
ALLIANCE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

Pastor's Corner

Beloved of God, I have a question for you. Is your faith moralistic?

I am currently trying to finish up my masters degree in religion that has been started and stopped several times throughout the last seventeen years. (Only three semesters away from finishing). In one of a homiletics class (preaching), the comment was made that most

preachers tend to make their sermons moralistic. Meaning, they try to change the moral values of the people. This would lead to Christians holding good morals, voting for good things, and doing good acts.

You might think, isn't that the point? And there is an air of truth to it. James writes, "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. (James 1:27 [ESV])" Morals are a good thing, and the understanding of right and wrong, something our culture is lacking in spades these days, is a sign of good character, and a healthy society.

But are we simply called to be better humans? Does our pursuit of morality take the place of an active living relationship with the God of creation? Is being moral our goal, or is it being in the image of Christ? Anyone can be moral, the Christian and the Atheist, the Buddhist and the Muslim, the New Ager and the Aborigine. To be a good person is not that hard, you just have to be better than the next.

No, the call on the Christian's life is to have a transformation of not only our morals, but a transformation of desire. One can do moral things, for the purpose of one's own gratification or societal

"Jesus did not come into the world to make bad men good. He came into the world to make dead men live!"

- Leonard Ravenhill



Out-of Town Trip 2024

perks. The Christian is to move beyond good morals to the better treatment of one who hates us. The Christian is to pray for the persecutor. The Christian is to serve as the least, though they may be the best. The Christian is a recognizer of their weakness and praise God through the trials. Morals are a minor aspect in the Christian's walk, the larger calling is what Jesus calls us to in Matthew 16: 24b, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

We are to be moral yes, but that comes as a by-product of a life denied to follow Jesus, putting his desire above our own. It's the defining separation between the Christian and the world, and what will shine Christ's light through us to the world.

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[A Note From the Youth](#)

Hello everyone, I hope everything is going well with you all. Even in the midst of hardships and trials it is my prayer that the Lord has strengthened you and endured you. I am writing to let you know about the month of July, which from a Youth Group perspective, can be summed up with the phrase "Out-of-Town Missions Trip". We were blessed again to be able to help serve at the Arizona Eagle Creek Retreat. Though, this retreat is in its infancy, each of our teens will be able to one day look back in their early adult years and know that they were a part of something great and miraculous.

We had multiple things for them to do. Such as laying down concrete, building a cabin, cleaning certain territories for future work and list goes on and on. It was not easy but what ministry and mission is? The enemy definitely tried mightily in a numerous amount of ways to steal, kill and destroy as well as discourage (John 10:10, Luke 22:31, 1 Peter 5:8). But as always, the Lord prevailed and saw us through the difficulties (Isaiah 41:10). When see the enemy working that hard to cause division, lies, deceit and death, one thing we definitely can know is that the Lord is doing



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something big. When the enemy sends such extreme attacks it should encourage us to know that we are in the midst of Gods will(usually).

Psalm 23 states that “God sets the table before our enemies”. This is a preparation tool that God uses to strengthen us and endure us for the future attacks. It was a blessing to see things get done. The teens did a great job overall.

They are a very small percentage of teens across the world that are engaged in the Lords work. Most teens are inward focused and care only about themselves. Though, I am sure our teen’s wrestle with the same, by God’s grace they were there and they were serving. Please keep all of the Leaders in prayers, please keep all the teens in prayers, please keep Jeremiah and the family in prayers. From what I could see, the enemy does not want that place to flourish but we know he is fighting a losing battle.

In August, we will be having our final event. Though it is a much smaller event you can imagine it is big in the eyes of teenagers as it is our “Summer Half Nighter” aka “Water Half Nighter” The teens really love this event and are already looking forward to it. Thank you all, for your love, prayers and financial support. Please continue to help make these missions a reality

With great love and great appreciation,

Associate Pastor,

Tony Ajhar

Be In Prayer For....

- Our Country, our President, our



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National, State, and Local Representatives, Law Enforcement, Firefighters, Medical, & Military.

- The Church worldwide and persecuted Christians.
- Wars in Israel, Ukraine, and fighting in Africa. Pray for peace.
- Continue to pray for Milo's tumor, it has stayed the same.
- Pray for Codey, he is out of the hospital and walking with crutches.
- Megan who's doctors cannot find her root of illness.
- Brad and his heart.
- Praise Angel and Joey are doing better, but still need prayer.
- Shirley and her continued cancer battle.
- Yaokum Family going through hardships.
- Baby Girl's family situation.
- Southern Baptist Congregation as they look for a new pastor.
- Randy and Gallbladder.
- Pastor Tony and Gallbladder.
- PRAISE, Linda's foot is recovering.



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- David and pancreas.
- NY family and the loss of their son.
- Family who's struggling with their kids.
- Sally receiving hospice seeking to stabilize her.
- Steve Fisher passed away, pray for Linda & the family.
- The Town of Noxon with burned business.
- John and his cancer.
- Doug Haskins (Navajo missionary), continued improvement.
- William and his cancer.
- People to come to know Jesus through



everything going on.

- Praise God for the healing of Mike, be in pray for a home for him and Elaine.

Finally, please send in prayer requests through email or Postal.

Also, sign up for our Prayer Tree by calling Ken at (480) 501-1209



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Looking Towards the Future

One of the difficult things for any organization is the finances. God has graciously blessed us with several wonderful bookkeepers throughout my tenure as your pastor. Internally we've had Zee Still, Janet Morris, and Ruby Wolfer. We praise God for these women and their diligent work to aid us in being good stewards of the gifts God gives through everyone who gives financially to this ministry.

Recently we have had to look for a new bookkeeper and have chosen to hire an outside company to fill this role. In addition to this, we have had to change banks, due to the poor service we have experienced in the last several months. Please be in prayer for these transitions, because there's a lot of work that needs to go into it.



Also, when you arrive this winter season, you'll see a massive change in the foyer. I want to thank all of the volunteers who transformed it to a more open and inviting space. Also for those who donated the a TV to replace our bulletin boards, which will allow us to give more updated information from our missionaries and our church happenings.

God bless you all on your travels and I pray that I will see you soon, or on the that side of eternity.

In Christ's Grip, Jeremiah