

CPC THIS WEEK
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February 15, 2019

“Will You Still Love Me Tomorrow?”

It's Valentine's Day! However, by the time you see this Valentine's Day will be yesterday. But since it is Valentine's Day it's probably a good idea to think about love. But not just any love – God's love.

I'm a product of the late 60's and early 70's. And while a lot was happening musically during those years something came along that caught folks a little off-guard. For lack of a better phrase, let's call it “soft rock” - or, perhaps, an era of rock-ballads. Of those who introduced us to this more acoustical side of rock, none are better known than James Taylor and Carole King. The song, used as the title to this week's installment is best remembered as a King/Taylor duet. It was written by King at age 17 and was one of the anchor songs on her first LP – “Tapestry.” But that's not where I heard it first. That occasion was during a concert at Cincinnati's Music Hall in 1970. She was the opening act for James Taylor. And, as I recall, after playing almost every cut off the Tapestry album, JT had to practically pull her away from the piano and audience that night - I think the earth really did move under our feet!

In the song mentioned, Carole King asks a heart-wrenching question – “Will you still love me tomorrow? Some of us, maybe many of us, have been in situations where that song hits a little too close to home – regrettably. Even worse, perhaps there have been those times when we may have even asked – for a variety of reasons – that same question of God. God, will you still love me tomorrow?

Let's talk for a minute about that last question. When the ransomed child of God asks the question, “Will you still love me tomorrow?” the Bible provides an unequivocal, unmistakable, unambiguous, undeniable answer. YES, God WILL STILL LOVE YOU TOMORROW!! And the day after that, and the day after that – all the way into heaven.

*31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?
32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? 33 Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.
35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? 36 As it is written,
“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”
37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

– Romans 8:31-39

Happy FOREVER Valentine's Day,

CPC MINISTRY INFORMATION

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Title: “Won’t You Be My Neighbor?”

Text: Mark 12:28-34

Pastor Bob Clark

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

WOMEN’S RESTROOM RENOVATION – The restroom will not be available this week. However, the Family Restroom across the hall is available. We apologize for the inconvenience and appreciate your patience.

KENYA TEACHING TRIP – Pastor Bob is returning to Thika, Kenya, Feb 21 – Mar 1, for another ITEM sponsored teaching trip. If you would like more information about his trip or would like to contribute toward trip please see Bob.

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- till no later than 7:30 p.m. See Jeff for details.

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 Dr. 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.)

TUESDAY MORNING LADIES’ STUDY – The current study 2 Samuel has concluded. If you would like to join us for 1 Kings there will be a “join us” review study this Tuesday, February 19. We’ll begin 1 Kings after Pastor Bob returns from Kenya, March 5. We meet at the church fireplace area from 8:30-10:00am. Please see Pastor Bob for more details.

A MOVIE OPPORTUNITY – We have decided to show “GOSNELL – The Trial of America’s Biggest Serial Killer” at CPC. The movie chronicles the activities of the inner-city abortion clinic in Philadelphia that led to Dr. Gosnell’s trial in 2010. Because of the topic and some language, the movie is rated, appropriately, PG-13. We would encourage parents to consider that regarding their youth; even those 13 or older. We plan to show the movie on two evenings. The first presentation will be next Tuesday, Feb 26 at 7 pm in the church lobby. We will have second presentation in March, TBD. Given the recent developments in our nation surrounding abortion, we believe this will be beneficial for those promoting the sanctity of life.

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE – SING! Books from the most recent Getty Sponsored “Sing Conference” are available at the Welcome Counter for \$5 each. Authors, songwriters, and worship leaders Keith and Kristyn Getty write to church members to remind them why the Church should sing, when the Church should sing, and how the Church should sing.

SUNDAY CPC VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

THIS WEEK, FEBRUARY 17

Worship Nursery: Laura Wood, Aaron Fredrick, Karissa Owens
Sunday School Nursery: Colleen Martin, Jesse Owens
Pre-K/K Children's Church: Emily Fredrick

NEXT WEEK, FEBRUARY 24

Worship Nursery: Val Moore, Becca McClain, Nedra Clark
Sunday School Nursery: Shannon Schrage, LaTonya Todd
Pre-K/K Children's Church: Lori Staifer

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

This Week: Melissa Owens, Laura Kehlenbrink
Next Week: Pat James, Rebecca Adcock, Sara Rhodes

WELCOME/GREETERS

This Week: Mark Harrington, Pat James
Next Week: Jon & Judy Ford

DEACON ON DUTY

This Week: Doug Miller
Next Week: Les Hunt

WORSHIP ASSISTANCE

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

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.

