Christians Beware!

In 1 John chapter 2, the apostle John turns his attention from ‘tests’ … to determine whether one is saved … to ‘encouragement’ … to continue growing once we are saved.

The Bible very clearly teaches that the goal of Christ’s coming is not merely to bring people to salvation, but also to bring them into full maturity. In Hebrews 6:1 (NLT) we read, “So let us stop going over the basic teachings about Christ again and again. Let us go on instead and become mature in our understanding …”

There are three things that John wants to reinforce with his reader, there is: something to remember, something to resist, and reasons to resist.

I. Remember To Grow
(1 John 2:12-14)
“I write to you, dear children, because your sins have been forgiven on account of His name. I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you have overcome the evil one. I write to you, dear children, because you have known the Father. I write to you, fathers, because you have known Him who is from the beginning. I write to you, young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God lives in you, and you have overcome the evil one.”

John begins by talking to three different groups of individuals: little children, young men and fathers. The question is: Are these words directed to 3-age groups or is John talking about 3-stages of spiritual growth? I believe that it is the latter. These categories have nothing to do with age or gender. It is possible for someone to be 60 or even 70-years of age and still be spiritually a child; and it is possible for a female to be a “father” in the sense of being spiritually mature.

I believe that the 3-groups are:
Spiritual Infancy — “little children” — referring to one who has just been born. It’s great to have spiritual children around, but we don’t want them to remain children. Our goal for children both physically and spiritually is for them to grow up. Here John says that all believers no matter where they are in their journey of spiritual growth have been forgiven of all their sins.

Spiritual Adolescence — “young men” — used in a generic sense to mean both young men and young women. John is speaking to those whose theology is pretty much in place and who have a mature love for the truth.

Spiritual Maturity — “fathers” — speaks of a level of maturity at which believers do not merely understand doctrine intellectually, but they have come to know it from experience. These are believers who have been through the fire and come out still trusting in God’s goodness and grace.

John wants his readers at whatever stage in the Christian life, to consider what God has done for them. What John is saying is:

- To the new believers – remember that your sins are forgiven and you know God; knowing that God has forgiven all your sins and that He is your Heavenly Father is foundational to your spiritual life.
- To the growing believer – you are learning to live in victory over temptation; continue to take in the Word and grow strong.
- To the mature believer – you have come to a point in your walk that you realize it is all about simply knowing God.

Wherever you are in your Christian walk, God wants you to be encouraged and continue to grow more. The only way that a believer can progress from

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President’s Corner

Chaplain Ken asked me if I had started my article for this issue of our newsletter. I replied “No.” He then asked if I had a subject, and I again replied “No.” He went on to suggest “remembrance” … which is so timely especially since our congregation will have a number of remembrances during this timeframe. Not to forget as well that we are uniquely the place “where the veteran is remembered.”

When evil attacked our country on September 11, 2001 it changed our country is many ways. We have called on the Lord for help and healing, and the Lord has looked favorably upon our prayers … as we have not since experienced an attack of that magnitude since 9/11. We continue to pray for those whose loved ones were lost and the heroes who stilled further evil and those heroes who gave their lives so others could live. We will remember on Sunday, September 10, 2017.

POW/MIA Sunday is September 17, 2017 at our Chapel. We feel sadness for those families that do not know if their lost soldier is okay, alive, hurt or suffering. They are forced to wait, watch and listen. It is that unknowing feeling and each day’s anticipation that would be so hard to take. Just weeks ago there was a newspaper article about a WW2 widow of a fallen soldier missing in action. At age 94, she finally was notified her husband had been identified and his remains will be returned home. All these 70+ years she pined for her husband to be home and wanted to see his casket before she died. She said “we tried so hard and for so long.”

October 1, 2017 is World Wide Communion Sunday. Here, again, we remember — we are all one in Christ. The early church (as today) stands for all who were baptized in Christ. Jew, gentle, slave, free, male or female, we were and are all one in Christ. Our strength is in our oneness. Through our lives the world will see the love and grace of Jesus Christ. Living as Christ would like us to live is a great way to witness for Christ to the rest of the world. Holy Communion is a vital element for Christians worldwide and this holy sacrament is part and parcel of our Chapel.

Many passages in the Bible speak to remembrance, one of these is Luke 22:19. And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying “this is My body given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”

I hope you will join us for this season of remembrances.

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spiritual infancy → to adolescence → to maturity is through the transforming application of the Word of God in their lives.

