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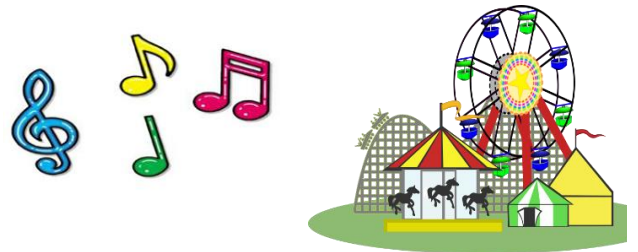
Keep On

I remember when I turned 50 years old; Eli wished me a happy birthday and then followed it up by saying, “Dad! You’re half dead!” I remember thinking to myself that the percentage was actually worse than that. In a little over a month, I’ll turn 60. I guess the truth is that with each passing day, the percentage rises for all of us. For myself, my concern is not that I’m aging, but if I am becoming more like Christ as I get older. Charles Spurgeon said in a sermon, “The aged Christian knows he cannot be a long way from his end. He feels that, even in the course of nature, apart from what is called accidental death, there is no doubt that in a few more years he must stand before his God...his one solicitude now is, to examine himself whether he is in the faith.” (2 Corinthians 13:5-6)

As a Christian, I should be examining myself daily, and asking myself if I am confessing and repenting of sin. Do I disdain it? Do I desire to do what is right? Am I reading God’s Word and seeking to obey it? Or am I seeking only after my own needs and selfish desires each day? John MacArthur writes, “It’s the duty of every believer to protect the purity of his conscience-to guard against the presence of unchecked sin, and keep short accounts through self-examination and faithful confession. The goal of every Christian is to be renewed on the inside.” Christians refer to this process as sanctification.

Now, I don’t want to be critical here, or point out the faults of others, but I have watched many other older Christians and I don’t always see a good example being shown. Yes, I do see many older believers finishing the course well, but yet many others are not. Some just seem to be angry, arguing with others and always having to be right. Others I have seen seem to have put themselves on cruise control, as if they already know enough about God and the Bible and for the remaining years they’ll just live however they choose and pick up their Bibles every so often. Again, please understand, *I am also guilty of all of these things.*

Our Truth Singers will be returning to sing at the Clinton Co. Fair in DeWitt on Thursday, July 22, at 2:00. We hope you can join us for an hour of worship at the fair at the Community Tent. We are so excited to see all the Truth Singers again! Truth Singers will resume in the fall on Sept. 16.



But I’m writing this for myself and to us older Christians, that, we need to step up. I can’t find anywhere in the Bible where it says that after a Christian reaches a certain age, he gets to sit back and take it easy in regards to his relationship and obedience to the Lord. We have our children and grandchildren, and maybe even great-grandchildren to be an example to. We need to be praying for them that they seek the Lord always, and we should be encouraging them in their walk with Christ. And if *we* are not seeking the Lord every day, reading and studying God’s word, and growing in our relationship with Him, we cannot expect to be of much use to God or to be a good witness to those who follow after us.

Let’s finish well! Let’s examine ourselves and ask God to help us to finish well. We can finish well. We need to finish well! Hebrew 12:1-3 encourages us that others have gone before us and persevered, and we can too. Moody’s Bible commentary on the first verses of Hebrews chapter 12 reads, “Believers today must follow the good examples of other believers to keep on keeping on.” The generations that follow after us are watching, and we need to lead and be an example of how to finish the race strong. Let’s step up, and keep on keeping on.

--scott

Praises and Prayer

Hebrews 12:1-3

“Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and protector of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.”

We are so thankful for being able to see all our kids and their families as they visited throughout the month of June. God is working in so many ways in all their lives. We pray that we will all continue to love God wholeheartedly and love and obey His Word. (And a special praise that we are going to be grandparents again as Eli and Von are expecting in November 😊)

Pray for our ministry to the elderly in the nursing homes as many have officially opened back up and we work through their new varying policies.

Praise God for his wonderful provisions and for faithfully providing for all our needs.

Pray as we prepare for our upcoming fall Bible Studies in *Philippians*.

Pray for our Truth Singers and FCA ministries as we start up again in September.

Praise for the opportunity we have had to meet with and disciple a couple who desires to understand and obey God’s Word.

Thank you for sharing in our ministry with your many prayers, encouragement, and financial support. We are so grateful for God’s grace and mercy in our lives.



Thank you to everyone who helped at or donated items for the Truth Singers Carnival in April. We had a huge turnout with close to 50 special needs adults attending along with their staff workers and families.



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To Students through FCA, Through Home Bible Studies*

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