word for the Week

“He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat to my barn.’”

Matthew 13:24-30 ESV

WELCOME

We welcome our visitors to the worship services today as our honored guests. Please fill out a Visitors Card and give it to one of the greeters at the door as you leave. We hope & pray you will return soon.



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Assembly Times

Sun. Bible Class	10:00 am
Sun. Worship	11:00 am
Sun. PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wed. Bible Study	7:00 pm

March Birthdays & Anniversaries

Paul Barnes 12

Theresa Smith 12

Amanda Brown 25

Austin Taylor 27

Eunice Henry 31

Pete & Becky Kois 4

Allen & Eileen Kerns 7

Ken & Sharon Woodrum 27

Trivia answers & scriptures are given to Gary on paper with your name OR by texting him. **C'mon, join in!**

Trivia Question: In 2 Kings, what physical condition of Elisha was mocked by young people—leading to their being mauled by bears? (No laughing at Terry and Gary! Haha!)

Last Week's Question: What is the name of the star that falls to earth and poisons a third of the water, according to Revelation?

Answer: Wormwood.

Location: Revelation 8:10-11.

Answers: Paul Barnes, Harold Cantley, Ken & Sharon Woodrum, Cheryl Hunnicutt.

Widows & Widowers

Betty Alley, Lola Anderson, Kimber Banks, Joyce Brewer, Frances Brown, Harold Cantley, Kathy Carter, Hazel Driver, Joyce Fetzer, Eunice Henry, Barb Lenchak, Elaine Leonhardt, Kathy Lindsey, Sue Massey, Shirley Sarver, Betty Scheutzow, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Qualla Tablett, Ruth Watson, HESSIE WEESE, Marie Wilburn, Diana Wirth.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Prayers, Cards, Visits, Calls

Barbara Lenchak, Qualla Tablett, Georgianna Spriestersbach, Marie Wilburn.

THANKS

A great BIG thanks goes out to Brian for manning the entrance door during morning worship!