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Mark Your Calendar

All Month

New Members Class

2.5

2nd payment Jonah trip due

2.7

Pastor English's Birthday

2.8

Battlefield of the Mind Bible Study Call

2.12

Pastor Adgerson's Birthday

Doing Good and Loving it! by Pastor Adgerson

The church's foundational scripture is Galatians 6:10: "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all men, especially the household of faith." Sounds good, doesn't it. The difficulty is in the "ALL MEN" part because all means all. We are required to do all regardless of whether the man is red, yellow, black, white, good, bad, ugly, saved, or unsaved. The word "men" in this scripture refers to mankind, not a specific gender.

This scripture seeks to prohibit Christians from disrespecting or demeaning anyone. Plainly stated, we are commanded to treat people well. This does not refer to the worldly standard of good which is to give a fake smile while

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harboring evil intent in your heart. This speaks to a Godly standard of good. This standard was modeled by our Lord, Jesus Christ. He never returned evil for evil, but always returned good for evil. How many of us would have chosen to do good unto Judas? Many of us would have refused to treat him according to the worldly standard of good knowing that he was a thief, a liar, and a double-crosser. However, Jesus treated Him with the same loving kindness He treated the other disciples.

You are probably thinking about what Jesus got in return for all of His goodness: two nails, a cross and a borrowed grave. While this is true, He also received the approval of His Father. He lived His life in complete obedience to God. Because of His obedience, Jesus received a name above every other name and was raised from the dead. He will taste death no more.

Jesus' obedience afforded us the opportunity to have eternal life through His substitutionary death. Christ was born to die in our place. We have been born again to live life and to live it more abundantly. We have been born again to live as Christ did, doing good to all men, so that they may see our good works and glorify our Father in heaven. Our good works will cause men to ask, "What must I do to be saved?" This is a scripture that must be hidden in your heart (memorized) so you will not sin against God in this respect. Be the light of the world He has called us to be by doing good unto all. Shine baby shine.

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opportunity, let us do
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Member's Corner



What do you do for a living?

I am an Electrical Engineer with NAVSEA Surface Warfare Center Philly Division in the Research Department.

What are your hobbies?

My hobbies include watching movies especially horror, writing poetry, reading and cooking.

What have you found most rewarding about being a member of GWCC?

Most rewarding part of being a member of GWCC is the family I've gained.

What advice would you give a new Christian?

I would advise a new Christian to enjoy the experience. It's a great learning experience because no two people's experience is the same. Just as we all learn differently, the Lord teaches us about ourselves differently. The fun is in learning how He will teach you. So, just enjoy and appreciate the journey.

This month, we shine the spotlight on our beloved sister, Angel Boodoo. Angel has been a blessing to us as she uses her gifts to assist wherever she is needed. Her warm smile and generous spirit are a welcomed addition to our congregation.

Who introduced you to Christ?

My mother and aunt introduced me to Christ.

When did you join GWCC?

I joined GWCC in 2011.

What ministries do you participate in?

I participate in the Hospitality ministry.

Recipe Corner: Balsamic Glazed Chicken

INGREDIENTS

1/2 c. balsamic vinegar
2 tbsp. honey
1 1/2 tbsp. whole-grain mustard
3 cloves garlic, minced
kosher salt
Freshly ground black pepper
4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs
2 c. baby red potatoes, halved (quartered if large)
1 tbsp. chopped fresh rosemary
2 tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
3-4 rosemary sprigs, for skillet

DIRECTIONS

Preheat oven to 425 degrees F. In a large bowl, combine balsamic, honey, mustard, and garlic and season with salt and pepper. Whisk until combined. Add chicken thighs and toss until fully coated, then transfer to the fridge to marinate at least 20 minutes and up to 1 hour.

Meanwhile, prep potatoes: In a medium bowl, add potatoes and rosemary and season with salt and pepper. Add 1 tablespoon olive oil and toss until combined. Set aside.

In a large skillet over medium-high heat, heat remaining tablespoon oil. Add chicken and marinade and sear, skin side down, 2 minutes, then flip and sear 2 minutes more. Add potatoes to skillet, nestling them between chicken, and rosemary sprigs.

Transfer to the oven and bake until potatoes are tender and chicken is cooked through, 20 minutes. (If potatoes need longer to cook, transfer chicken to a cutting board to rest and continue cooking until tender.)

Serve chicken and potatoes with pan drippings

God's Little Devotional

Patience is the ability to keep your motor idling when you feel like stripping your gears.

An old train on a train line was puffing and creaking slowly through the countryside when suddenly it lurched to a stop. The only passenger in the three-car train rose quickly to his feet and hurried to find the conductor. "Why have we stopped?" he demanded. "I'm a salesman, and I have an appointment in less than an hour in the next town. Surely this old train can make it through a pasture!"

The conductor smiled, "Nothing to worry about sir. Just a cow on the tracks. Gotta wait her out." The salesman returned to his seat, fuming and fidgeting until the train began to creep forward again after about ten minutes. It chugged

along for a mile or two and then ground to a halt once again.

This time the conductor found the salesman. "Don't worry," he said. "We'll be on our way shortly. It's just a temporary delay." The exasperated salesman asked, "What now? Did we catch up to the cow again?"

What the salesman didn't know was that the schedule for this particular train had been made so as to allow for temporary delays and cows on the track! The salesman made his appointment, but he was worn to a frazzle by his own frustration and concern. Allow for delays. You'll enjoy life's journey more.

He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city.
Proverbs 16:32

Weekly Activities

Conference Number: 712-775-7031 Access Code: 443-268-839

Morning Prayer Conference Call

Daily 7:00AM

Men's Bible Study Conference Call

Tuesday 7:00-8:00pm

Weekly Bible Study Conference Call

Wednesday 7:00-8:00p

Conference Number: 857-232-0158 Access Code 262390

Women's Bible Study Conference Call

Monday 7:30-8:30pm