

CPC THIS WEEK
THE E-NEWSLETTER OF CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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What's In Your Brain?

Over the last several weeks we've been looking at the "legs of the stool" regarding the greatest commandment – what it is to Love God! This Sunday we continue with loving God "with all our mind." To get us thinking along those lines I would like to use a verse from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

"Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things." –
Philippians 4:8

Every now and then, in an attempt to gain a different perspective on a translation, I will sometimes refer to a "paraphrased" rendering. Now I wouldn't recommend a paraphrase for doing serious study of biblical texts, but a paraphrase can be a helpful tool when reading the Bible. So with that in mind, let's take a look at the same verse from "*The Message*."

"Summing it all up, friends, I'd say you'll do best by filling your minds and meditating on things true, noble, reputable, authentic, compelling, gracious—the best, not the worst; the beautiful, not the ugly; things to praise, not things to curse."

Frankly, it doesn't matter if it's a reliable translation, paraphrase, or even the Greek text – this is a very convicting verse! Not unlike the commercial catchphrase - "What's in your wallet?" – a similar question could (should) be asked – "What's in your brain?" What do we think about? How does it shape the way we act – the way we live life? This particular verse comes in the final stream of Paul's encouragement to his family in Christ. He would say the same thing to us today.

Well, what DO we think about? What are the kinds of thoughts that navigate the seas of the cerebrum? Paul makes it very clear that our minds play a crucial role in how we live as Christians. All of us know how easy it is to slip into unwanted thoughts. How easy it is to fill our minds with "empty calories." That's why Paul pushes us to aggressively think on the things that Father thinks on; that Christ thinks on; that the Spirit thinks on. These are the "thinking things" in Philippians 4:8 that should search and settle in our minds. These are the things that should find expression in our answer to the question, "What's in your brain?" May the Mind of Christ direct our every thought!

"Think about these things"

CPC MINISTRY INFORMATION

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Title: "Always On My Mind"

Text: Mark 12:28-34

Pastor Bob Clark

SUNDAY SCHOOL – Sunday School resumes for all ages today. Our Adult classes are "*Living in Grace*" led by Elder Jim Roszell (Library) and "*Biblical Theology 101*" led by Pastor Bob Clark (Sanctuary).

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – There will be a brief congregational meeting Sunday, Feb 3, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting is to present the 2019 budget.

CPC NURSERY MINISTRY – The Nursery Training is being offered Saturday, Feb 9, at 9:15am (after men's prayer breakfast) and Tuesday, Feb 12, at 7pm. If you are currently serving in the Nursery Ministry or would like to know more about this ministry, it is important that you attend **ONE** of the training sessions. Please contact Nedra Clark at: nedraclark@msn.com or (765)277-3342 (text or call) or the church office to sign up for a training session.

WOMEN'S RESTROOM RENOVATION: Due to some delay in materials, the restroom will not be available for three weeks. However, the Family Restroom across the hall is available.

CPC CHOIR will meet on the following dates at 7pm: Feb 6 & 20.

SIERRA LEONE MISSION TRIP – We are collecting items for **Sierra Leone**. There are two "donation" suitcases in the foyer for Kid's Camp, School supplies and Office supplies for Makeni World Hope office; a list of needed items is on the table. If you sponsor children in Sierra Leone, you might think of giving things that will benefit all children (school supplies, Frisbees, jump rope, etc.), instead of something benefitting only one child.

YOUTH GROUP SKI TRIP is scheduled for Saturday, Feb 16. Please see Jeff Schrage for information.

LADIES NIGHT OUT – There will be a Ladies Movie & Games Night on Friday, Feb 22. The event will be held at the Kehlenbrink's: 1546 Idlewild Drive. Start time will be 6pm. Please bring your favorite appetizer or snack to share. Please RSVP to Laura by Wednesday, Feb 20, via text or call (765)277-1590. (Movie TBD by majority vote of those attending.)

SUNDAY CPC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

THIS WEEK, FEBRUARY 3

Worship Nursery: Lori Fowler, Connie Woods, Ada Fowler
Sunday School Nursery: Deb Gentry, Kari Harrington
Pre-K/K Children's Church: Ed & Kim Soots

NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 10

Worship Nursery: Arden Davis, Jane Robinson, Conner Miller
Sunday School Nursery: Judy Hall, Kathy Roszell
Pre-K/K Children's Church: Val Moore

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

This Week: Pat Bane, Beth Allen
Next Week: Judy Ford, Nedra Clark

WELCOME/GREETERS

This Week: Jesse & Melissa Owens
Next Week: Dan & Lori Staifer

DEACON ON DUTY

This Week: John Gentry
Next Week: Aaron Fredrick

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

February: Projection/Madeline Steinfort; Sound/Brian Todd
March: Projection/Sadie Steinfort; Sound/Jodi McKinney

SAVE THE DATE!

PASTA AND PERFORMANCE – You are cordially invited to our first talent show and spaghetti dinner fundraiser to support the Youth Ministry on Sunday, Feb 24, from 5- no later than 7:30pm. See Jeff for details.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Tuesday Morning Ladies' Bible Study, Old Testament Survey, 2 Samuel led by Pastor Bob Clark, meets in the church fireplace area from 8:30-10:00am.