II. Resist the Lure of this World
(1 John 2:15-16)
John now moves to a word of exhortation, beginning with a command, "Do not love the world or anything in the world." The verb is present tense so it could be translated "Stop loving the world" or "Don’t go on loving the world." How is it that John tells us that God loves the world (St. John 3:16), yet here we are challenged not to love the world. The answer is found in the fact that the New Testament word "world" has at least three different meanings:

1. It sometimes means the physical world, the earth (Acts 17:24). In this sense of the word Christians are to be thankful for the world and take care of it as God's gift.

2. It also means the world of humans, mankind. It is in this sense that we are to understand its use in John 3:16 which reads "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." When the word is used in this sense Christians are to love the world and seek to evangelize it, because God loves humankind.

3. But it can also be used in the sense of world system. We use the word in that sense when we talk about the world of sports, the world of finance, or the world of politics, etc. It's not that there is a separate world in the physical sense, but that it is an organized system, made up of its own activities, purposes and system of values. What John is saying is that the world has its own system of values and we must not be fooled; the world is seriously hostile to the Kingdom of God. When the word "world" is used in this sense, the Christian is to reject the world and conduct their lives according to a completely different set of values.

A Christian is, of necessity, a member of the human world, and he lives in the physical world; but he is to find his values in the spiritual world system. It is always our tendency to love the world. There are two choices that stand before everyone ... even in the church: either we love the Father or we love the world.

There is a 3-fold description (vs. 15b-16) of what John sees as the pressure that this world exerts upon anyone who tries to live for God: the lust of the flesh (physical pressure), the lust of the eyes (mental pressure) and the pride of life (spiritual pressure). Each of these in its own way appeals to the normal appetites and tempts one to satisfy them in forbidden ways.

Lust of the flesh - Paul gives us an idea of what the "flesh" is all about in Galatians 5:19-21 (NLT) - "When you follow the desires of your sinful nature, the results are very clear: sexual immorality, impurity, lustful pleasures, idolatry, sorcery, hatred, drunkenness, wild parties, and other sins like these. Let me tell you again, as I have before, that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the Kingdom of God." This refers to any way in which we take good nature desires to an extreme. John has in mind any desire ... sinful or otherwise ... that draws us away from God or at least makes continuing fellowship with Him impossible.

Lust of the eyes - It is the greedy, craving that wants whatever it sees. While lust of the flesh and the lust of the eyes both deal with desire to have what you do not presently have, the pride of life refers to sinful pride over what you do have.

Pride of life - This is pride in what one has or does; it's a pride which leads to over-confidence that makes one lose any notion that they are dependent on God. One example of these senses being a gateway to sin is seen in the life of Eve as recorded in Genesis 3:1-6, "Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, ‘You shall not eat of every tree of the garden’?" And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, ‘You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.’" Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, (lust of the flesh) that it was pleasant to the eyes, (lust of the eyes) and a tree desirable to make one wise, (pride of life) she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate." In this biblical account we see each of the 3-different plays this world exerts upon anyone who tries to live for God.

We see these same three in the temptation of Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11), Satan said, "command that these stones (Continued ... on page four)
become bread” (4:3) (lust of the flesh); then Satan “showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory” (4:8) (lust of the eyes); and finally Satan offered “all these things I will give you” (4:9) (pride of life).

Worldliness is the lust of the flesh (a passion for sensual satisfaction), the lust of the eyes (an inordinate desire for the finer things of life), and the pride of life (self-satisfaction in who we are, what we have, and what we have done). Worldliness, then, is a preoccupation with ease and affluence. It elevates creature comfort to the point of idolatry; large salaries and comfortable life-styles become necessities of life. Worldliness is reading magazines about people who live the life-styles of the rich and famous ... and wanting to be like them. But more importantly, worldliness is simply pride and selfishness in disguise. It’s being resentful when someone snubs us or patronizes us or shows off. It means smirking under every slight, challenging every word spoken against us, cringing when another is preferred before us. Worldliness is harboring grudges, nursing grievances, and wallowing in self-pity. These are the ways in which we are most like the world.

III. Reasons Not to Love the World  (1 John 2:15b-17)
John now gives 2-solid reasons that giving in to the allure of this world is not a good idea:

1. It Excludes Love of the Father. “If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For everything in the world – the cravings of sinful man, the lust of his eyes and the boasting of what he has and does – comes not from the Father but from the world.” Worldliness is a matter of the heart. John points out that love for the world and love of the Father are incompatible. To the extent that a Christian loves the world and the world system, he does not love the Father. Love for the world and the things of this world are love stolen from the Father. In Matthew 6:24 Jesus warns that one cannot have two primary objects of devotion in our lives, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” Jesus did not say, “you should not serve God and mammon,” but “you cannot serve” them both. The question becomes: Will you live for God or will you live for the world and its fleeting promises? You can’t take a little of both! It’s either/or not both/and. There is clearly an unmistakable line of separation between the things of God and the things of this world. Even a brief consideration of the cultural agenda of our world shows how aggressively hostile to biblical Christianity it is. Just one example is the obvious all-out attack on the traditional family by redefining marriage to include a relationship between two of the same sex.

