

October

Newsletter of Peace Memorial EPC

From the Pastor...

Enjoy the Blessing

Series Episode 10
“Self-Control”

Dear Friends,

This month’s blessing of the faith is a very unpopular one in our culture. “Self-Control.” At first blush it may seem that our self-absorbed culture would love this one- after all, the word “self” is right there at the start. When considering “control”, who better to have that than self? In fact, to the uninformed, self-control could express a mindset of hostility toward God. In that sense, if self-control is about determining our own path, then the world very much values this term, though Self-Control that celebrates self and rejects faith is an empty virtue that leads to suffering. But there is a deeper meaning to this term that is revealed by God, and to those who recognize Him as Lord, this term is a blessing that leads to life. Let’s look at it more closely.

I: What is Self-Control?

Certainly, as we approach the concept of Self-Control, we do so in the context of faith in Jesus. Self-Control on its own is dependent upon what guides that control. And in the context of the faith, Paul makes an important point about this discipline: **“...the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.”** - 2 Timothy 1:7

IN other words, through faith in Jesus as savior and Lord- the Holy Spirit Himself dwells in us and He gives us strength in the form of – power, love and self-discipline. Self-Discipline is understood to be the Spirit-empowered will and ability to live in a manner that gives thanks and honor to God.

A worldly context for self-control might be- “do what makes you feel good”, or “do what WE tell you is right.” (we being whatever worldly voice is demanding your attention, devotion, time and money). But with Christian Self-Control, the grace of God **“teaches us to say ‘No’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.”** -Titus 2:11-12

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With the discipline of self-control we are not blown about by every philosophy but instead we put into practice the teachings of the faith. We discern truth from falsehood, we apply wisdom by putting it into action- or inaction. We direct our actions toward godliness and resist the temptation to “ungodliness and worldly passions.”

In a nutshell, self-control is the discipline of guiding the ship of our lives along a God-appointed heading.

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II: How can NOT pursuing pleasure be a blessing?

This is a point where a non-Biblical worldview will struggle to understand us. How can saying “no” to the pleasures of the world be a blessing? Worldly wisdom would denounce us as fools for denying ourselves pleasure or the pursuit of happiness. “Be true to yourself”, Follow your dreams,” “You do you!” “speak your truth” are all expressions of this worldly wisdom that are speaking loud today in our culture. If we are not careful in our discernment, we can easily become caught up in this philosophy. But make no mistake- these “virtues” are empty, faithless and lead to suffering. Just remember and important reality:

“...do you not know that friendship with the world is hostility toward God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.” -James 4:4

“Do not love the world nor the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes and the boastful pride of life, is not from the Father, but is from the world.” -1 John 2:15-16

For clarity- both of these texts refer to the love of the lusts of the flesh- the pursuit of pleasure, the seeking of power, or the honor of men, the love of money, NOT love of others. Clearly not- “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him would not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). The contexts of these verses make the distinction very clear. God loves people, He loves His created order, and we are called to love our neighbors and even our enemies, and care for the created order, but NOT the philosophies and the “offerings” of this world.

And in terms of how self-control can be a blessing- it’s as simple as this: Following God is good, beautiful, and yields contentment and joy.

**Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and He will make straight your paths.
Be not wise in your own eyes;
fear the Lord, and turn away from evil.
It will be healing to your flesh
and refreshment to your bones.
Honor the Lord with your wealth
and with the firstfruits of all your produce;
then your barns will be filled with plenty,
and your vats will be bursting with wine.
-Proverbs 3:5-10**

Self-Control, aligning your thoughts, words and actions with God’s ways as revealed in Scripture, brings blessings of clarity (He will make your paths straight), healing, refreshment, and plenty.

I invite you to look forward to each day as an opportunity to fulfill this text from Proverbs 3. Every day we will face situations in which we may choose to acknowledge the Lord- to turn from evil and trust in God’s Word instead of the temptations of the world. Each day we have moments where we can say “no” to wrong paths and “yes” to the footsteps of Christ.