Thursday Evening Bible Study led by Maureen Bradley from 6:30-7:30pm at the Church Office.

THE CHURCH IN THE WORLD

Praise and Prayer Requests Around the World

8 For we do not want you to be unaware, brothers, of the affliction we experienced in Asia. For we were so utterly burdened beyond our strength that we despaired of life itself. 9 Indeed, we felt that we had received the sentence of death. But that was to make us rely not on ourselves but on God who raises the dead. 10 He delivered us from such a deadly peril, and he will deliver us. On him we have set our hope that he will deliver us again. 11 You also must help us by prayer, so that many will give thanks on our behalf for the blessing granted us through the prayers of many.
2 Corinthians 1:8-11

February 7, 2019| Cuba - **Government Restricts Bible Imports as Need Grows**

As the government tightens its control of religious life in Cuba, Christians there expect it to become more difficult to get Bibles into the country. And the need for Bibles continues to increase as more people come to Christ through the faithful witness of the local church. Over the years, believers have gotten Bibles into Cuba by boat, by individual hand delivery and by government-approved shipments. This year, however, the government has stopped one of the ways Bibles were being imported, so fewer Bibles will be available. Please pray for new, creative ways of getting Bibles to Cuban Christians, and pray for all believers there as they face tightening government restrictions.

February 14, 2019| China - **Pastor Wang's Attorney Denied Visiting Privileges**

The Early Rain Covenant Church has faced ongoing persecution in the past year, including the arrest of one of its pastors, Wang Yi. While many in the congregation have been arrested and then released the following day, Pastor Wang and 19 others continue to be held in secret jail cells. When Pastor Wang's attorney, Zhang Peihong, tried to find his client earlier this month, he was told to wait 48 hours for a response from Chengdu Prison. While waiting, the attorney met with Pastor Wang's mother in a park and prayed with her before leaving. He was then arrested and detained for six hours on charges of "participating in religious activities in a public space." Zhang returned to the Chengdu Prison after the prescribed 48 hours but was told that he could not meet with his client. He said that although authorities would not confirm his suspicion, he is confident that Pastor Wang is being held in Chengdu. Continue to pray for Pastor Wang and other members of the Early Rain Covenant Church. It is believed that the 20 church members in criminal detention may soon face formal charges.

February 07, 2019| Turkey – **Praise God for His Work in Turkey**

God is at work in Turkey. At one Turkish church on Christmas day, a woman who had attended a previous service told the pastor she wanted to give her life to Jesus. The woman had visited the church after losing a child to cancer, and church members had shared the gospel with her, given her a New Testament and prayed with her. "As soon as I began reading the New Testament and praying, my spirit began to experience peace," she said. On the same day, three other people asked to begin lessons on what Christianity is all about. In addition, a pastor had the opportunity to share the gospel in a newspaper story, after a reporter asked him to explain Christmas, Santa Claus and Christmas trees. "I was able to share with him what is most important," the pastor said, "the gospel!" Thank God for His work in Turkey.

Voice of the Martyrs - <https://www.icommittoprayer.com/requests/>

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!

Civil Rights Film Series: Slavery By Another Name

Levi & Catharine Coffin State Historic Site
201 U.S. 27 North
Fountain City, IN 47341
765.847.1691

Saturday, February 16 from 5 – 7pm

Sometimes the work of hundreds can have an impact on thousands. In 1961, 400 black and white Americans joined forces to protest the Jim Crow laws of Southern states with the goal to integrate the interstate bus system using non-violent tactics....

<https://www.indianamuseum.org/levi-and-catharine-coffin-state-historic-site>

Tickets: Adult \$10; Senior \$8; Youth \$5; Children Under 3 Free Admission
**Senior: Ages 60 and older, Youth: Ages 3 through 17*