2. This World is Temporary. “The world and its desires pass away, but the man who does the will of God lives forever.” John is saying the world is right now in the process of passing away. In 2 Peter 3:10-11, “…the heavens will pass away with a great noise, and the elements will melt with fervent heat; both the earth and the works that are in it will be burned up. Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner of...”
The Prisoners’ Loft

This historic article is a reprint of one written a decade ago by our own Newell Chester for The Snelling Spirit newsletter.

The balcony at the historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel has another name. It is a name that goes back to the building of the Chapel 90-years ago. The balcony was built into the Chapel with an expressed purpose and separate entrance. It was to fulfill a duty that was to become part of the Army way of life at the fort.

It was the practice to offer all troops that found themselves incarcerated in the “guardhouse” the opportunity to spend time at worship on Sunday morning for their transgressions in relation to military law and procedures. If a soldier got in trouble he wasn’t tried by civilian law, but he was tried by military law in a court of his superior officers. Of course, if the charge was serious, such as murder, full court-martial would be set up and the convicted soldier would be sent to a military disciplinary barracks (prison) like the one at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, to serve time. However, misdemenors were handled at local post level.

Come Sunday morning, the shackled soldiers would be marched, under guard, to the Chapel and enter by a private side door just prior to the start of the service into the balcony seats. Mr. Bob Peterson of our congregation had the opportunity to be involved as a guard during World War II in the “Prisoners Balcony” as it was then called. He was stationed at Ft. Snelling as an 18-year-old corporal from Vermillion, South Dakota in 1945.

Today the entrance Mr. Bob Peterson used to escort prisoners through has been sealed and the outside stairway steps are used by wedding couples as a place for their wedding poses. The location is just around the corner from the parking lot entrance, adjacent to the side entrance to the Chapel.

Upon entering into the building, the men would climb the winding back staircase up one floor into the area past a very interesting window pertaining to prisoners. The top scene shows the Hebrews in Egyptian bondage with the biblical quote, “Let my people go.” The center setting reflects upon an African family praying for the return of a family member taken captive on a ship. The bottom panel shows a contemporary prisoner of war scene where a chaplain is shown, with the quote, “To Proclaim Release to the Captive.”

After entering into the loft and looking to the right, is one of the original stained glass windows in the Chapel. It is uniquely dedicated to the oldest active infantry regiment of the United States Army – the Third Infantry Regiment (‘Old Guard’) ... the unit that serves as Escort to the President or Presidential Guard. [Today they operate out of Fort Myers, Virginia near Washington, D.C. and serves as the Honor Guard at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, use horses in its Old Guard Caisson Platoon to draw caissons for Arlington funerals, and the Old Guard Fife & Drum

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With Gratitude ... We Say Thanks

After 6-years as Associate Chaplain, Mike Wallman has submitted his resignation effective 31 August 2017 – his 70th birthday. He has done so for two reasons: (1) because it is expected in the light of our calling a new chaplain to fill Chaplain Ken’s position when he retires; and (2) because Mike’s listening to the Lord has made evident to him that there are other ministries that can benefit from his gifts and experience.

Mike says that he came to his decision after much prayer, soul searching, and waiting on the Lord. He intends to remain as a member of the Chapel Foundation.

Mike explains that his last 6-years with the Foundation have been the best for him and his family. He looks forward to many rewarding experiences with all concerned at the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation.

— Pat Hoy
Personnel Committee Chair

Got Christian Literature?

On 1 Oct (Worldwide Communion Sunday) we will have our annual collection of non-denominational Christian literature to be delivered to the International Christian Literature Distributors, Inc. (ICLD) in Mpls ... who will (in turn) read, sort, package and ship these Bible-based materials to primarily Third World countries. People around the world are hungry for Christian literature, but in many nations it is either not available or too costly for people to purchase. ICLD meets this need by shipping over 1,600-pounds of material per week to over 50-countries.

Acceptable materials are: Bibles, Decision magazines, Daily Bread, Upper Room, non-denominational hymnals, Bible study books, and tapes of Sunday services. U.S. Postal regulations require materials to be free of advertising. A collection point will be at the front of the entrance to the Chapel.

— Carol Nygaard
Fellowship Committee Chair
**Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...**

Sun, 10 Sept 17 — 9/11 Remembrance — remembering the terrorist attack of 2001.

Sun, 17 Sept 17 — POW/MIA Remembrance — remembering those who are prisoners of war and those missing in action.