COURAGE FOR THE CALL

When I first came into my role as coordinator of MTW, I was asked by the Committee on Mission to the World to focus on three key areas: diversity, globalization, and mobilization. My family and I had just returned from Southeast Asia, where we served as MTW missionaries for 10 years. Our new life in Atlanta and my new role as coordinator were very different from our life and ministry in Cambodia.

In the midst of these enormous personal changes, I was tasked with implementing big changes in our organization. It was a challenge. Yet, as I sought the Lord, I remembered the mandate He's given us to "Go and make disciples of all nations." We have a clear call. And it's our responsibility both individually and as an organization to be good stewards as we live out that call.

For many of us, the call is scary. It's difficult. It's full of changes and challenges that stretch us beyond our own abilities.

I have been reflecting on the book of Joshua, especially the first chapter where Joshua takes leadership after Moses. The refrain that is echoed is, "Be strong and courageous" (1:6,7,9). But how? The key is in the fact that this command is always connected to a promise of God's presence. Why is this important?

God does not tell Joshua, "Be strong and courageous because you're bigger, you're stronger, you're smarter than your enemies." No, the reason why Joshua is commanded to be strong and courageous is because God is with him. He will never leave or forsake him. In other words, Joshua is not to trust in his own abilities for courage and strength, but in the promises and presence of God.

As we read the book of Joshua, we quickly realize that the way God's people win battles is not through military might, intelligence, or skill, but by trusting in God, trusting that God is faithful to His promises, trusting that He will go before them and win the battle on their behalf. The way we can be strong and courageous in the face of rapid change and uncertainty is to live by faith—faith in the greater Joshua, Jesus, who has defeated our enemy and leads us into His heavenly promised land. We can be strong and courageous because by His Spirit, He is with us even to the end of the age (Matt. 28:20).

God invites us to participate in the redemption and renewal of His broken world: preaching the gospel of grace to the lost, bringing justice and mercy to the poor and oppressed, advancing the kingdom of God throughout the world. This is a big call that requires bold hope. For some, that call means going to the ends of the earth—to the slums of Ethiopia and the megacities of Asia, to refugee camps in Europe, and villages high in the Andes. For others, it means serving in our churches at home—sending, giving, equipping, and supporting. For all of us, it means seeking first God's kingdom and His righteousness—courageously.

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LLOYD KIM, REFLECTION Jan 24, 2019

<https://www.mtw.org/stories/details/courage-for-the-call>

SIERRA LEONE MINISTRY

We are collecting items for Sierra Leone:

Supplies for Kids' Camp:

Soccer balls (deflated)
Hard candy (Dum Dums)
Markers
Colored construction paper
Stickers
Balloons
Frisbees
Colored markers
Scotch tape

School supplies:

Spiral notebooks
Pencils
Chalk

Office Supplies for WHI Makeni Office:

First Aid Kits
Thumb drives
Copier paper
Pencils and pens

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CONGRATULATIONS!!!

February Birthdays!

1	Ed Gallo	14	Bill Kehlenbrink
4	Mindy Deckard	18	Michael Gifford
4	Tom Deckard	18	Ruth Williamson
8	Jane Robinson	20	Kim Gray
9	Mike Luker	21	Olivia Pfeil
11	Kim Pratt	22	Diane Angilella
12	Jon Pfeil	23	Samantha Schrage
13	Kayla Esposito		

February Anniversaries!

17 John & Debbie Gentry

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Winter Farmers Market

Richmond Senior Community Center
1600 South 2nd Street, Richmond, IN 47374
Saturdays: 10 am to 1 pm

Event Details: Find local products EVERY week from 100% certified local farmers and vendors. Produce, meat, eggs, baked goods, jams and jellies, candles, soaps, jewelry, fine art, and so much more!

Richmond Symphony Orchestra: Romantic Masterpieces (Central Europe)

Civic Hall Performing Arts Center
380 Hub Etchison Pkwy
Richmond, IN 47374
765.966.5181
Saturday, February 2: 7:30 to 9:15pm

Beethoven's great "Pastoral" Symphony No. 6 opens this masterworks concert, and cellist Andres Diaz returns to play the great Schumann Cello Concerto. Featured in between is a world premiere by American composer Alyssa Morris.

Single ticket purchase prices: \$10 Student; \$20 Concert Ticket; \$25 Concert Box Seat
<https://richmondsymphony.org/>

Paint The Towne: Mommy and Me

411 North 8th Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765.488.2163
Saturday, February 2: 12pm to 1pm

Come on out to a special event for "Mommy and Me." Mothers (or any adult female) and their child (male or female) get to make a project together! The child will be supervised while painting four of his/her own coasters, while the adults go into the back and learn to use power tools to build a coaster holder! Adults will use a miter saw, drill, and router to build this project! Cost is \$45 and includes 4 coasters and a coaster holder.

<https://visitrichmond.org/visitors/events-festivals/mommy-and-me>

Morrisson Reeves Library: Friends of MRL Book Sale

80 N 6th Street
Richmond, IN 47374
765.966.8291

Saturday, February 9 from 10am - 2pm

Book Sale Open to the Public: 8,000 items for sale. Most items are \$1 or less! Cash or check accepted. No Credit Cards. Contact: lahmann@mrlinfo.org for details.