

Another Word November 21, 2024

To our family and friends of First Christian Church

So, where did the year go? It seems we just finished up Lent and Easter and here we are, a week away from Thanksgiving and the start of Advent 3 days later.

Speaking of Advent, we have purchased Advent devotional books for everyone. They will be out on a table in the gathering area this Sunday. Take an extra if you know someone who would enjoy reading them during Advent.

It's time to begin to decorate the Sanctuary. Because there will be one more Jazz Concert on December 2nd, may I suggest we begin decorating Saturday, Nov. 30th, starting at 11am, and finish putting up the trees in the front the following Saturday, Dec. 7th, again starting at 11am.

Our annual congregational meeting to vote on the 2025 budget and officers will be held immediately after the service Dec.15th. Following the meeting, there will be a Christmas luncheon. A sign-up sheet will be in the gathering area. We hope you all can attend.

As we go to God in prayer, please remember Miriam Brady, the Patton family over the loss of their daughter, Gary Carpenter, the family of Carol Imhoff, Ken Bee, Wendy Zimmerman, and Lyle Easterday.

May we pray,

Loving God, we fall to our knees with gratitude and thanks for Your unlimited goodness and blessings. We rejoice in the love You give that draws us closer to You, and to each other. Our daily lives often bring uncertainties, but we have faith, and with faith comes hope. We thank

You for Your guidance, comfort, and peace. May we pass along Your love to help those who are in great need, and to encourage others to know You better. In Jesus most precious name we pray, Amen.

I've noticed over the years that more and more people are buying into the idea that there are no absolute truths. There are phrases like "your truth, my truth, their truth." I've even heard some say, "2 plus 2 can be whatever amount you want it to be." It appears that almost everything in life has become relative, and subject to our own beliefs and opinions.

However, we need to understand that this is nothing new. Pontius Pilate in the book of John said to Jesus, "What is truth? We both have truths!" In other words, I will believe what I want, and you can believe what you want. Fast forward to today. Our culture has turned absolutes into suggestions allowing many to be deceived into believing their own opinions rather than the solid foundations of truth as brought forth in the Bible.

In fact, the word "Truth" is used over 20 times just in the book of John. "Jesus is full of grace and truth." John 1:14. "Truth comes through Him." John 1:17. "The truth will set you free." John 8:32. "I am the truth" John 14:6. "Father, Your word is truth." John 17:17. Just to mention a few.

We need to be careful. A world in which everyone thinks their opinions represent their truth, is a world that is spiraling away from God and becoming a world of chaos. So, stay close to Jesus, who is the truth, the truth that our world desperately needs.

In His Peace,

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