Sun, 5 Nov 17 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 3 Dec 17 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors ... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

**POW/MIA Remembrance — Sunday 17 Sep**

The U.S. National POW/MIA Recognition Day is observed across the nation on the 3rd Friday of September each year. Many Americans take the time to remember those who were prisoners-of-war (POW) and those who are missing-in-action (MIA), as well, as their families.

The Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation will never forget those who are POW/MIAs.

Each Sunday at the Chapel they are lifted up to the Lord in prayer ... as we light a candle in an unoccupied pew designated for POW/MIAs and have posted the POW/MIA flag beside the altar.

We light a candle as the light of hope, which lives in our hearts to illuminate their way home to the open arms of a grateful nation. May God forever watch over them and protect them and their families.

Join us in prayer and recognition of those who are POW/MIAs at 11:00 a.m. on Sun, 17 Sep.

— Tony Stocker
Worship Committee Chair

**Worldwide Communion Sunday — 1 Oct**

We are blessed that we may come freely to the Lord's Table. Many people throughout the world are persecuted for being Christians and being dedicated to following Christ's command to "do this in remembrance of Me.”

For Christians everywhere communion is what keeps our Christian faith linked together even though we may be different denominations. Christ paid the ultimate price for your sins and mine. Through communion we are reminded that our sins are forgiven and we are promised life ever-after. It is a time for humility and a time of acknowledgement and reconciliation that we must forgive and extend our Christian love to everyone around us.

Plan to partake in communion on 1 Oct at 11:00 a.m., which is open to all those who believe in Christ.

— Tony Stocker
Worship Committee Chair

**All Saints Sunday**

The Chapel Foundation will remember those members of our congregation who have been transformed from this church to the Church Triumphant. We will celebrate their lives on Sun, Oct 29, 2017.

— Tony Stocker
Worship Committee Chair
Corps in colonial attire are used in numerous ceremonies.] The regimental motto – “Noli Me Tangere” (Latin for “Touch Me Not”) is also found in this coat-of-arms stained glass window.

Looking closer at the window, there can be seen the shield – “the Coat-of-Arms of the United States” – at the center of the window. The stripes on it are 7-white and 6-red parallel ones ... representing the original 13-colonies. The upper part of the shield is blue and white, which are the regimental colors, and represent valor and loyalty. The cocked hat on the shield refers to its founding as the 1st American regiment. The alternating colors of red and silver symbolize the units distinguished service during the Mexican-American War (1846-48). The Baton (a short wooden stick) which is a symbol of office has been added as well. It represents the fact that the actual baton was cut from the flag pole which stood in the Grand Plaza of Mexico City in 1847 when the command of the Army was under General Winfield Scott. [Today, the actual baton is in the possession of the regiment.] The bayonet in the shield represents service in the Civil War (1861-65) for its tradition to pass in review of its officers with fixed bayonets. It is the only unit in the Army that has an Act of Congress specifically providing it with the right to march with fixed bayonets. The officers dress belt symbolizes the regiment’s additional role as the honor and ceremonial unit at the nation’s capitol. The buff and black knapsack strap is perpetuated in the distinctive trimming. The knapsack was used by the soldier to store food and clothing on the march in 19th century soldiering.

The Third Infantry Regiment began its service in the Continental Army during the American Revolution under General George Washington. It was organized as the First American Regiment on 3 June 1784. By 1815 the First had been consolidated with the 5th, 17th, 19th and the 28th regiments and renamed the Third Infantry Regiment ... because its commander was third in time-in-grade among the Army’s regimental commanders. On 8 June 1922 its home became Fort Snelling, Minnesota.

The Chapel was built (1927-28) by the Third infantry Regiment. The Fort Snelling history with the Third Regiment was ended when the Second Battalion was inactivated on 1 September 1942 (less Headquarters and Headquarters Company) at Fort Snelling.

Over the years the balcony has not changed much. It still has the narrow stairway, and wooded floor and benches (not pews ... as on the main floor of the sanctuary).

Today, the balcony is used for worship services ... but no shackles are required! The location has become a popular spot for taking photographs and video taping of weddings, baptisms and special veteran remembrances. It is definitely worth a trip up the winding stairs to view this historical past, unique to this Chapel.

— Newell Chester
Getting to Know You ...

There is a woman who attends church faithfully every Sunday with her husband. She may greet you with a smile or pour you a cup of coffee in Fellowship Hall after the service. She is unique in many ways but has the distinction of having received two proposals of marriage from the same man—perhaps not so unusual but the second proposal came 52 years after the first one! That woman is Kathy Bischoff but wait there is more to this story...