Just remember: **“This God—His way is perfect; the Word of the LORD proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in Him.” - Psalm 18:30**

May the Lord bless you richly as you demonstrate your faith through self-control.

Thank You Holy Spirit for such a great gift.

In Christ,

Pastor Aaron

Rummage & Bake Sale

To sell off remainder of items from previous sale

SATURDAY OCTOBER 8TH

This rummage sale
is to help sell off all of the remaining items
from the previous sale

NO NEW DONATIONS ARE NEEDED
OR DESIRED.

Setup will be on Friday October 7th
beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Vicki Zeller

October Birthdays

1st Aaron Beaty
 8th Scott Dickson
 17th Marjorie Divine
 27th Landon Beaty
 31st Betty Shaw

October Anniversaries

6th Al & Judy Burman
 18th James & Noreen Breen

Stewardship & Finance Committee

August 2022

Here is our monthly update on finance:

Operating Income:.....	\$9,840.00
Operating Expenses:.....	<u>\$9,580.47</u>
Monthly Net:.....	\$ 259.53
YTD /Net:.....	(\$ 5,082.70)
Checking 8/31/22:.....	\$54,905.27
Money Market 8/31/22:	\$63,198.50

Hi Friends,

Expenses in August beyond regular operations were quarterly Presbytery & GA askings, world missions, and pulpit supply.

Happy Autumn everyone! I for one, am enjoying the cooler nights these days. It's getting closer to budget time and the stewardship drive, so please be thinking about your giving plans for next year. Also, if you have any questions, suggestions, or comments for the budget, please talk to the committee chair for that area, or I am happy to try and answer any questions you may have.

Many Blessings! *Kathy Todd*

MISSION MEMO

As many of you know, when the recent Supreme Court decision was leaked back in May, pregnancy resource centers (often referred to as "crisis pregnancy centers") were attacked and vandalized. The physical attacks on centers, churches and their staff seems to have tapered off, but are being replaced with verbal attacks from some very powerful people. At a recent meeting of state attorneys, our Vice President said, regarding the issuing of "consumer advisory warnings" by many of the AGs, "You are taking on rightly, the crisis pregnancy centers, launching public education campaigns, And in the midst of the vast amount of confusion, the need of you as the truth tellers to sort out fiction from fact and combat misinformation and disinformation, which we all know often creates a situation that is ripe for predatory practice."

I'm not a state attorney general, but to help out, I can be a "truth teller." So here's the truth about what our local Pregnancy Hope Center provides:

- Pregnancy Testing by a Licensed Nurse
- Limited OB Ultrasound (Onsite)*
- Prenatal Vitamins
- Pregnancy Options Information
- Pregnancy & Parenting Group Classes
- Abortion Information (do not perform or refer for abortion)
- Adoption Agency Referrals
- Adoption Information
- Maternity & Infant Supplies
- Medical Referrals
- Post-Abortion Support
- STD/STI Information
- Referrals for Car Seats, Prenatal Care Management
- Father outreach

Another truth about PHC: Our Center receives NO government funding (unless you count donations being tax-deductible as "government funding"). The Center is funded wholly by donations from individuals and private foundations. All those little baby bottles full of coins, cash and checks you returned in June? That's where it goes. The Center does have other fundraising events, such as the Dirty Pelican Run and the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program.

One of their other fund-raisers is the **Dessert Fundraiser**. This year the event is **Thursday, Oct. 27, from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the OIT Student Union**. Denisha Workizer, who survived both a chemical abortion attempt AND a DNC abortion attempt, will be the featured speaker. Peace Memorial is hosting a table for seven people, and we're making a donation to PHC on the church's behalf, so don't think you must make a donation to attend. The sign-up sheet is on the table at the back of the sanctuary and we do have a few seats left.

THE PMWVG BAZAAR IS FAST APPROACHING!

November 12th is the day for the Peace Memorial Women's Missionary Group's Annual Fall Bazaar. We'll laden the tables in the Fellowship Hall with homemade goodies and handcrafted treasures. The "Christmas Village" in the Fireside Room will offer gently-used gifts and Christmas supplies. If you can, or crochet, bake, or knit, make candies, or quilt table runners, whatever your "specialty," please contribute to our bazaar so we can turn around and give the proceeds away where needed.

