

Morning Prayer and Praise

LET US PRAY FOR YOU—Write your prayer request on a card and put it in the white wooden church.

"Let us pray" for:

- believing in, submitting to Jesus, gathering with Him.
- believers to live out their saltiness, shininess [Matthew 5:13-16].
- CCF's upcoming VBS and ministry trip to a camp in VA.
- great summers for parents with kids home from school.

CCF's Unifying Mission is to:

Be and make disciples of Jesus who love God and others to HIS glory

- Using our Spirit-given gifts and resources
- Relying on His strength
- Serving with His body, family
- Following Him through His Word

10:45 **King Jesus: With Him or Against Him?**

Matthew 12:22-37

Kerry Doyal

UPCOMING EQUIPPING AND MINISTRY EVENTS

July 7 to 14—camp ministry in Jonesville, VA

August 1 to 3—a CCF/CEF VBS!

YOUTH—MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOLERS [7 TO 8:30 P.M.]

- June 27—**Play, Pray, and Study—Ay!**
- July 4—**No Youth Group or Rosebrook**
- July 7 to 14—**Camp ministry in VA!**
- August 1 to 3—**VBS helpers**

CAMP MINISTRY IN VIRGINIA!

Be part of a CCF ministry team serving sixth to eighth grade campers in Jonesville, Virginia. Help is needed with crafts, kitchen, music, counselors, games, nurse. Or, you may help with a supporting gift.

FLEA MARKET OUTREACH

Do you have a product or craft we can sell? Do you want to host a table at the Natrona Heights VFW [Mondays from 2 to 6 p.m., June through August]? Speak with Kerry.

VBS AT CCF—AUGUST 1 TO 3!

Join us from Wednesday to Friday, 6:30 to 8 p.m.—play, sing, learn, do crafts. Friday night will be supper and a campfire! Do you want to do snacks, games, music, . . .? Let Kerry know.

SUNDAY MORNING GREETERS

If you feel led to serve in our Sunday morning greeters ministry, **and have not done so in the past**, please join in by checking in with Rose Marie Acre to make your willingness to participate known. **If you are currently a greeter**, we trust you will continue to serve, as you have done so faithfully. However, **if you choose to be removed** from our greeter rotations, please alert Rose Marie to that.

2018 BIBLE READ THROUGH

June 25, 26, 28

June 27

June 29

Psalm 76, 77, 78

Proverbs 26 [Wednesday is for Wisdom]

Matthew 12:38-50



Everyone the Father gives me
will come to me,
and the one who comes to me
I will never cast out.
[John 6:37]



MESSIAH JESUS—WITH HIM OR AGAINST HIM?

What kind of conclusions would you make? If you saw Jesus' miraculous powers, heard His authoritative teachings, would you begin to ask if He was God's Sent One? Or—feeling threatened at His claims over your life—would you brush Him aside: "Facts be damned, I am not bending the knee to anyone!" This is the tension, the fork in the road, set up in Matthew 12:22-37. Beware: your response to Jesus is revealing.

"Then a demon-possessed man who was blind and unable to speak was brought to him. He healed him, so that the man could both speak and see. All the crowds were astounded and said, "Could this be the Son of David?" When the Pharisees heard this, they said, "This man drives out demons only by Beelzebul, the ruler of the demons."

(Matthew 12:22-24 -CSB) →

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MESSIAH JESUS—WITH HIM OR AGAINST HIM?

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Responding to Jesus with honest queries is far different than irrationally, rebelliously rejecting Him (vs. 22-24). Such foolish, prideful dismissing of what you have seen and heard merits a strong “call out” by Jesus (vs. 25-37). Willfully resisting the testifying work of God’s Spirit leaves one in a place of unforgiveness. When Jesus graciously exposes your excuses as vain, and vacuous, it is time to repent, and receive Him as God’s Savior. When your fruit is shown to be rotten, and your heart evil, judgment is in your future. Reject your sinful rejection, and trust in Jesus. What do your responses to Jesus reveal about you?

Investigating Jesus is Rational, Right

- **Ask the right questions: God’s Sent One?** (vs. 22, 23; 1 John 4, 5)
- **Let questions lead to faith in Him** (Hebrews 11:1-6; John 5:24; 20:30, 31)

Rejecting Jesus is Ultimately Irrational, Damnable

- **He knows our thoughts—YIKES!** (vs. 24; Psalm 103; Hebrews 4:11-13)
 - **He calls out our thin, pseudo-intellectual excuses as:** (25-27)
 - Irrational—divided kingdoms don’t stand. (25, 26; Hebrews 11, 12)
 - Inconsistent—then by whom do your disciples cast them? (27)
 - **He is “Evidence that Demands a Verdict”** (J McDowell—vs. 28-32)
 - If I am defeating demons by God’s Spirit, the Kingdom is here. (vs. 28)
 - It’s obvious, I am stronger than demons, the Devil. (29)
 - Are you with or against Me? Working with or trying to thwart? (30)
 - Rebellious rejection is eternally ruinous—unforgivable. (31, 32)
 - **He shows that we are showing our sinful hearts (vs. 33-37)**
 - Lives can’t lie—good or rotten fruit reveal our spiritual health. (33)
 - We try to lie, but our mouths reveal, expose our evil hearts. (34)
 - Our deeds, words show good or evil hearts. Can’t but do so. (35)
 - Judgment awaits, based on our hearts, exposed by our words. (36, 37)
- **Are you still sincerely seeking?** Is it time to commit? Fence sitting is a “no.”
- **Have you smugly set Him aside?** Do you understand the price?
“Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important.” —**C. S. Lewis**
- **Giving Joshua the last word:** “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” (**Joshua 24:14-15 –ESV**)

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BELIEVE GOD’S TESTIMONY OF HIS SON

“Who is the one who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? Jesus Christ—he is the one who came by water and blood, not by water only, but by water and by blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water, and the blood—and these three are in agreement.

“If we accept human testimony, God’s testimony is greater, because it is God’s testimony that he has given about his Son. The one who believes in the Son of God has this testimony within himself. The one who does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony God has given about his Son.

“And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. The one who has the Son has life. The one who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I have written these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.” (**1 John 5:5-13 –CSB**)

Welcome, Guests! We are honored to have you with us. Please let us know how we can be of help. Also, please fill in an information card and put in the offering box.

Children are dismissed to classes after our shared time of worship. **We also have a nursery.** Infants are welcome in the service. Please be sensitive to the distraction those cute, squirmy ones can be. **Thank you.**

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