Kathy was born in Minneapolis to Clyde and June Parkhurst and followed four years later by sister Marcia. The family settled on the south side where Kathy was enrolled in Bancroft Elementary School. Clyde was a general contractor who helped construct the U.S. Air Force Base in Thule, Greenland in the early 1940’s. Thule is located north of the Arctic Circle and considered the northernmost base of the Air Force. Clyde spent a great deal of time working in this cold environment and upon his return to the states decided to move his family to the warm and inviting climate of southern California. The Parkhurst family relocated to Agoura Hills—a city located in the northwest corner of Los Angeles County and it was this idyllic setting where Kathy and her sister Marcia spent their childhood. The family owned a small ranch where they raised Hereford cattle along with a few dairy cows, chickens and horses. Clyde continued to travel for various contracting jobs and June worked as a nurse at a local hospital. The two sisters helped out with various chores around the farm and learned to ride horses. Kathy attended Canoga High School and recalled “it was a wonderful life!”

The family was religious and both daughters were baptized and attended church most every Sunday. June continued to work every other weekend as a nurse but made sure her daughters were brought to church by relatives on the weekends she worked. It was in this setting that Kathy learned many of the beloved hymns of the faith and came to learn about Jesus and what He did for her on the cross. However, this happy life changed quite suddenly when June Parkhurst was killed in an accident while driving home from work late one evening. The loss of their mother was devastating to Kathy and Marcia ages 16 and 12 at the time. Clyde continued to travel for work so thought it best to send the girls to live with relatives in Minnesota. Consequently, Kathy and Marcia were packed off to live with their aunt and uncle in Minneapolis.

Life in Minnesota was very different from their previous existence in California but the girls made the best of it. Kathy enrolled as a senior at Central High School in Minneapolis while her sister was enrolled as an eighth grader at Folwell Junior High. The girls maintained a correspondence with their father throughout this time period as he continued to work out of state. Kathy was working part-time at the local drug store when she learned that Northwestern Bell Telephone Company was looking to hire “seniors in high school with good grades” as telephone operators. She applied for the job, was hired and began a career as a telephone operator eventually moving to the position of service representative where she remained for five years. Following high school graduation, Kathy moved into her own apartment and enrolled as a student at the University of Minnesota. A short time later, Marcia decided that she wanted to live with her big sister so moved in with Kathy at the age of 15.

Kathy had cousins on her mother’s side of the family that she began to visit on the weekends. The cousins lived south of Stillwater and would invite Kathy over to “hang out and play cards.” It was at one of these weekend gatherings that Kathy was first introduced to Kermit Bischoff. He was a close friend of her cousins and had been “unofficially adopted” by her aunt and uncle while growing up in the neighborhood. Kermit offered to drive Kathy back to Minneapolis one Sunday evening following a weekend visit. On the way home, Kermit asked Kathy “for a date” and she said “yes.” The two began to date however Kermit was on active duty with the Air Force and had to return to March Air Force Base in Riverside.

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Kathy was a widow, she sought out a non-denominational church which led her to Fort Snelling Chapel in 2002. She was attracted to the Chapel for several reasons including the fact that "it was a beautiful and historic chapel" and a "place where one heard the true Word of God." Several months later, Kathy learned from a cousin that Kermit’s wife Marge had passed away from cancer following 49 years of marriage. She decided to attend the funeral with her aunt since Kermit was a good friend of the extended family. Some time later, Kermit called Kathy to "ask her out for lunch." However, she was still in mourning for her former husband Charles so told Kermit "no, not now."

Despite this response, Kermit would call Kathy from time to time to see if she was interested in "lunch." Finally one afternoon, Kathy received another call from Kermit to which she replied, "I can’t go out for lunch as I am making Swedish meatballs!" Without any hesitation, Kermit replied, "Well I sure like Swedish meatballs." Well, call it serendipity or just dumb luck but Kathy said "okay you can come to dinner." The couple had a lot of catching up to do and talked for over three hours following dinner! The relationship blossomed over the next two years and one day Kermit took Kathy to a jewelry store and told her, "What are you waiting for? Pick out your ring!" It was a big surprise to Kathy but apparently Kermit had worked it all out ahead of time with the employees at the store. One month later, Kermit proposed marriage to Kathy a second time on April 21st, 2004 some 52 years after the first proposal! The couple was wed on 9/18/2004 at Faith Lutheran Church in Shakopee, in a ceremony officiated by three different pastors as Kermit wanted to "make sure the knot was tight!"