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

4TH Wednesday of the month @ 12:30 in the Fireside Room



The Women's Missionary Group has settled on "His Last Words" what Jesus taught and prayed in His last hours, by Kim Erickson. It impacts the importance of Jesus's last words of eternal life, powerful and full of love. If you've been longing for more intimacy in your relationship with God, more meaning in your life and more boldness in your witness, "His Last Words" will draw you into what you need: The Word of God. Ladies, if you are interested, join our Ladies Bible Study on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Veronica Rhoades



Bible Discovery

Women's Bible Study

Every other Thursday 1:30

@ Laura Brassers House

(Call the Church office for details and location (541) 884-5057)

BEGINS OCTOBER 6TH

Small Groups registration!

New Small Groups are starting up in October! They are weekly times where we get together, share life with one another, pray and then discuss some points from the previous week's sermon. Since mutual support and sermon discussion will be our topics, these groups require minimal preparation (maybe 20 minutes to review some of the question). The focus of the groups will be deepening Christian fellowship and I encourage everyone to sign up for one this fall.

Small groups will run from October to mid-December (first Quarter). The second quarter of Small groups will then run for 10 weeks starting in January. A third Quarter of small groups will start up in February and go to mid June. Then we will take the summer off.

The breaks in-between small groups allows you to commit to smaller, more manageable times and then during the breaks, you can either change small groups, stay with the one you are in, or take a break.

Registration for small groups will begin on September 11th with an overview of which groups are available and when they will be meeting initially (groups can fine-tune their meeting times once they gather). Registration will then continue for two weeks before the groups begin to meet the first week of October.

On September 11th, after the worship service, pastor Aaron will be holding an informational meeting for anyone who has questions about our small group ministry, why it is so important and also why there seems to be a sense of urgency about this program. You are encouraged to read the article on Sermon-Based Small Groups from the August newsletter for a more in-depth look at this ministry in preparation for that Q&A time. (see August News Letter p. 8-10)

May the Lord bless us with deep Christian Fellowship. See you in Small Group!





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"Give thanks in every
circumstance, for this
is God's will for you
in Christ Jesus."

-1 Thessalonians 5:18

Sermons for October:

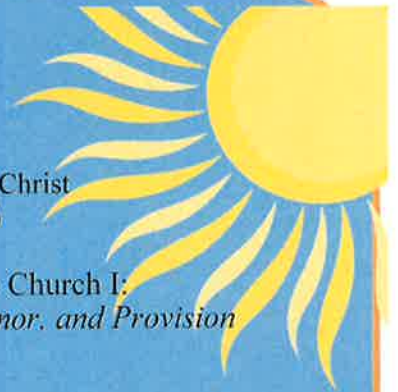
10/2 - A Good Servant of Christ
I Timothy 4:6-16

10/9 - Instructions to the Church I:
On Humility, Honor, and Provision
I Timothy 5:1-8

10/16 - Instructions to the Church II:
On Widows and Boundaries
I Timothy 5:9-16

10/23 - Instructions to the Church III:
On Elders and Corrective Discipline
I Timothy 5:17-20

10/30 - (Reformation Sunday)
Instructions to the Church IV:
On General Discipline
I Timothy 6:2



SESSION



DEACONS

Susan Orton— Chair
Paul King— Vice Chair
Jocelyn Shellito
Vicki Zeller
Bertra Bratton

*The Deacons meet the third
Sunday of each month
following worship.*



TRUSTEES

Pastor Aaron Beaty-	Moderator
Noreen Rhoades-	Clerk/ Discipleship
Kathy Todd-	Finance & Stewardship
Bob Wincentzen-	Discipleship
Geri Coker-	Mission and Outreach
Jim Zeller-	Building and Grounds
Betty Shaw-	Worship
Stephen Goode-	Building and Grounds

Harold Heaton
Stephen Goode
Sharron Goode
Sharon Haddock

Session is taking off the month of July.

*They meet the 2nd Monday of each
month from 1-3PM*