The Bischoffs continue to attend the Chapel faithfully and volunteer in a number of capacities. Kathy works with "Caring Hearts" doing outreach to the homebound and is a member of the "prayer chain." Kermit volunteers as an usher and the couple help "greet" and "pour coffee" from time to time. Outside of church, the couple volunteer at Joseph’s Coat (a free thrift store in St. Paul for working poor and homeless people) and spend time with their adult children and grandchildren. It seems appropriate to end this interview with one of Kathy’s favorite Bible verses:

“For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

This verse reveals the heart and purpose of God and the fact that His love is wide enough to embrace each and every one of us! God has provided a wonderful plan for our redemption through the atoning sacrifice of His Son Jesus Christ on the cross. Whoever accepts and trusts Christ as Savior may claim this precious gift of eternal life. Thank you Kathy for your faithfulness and participation at Fort Snelling Chapel. Thank you Kermit for your service to our country and best wishes for many more years of marriage!

— Submitted by Eva Zorn
Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a part of the Samaritan’s Purse, an evangelical Christian International relief organization headed by Franklin Graham. Since 1993 more than 100-million boys and girls in over 130-countries have experienced God’s love through the power of simple shoebox gifts.

Again, this November we have an opportunity for cheerful giving when we collect and deliver stacks of lovingly-filled shoeboxes to be sent to needy children around the world through Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan’s Purse works with local churches and ministry partners around the world to deliver the gifts and share the life-changing Good News of Jesus Christ.

At the request of Samaritan’s Purse, we will be providing their boxes for distribution. We will not be using the plastic boxes. This enables Samaritan’s Purse to better pack the gifts for shipping overseas.

When filling your shoeboxes, think “Boy or Girl” in one of three age brackets: 2-4; 5-9; or 10-14. Some ideas of items to include in the shoebox, stuff animal, doll, hand or finger puppet, small cars, plastic animals, ball, jump rope, yo-yo, harmonica, tote bag, pencils, erasers, sharpener, crayons, markers, colored pencils, drawing paper, notebook, scissors, glue stick, coloring book, stickers, solar calculator, small flashlight and batteries, headbands, bracelet, comb, brush, toothbrush (no toothpaste due to customs requirements), soap, washcloth, band-aids, small plastic cup and plate, water bottle, hard candy and gum (in plastic baggie). No liquids!

This is a nice opportunity to give kids a wonderful surprise during the Christmas season.

Please see Sharon Coyle or Barb Stocker if you would like to make a donation toward the purchase of items to fill the shoeboxes or if you have any questions. Shoeboxes need to be filled and returned to the Chapel no later than November 12. Thank you and God bless you!

— Sharon & Barb Coordinators

The Truth Project

The Truth Project is a series designed to take participants on a guided worldview tour, following the points of the worldview compass, a tool designed to direct our thinking with regard to four fundamental issues: Truth, God, Man, and the Social Order. Along the way, we will attempt to build a logical, systematic framework of ideas by which to organize and evaluate the various truth claims to be encountered during the course of our tour.

Our ultimate goal is not simply to gain knowledge, but to look up - upon the face of God - and to be transformed in the process. What it is that Christ has purchased for us at the price of His precious blood shed on the cross for our sins? Not simply salvation from hell, but an invitation into the Godhead itself, where we may experience the incomprehensible wonder of oneness with the Creator of the universe.

The Truth Project is presented as 13 one hour DVDs that will run September 24th through December 17th in the Fellowship Hall of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel from 9:30-10:30 a.m. The DVDs run an hour in length so we will begin promptly at 9:30.

— Tom Newman Facilitator
A Word From the Classroom

“Study to show thyself approved unto God ...”
(2 Timothy 2:15a)

Wow! That verse is heavy, isn’t it? When is the last time we studied the Word of God? Sure, we read God’s Word, the Bible, but studying it is a different matter.

The staff of Ft. Snelling Chapel’s Children’s Church program is excited for September to come when we can resume studying with the kids! We will begin with studying the Ten Commandments and committing them to memory. Not necessarily word for word but certainly what all ten are about. By December, I’ll be able to say “Number Three” and the kids will reply “watch your words when speaking and saying God’s name”. And so forth. Kids have wonderful memories and can memorize quite easily with a little incentive and a few easy to use tools...their fingers. Here are examples:

1. Take one index finger and point it toward heaven. There is only ONE GOD!
2. Take both index fingers and cross them over each other like an “X”. NO IDOLS!
3. Put up the first three fingers of one hand. It makes a “W.” WATCH YOUR WORDS WHEN SAYING GOD’S NAME!
4. Put four fingers of one hand up, letting the thumb rest on them. SUNDAY IS A DAY OF REST! God created for 5 days and rested on the 7th day.
5. Raise your right hand then put it over your heart. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER!

There are five more and you will need to ask one of the precious Chapel kids to learn what they are.

By Christmas the kids will know all Ten Commandments. That is, IF the kids attend on a regular basis! This is where the parents and guardians come in. Please have the kids in attendance each week and when you go home after church, ask them what they learned. Repetition is a wonderful teacher.

That brings us back to 2 Timothy 2:15a. - “Study to show thyself approved unto God." It pleases our Heavenly Father when we, and our children, study His Word. If your kids see you studying the Bible, it sets a great example and they know it’s important. After all, YOU are the primary teacher of these kids entrusted to your care.

Respectfully,
Leslie Henschel,
Coord. Children’s Ministry

Crafty Ladies
Craft & Bake Sale—Sun 8 Oct

Our Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation Crafty Ladies have been getting ready for their Craft & Bake Sale that will take place on Sunday, October 8, 2017 during our fellowship time. All proceeds from the sale will be used for postage to mail the boxes of items we are collecting for the troops.

If you have any crafts or baked items that you would like to donate to the sale, please feel free to put a price on them and bring them to the Chapel on Sunday, October 8th by 9:30 a.m. so that we can include them in the sale. Please feel free to contact Bev Johnson at 952-448-1698 or via email at bjwhisney52@yahoo.com if you have any questions.
Creation Corner

“For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse.”
(Romans 1:20)

There are only two possibilities for explaining our existence:

~ either (A) ~
Some sort of simple organism turned into a more complex organism... which turned into some sort of marine creature... that turned into some sort of land creature... that eventually turned into people...

~ or (B) ~
The vastly different groupings of creatures (including people were created fully formed and functional).

Those who believe the truth is a blend of the two possibilities often teach that God used some sort of evolutionary process or enormous periods of time (option A). By promoting huge time periods they are essentially accepting that the Bible cannot be understood in a clear, straightforward way. It eventually becomes apparent from these compromise positions that there is no evidence from the study of nature for the existence of God.

Saying God used huge time periods to create life is in practice no different than accepting evolution as a fact. Thus this compromise position is really just a subset of position A.

Yet there cannot be two realities. One of these options is true, the other is fantasy. Truth is that which conforms to reality.

What can science tell us about the truth? Basically, science cannot determine truth, but careful observations can determine which of two options is least likely to be true. Evidences and observations are systematically ignored, suppressed, and hidden from students as they are indoctrinated toward believing that option A is the only possibility.

As you find evidences in different areas of science, keep the biblical framework in mind. Ask yourself, “Does the evidence best fit a biblical viewpoint or an evolutionary viewpoint (enormous time periods & slow modification)?”

So what is the biblical viewpoint? A straightforward understanding of the Bible acknowledges five real events of history and touches on many areas of science:
1. The recent creation of the universe, the earth, and very diverse forms of life (including mankind). [biological sciences]
2. The rebellion of mankind resulting in the entrance of death, disease, and genetic deterioration of creation. [genetics / human psychology]
3. A global, world-restructuring flood upon the earth approximately 4600 years ago. [geological sciences]
4. A dispersion of mankind across the globe via different language groupings. [linguistics / archeology / world history]
5. The arrival of God upon the earth in human form to take the penalty of death upon Himself as a demonstration of ultimate love. [philosophy / salvation / theology]

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— Submitted by: John Kruse
Food Safety

So why should we be concerned about food safety? Current estimates of the number of foodborne illness in the United States range upward from 80-million annually, including 500,000 hospitalizations and 10,000 deaths at a cost to the US economy of 17.7 billion per year.

The most common steps to avoid foodborne illness are as follows:

- Purchase your meat, dairy and deli products last to make sure they stay as cold as possible. Refrigerate your food as soon as possible when you arrive home.
- Perishable food should be kept below 40 degrees for refrigerated foods and above 140 degrees for hot foods.
- However hot food held at 140 degrees loses 50% of its nutrients every 30-minutes.
- If a product reaches 60 degrees it will have half of its regular shelf life.
- Keep counters, cutting boards, sinks and utensils clean and sanitized. The most effective sanitizer is household bleach, one capful for every gallon of water. Which in itself has a self-life of 2-hours, if it stays relatively clean.
- Do not mix bleach with soaps, they neutralize each other.
- Thaw protein in the refrigerator allow 24-hours. Never thaw under running water or at room temperature. The inside of the product is still frozen and the exterior can warm enough to sustain bacterial growth.
- If your product is frozen you are better off cooking it frozen, increase your cooking time by 50 percent.
- Use a thermometer to check internal temperatures. Beef should be at least 130 degrees, Fish 165, Chicken and Turkey 165 degrees, dark meat 185 degrees, Pork 150 if it has been frozen for 5 days, otherwise 165 degrees.
- Cook all foods that have already been cooked to 165 degrees. Never reheat products more than once. Cook, reheat and toss.
- Food should never sit at room temperature for more than two hours.
- Refrigeration slows growth and freezing stops growth, but neither will kill harmful bacteria.
- Keep uncooked meat and poultry for no longer than 2-days before cooking or freezing. Ground hamburger should be used within 24-hours.
- Cool foods as rapidly as possible to minimize pathogen growth. All foods should be no thicker or deeper than 2-inches. More than 2-inches will not cool to 40 degrees in less than 4-hours.
- Foodborne illness is caused by food pathogens in ideal growing conditions and contamination from external sources; hands, coughing, sneezing, and poor handwashing practices.

It’s no wonder the holiday season, with all of the food trays and appetizers, is the beginning of the cold and flu season.

— Tom Newman

From the Flag-Line

Every year, at our nation’s capitol, we attend ‘Rolling Thunder’ — honoring our military, veterans, fallen heroes, POWs and MIAs. Each year brings unexpected but profound surprises … and this year was no exception. When you are around about a million people doing the same, it’s a different world. This peaceful and profound event involving hundreds of thousands of motorcycles coming down Constitution Ave is breathtaking.

We arrived on Friday, May 26th. Sharon Emde and her friend Dorothy La Due, accompanied us this year. We met up with Chapel member Tim Bray and his two wonderful grown kids and went to the Evening Parade at the oldest Marine Barracks at the 8th St SE & I St SE. We got to sit very close to the cannons which was both good and bad ... because of the noise and smell. They are set off by the Marine Body Bearers close to the end of such a wonderful experience.

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Saturday, the 27th, we spent much time at Arlington Cemetery, Section 60. On Sunday, the 28th, we witnessed Rolling Thunder and visiting the WALL.

On Monday (Memorial Day), we were determined to get into Arlington very early and arrived about 8:00 a.m. ... where already massive crowds and vehicles backed up on the freeway. The President was not going to arrive for hours but the security in place was massive at Arlington ... like nothing we have seen in all the years we've been going. Once we got into the cemetery we were greeted by soldiers with automatic rifles and everyone and all bags had to go through metal detectors ... the first time this has ever been in place.

Because of security changes everyone had to walk to Section 60 ... to include Gold Star parents and families. Once we arrived at Section 60, it became apparent that the President would be coming there because of all the Secret Service and 3rd Infantry (Old Guard) soldiers surrounding everything. (Most of you already know that the 3rd Infantry Regiment built the historic Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel.)

The day started to get more exciting as the time came for the President to arrive. Little did we know, it wasn’t just the President who was coming but it turned out to be President Trump, Vice-President Pence, Homeland Security Secretary John Kelly, and Department of Defense Secretary James Mattis. No wonder the security was intense!

As soon as President Trump arrived, the little boy in the Marine suit ran to him and escorted the President to his daddy’s grave. It was just heart-warming to watch as Trump instructed 6-year old Christopher to take care of his mother. They stayed a good 45-minutes visiting with Gold Star families, including my dear friend, Jill Stephenson – whose son, Army Ranger Ben Kopp is buried in 60. Jill has this great photo of her with General-Retired Mattis.

Once again, I saw General-Retired Kelly, whom I had met 2-years ago at our hotel. I hurried over to chat with him. I told him I had just visited his son, Robert’s grave a couple hours before and left the Fort Snelling Chapel coin and a flag star on top of it. Because I chatted with Gen Kelly, President Trump became further away and I never got to meet him, but so happy the Gold Star families did.

Everything was such a profound experience from the minute we arrived; seeing many of the same people we see every year; the food; the patriots; watching with Kleenex; hearing the concert on the mall; going with Don to the Viet Nam wall; etc. We are so looking forward to going next year.

By the time you read this article, we hope someone else will have taken over the Flag Line from Don Peerson. Until his pain issues have been resolved he is no longer able to do what he was doing on the Flag Line. I will still find guests as they become available. So if you have suggestions, please let me know.

— Don and Patricia Peerson
This full-color newsletter is brought to you in part by memorials received in loving memory of longtime Chapel Foundation member and World War II veteran — James ‘Jim’ Carroll.

Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation

This is a non-denominational Christian church founded in 1967. We invite you to join us for worship each Sunday at 11:00 am at this historic Chapel.

The Fort Snelling Veterans Memorial Chapel is a unique Minnesota memorial — a splendid monument to the patriotism, the moral earnestness and the convictions of the people of this state — a shrine to commemorate those who have died for their country. Weekly Sunday worship is sponsored by the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation and is not subsidized by the state.

For Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation information call the Foundation Office at (652) 888-1525, or write to the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel Foundation 9031 Penn Ave S Bloomington, MN 55431

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