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## **Bible Studies**

Sunday Adult Bible Study Wednesday Noon Monday Women's Bible Study

#### Women's Wednesday Bible Study

Mondays from 7-9pm. A podcast, from Andy Stanley, titled "What Makes You Happy". Meeting at Martin's Supermarket (upstairs). Please see Kellee Skaggs for additional information.

#### Wednesday Noon Bible Study

Just finished up "The Natural Knowledge of God in Our Christian Witness". Will begin a new study on Wednesday! All are welcome.

#### Sunday Morning Bible Study

Join Pastor Mike Sunday morning for a bible study on the book of Genesis - "The Beginning".

#### Altar Flowers 2020

Have a specific date(s) you would like to dedicate flowers? Please fill out the bulletin insert and place it in Carol Plew's mail box. FYI-If the date is already filled, Carol will move you to the next closest date. There are also several dates open in November and December this year.

Do you know someone who is looking for employment? Our daycare is hiring.

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## Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students Class has begun! Wednesdays, at 6:30pm. Questions? contact Pastor Mike pastor\_mike@redeemer warsaw.org cell:574-527-9483

#### **Trunk or Treat**

October 19, 4-6pm Guess What! It's time to start planning for Trunk or Treat. How can you help you ask? VOLUNTEER—decorate your vehicle, help serve food. Next time you are shopping, pick up a bag of candy and drop it off.

## **Ladies Group**

Our next ladies night out is Saturday, October 12th at 6pm. We will be having dinner at El Arriero. Please see Amanda or Christa for questions or if interested so they have a count to make a reservation.

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#### **Property Purchase**

At the Special Voter's Assembly held on August 22, the Voter's approved to purchase the property next door via a mortgage from the current owner. We now look to put this purchase to work for Him. Next will be the conversation as to how this will be accomplished. **Debt Reduction Envelopes** are available at the welcome center



# **Redeemer Volunteering & Events**

# <u>Sign up sheet</u>

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name:

 $\Box$  I'd like to donate to the Altar Flowers (\$25)

in honor of:\_\_\_\_\_

on this date:\_\_\_\_\_

Please use this insert and place in Carol Plew's mail box

I'd like to join an awesome Bible Study! attend as many as you like!

 $\Box$  Sunday Morning Bible Study

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

I would like assistance from the Youth Group (yard work, cleaning, a visit ...)

□ I would like to help with Sunday School, IMPACT, nursery

 $\chi$ Trunk or Treat! Yes, I would love to decorate my vehicle.

Trunk or Treat! I would love to help serve refreshments!

Lincoln School & Little Steps Daycare.

I am interested in learning about the many opportunities on how to implement our Vision Statement.

#### **Opposition Turned to Mercy**

# A) When pressured by the world for your love of Jesus, remember 3 things:

### 1) \_\_\_\_\_ can make you more like Jesus.

Jesus said, "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me before it hated you. If you had anything in common with the world, the world would love you as one of its own. But you don't have anything in common with the world. I chose you from the world, and that's why the world hates you." (John 15:18-19 GW)

•Why would God spare us when He didn't spare his own Son from those things?

2) Opposition will \_\_\_\_\_ our faith.

If we don't have opposition in our life, our faith isn't growing.

The strongest Christians in the world are those who have their faith tested most.

Peter wrote in his 1st letter, "The purpose of these troubles is to test your faith as fire tests how genuine gold is. Your faith is more precious than gold, and by passing the test, it gives praise, glory, and honor to God..." (1 Peter 1:7 GW)

## 3) Opposition will give us eternal \_\_\_\_\_\_

Jesus said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for doing what God approves of. The kingdom of heaven belongs to them.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you, lie, and say all kinds of evil things about you because of me.

Rejoice and be glad because you have a great reward in heaven! The prophets who lived before you were persecuted in these

ways." (Matthew 5:10-12 GW).

#### Now, I want you to consider some personal application questions:

B)	So, how will you be?
	1) Be patient with people's (who)
	2)Help anyone around you who is hurting (who)
	3)Give people a second chance (who)
	4)Do good to those who hurt you (who)
	5)Be kind to those who offend you (who)
	6)Build bridges of love to the (who)
	7)Value relationships over (who)
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Close: It's YOUR ministry of mercy... Jesus has called you to be His hands & feet.

Answers: A) 1) Opposition, 2) deepen, 3) rewards, B) merciful, 1) quirks, 6) unpopular, 7) rules.

# "As You Would Have Others Do"

Matthew 7:12a - (Jesus said) "So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them ...."

As far as I can tell, singer Rachel Platten, who made her reputation with the hit "Fight Song," has a pretty good set of pipes.

Now a person needs to have a good set of pipes if they are going to attempt the National Anthem. Yup, the experts pretty much agree, that song about the "rocket's red glare" and "bombs bursting in air" has a range which makes a great many trained voices grow quavery. Understand, that's only the first verse.

If you go further, even the vocabulary gets tricky. I mean you try saying "foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes" and "fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses," three times, really fast.

At any rate, Platten volunteered to sing at a Saturday night contest between the Utah Royals and the Chicago Red Stars. Sadly, her problem was not the melody. It was the lyrics she forgot. Attempt number one, she started out, "O, say can you see, by the stars early light." Not realizing it should have been "dawn's" early light, she floundered. In the best showbiz tradition, she began again, and ground to a halt again. Asking for, and receiving assistance from the crowd, she started yet a third time and managed to get all the way through. Of course, the media was aghast. Some were shocked and others were amused but, either way, it was embarrassing. I think most folks can understand Platten's situation. I know I do.

How do I know? Let me tell you a secret. Almost every broadcast of The Lutheran Hour includes the Lord's Prayer. I learned that prayer when I was but a child and have used it all my life. I know it like the back of my hand. That being said, whether I am in church or in the broadcast booth, I always have a written copy of that prayer in front of me. Why? I have a dread fear of saying, "Let us join in the Lord's Prayer" and then starting out with "Now I lay me down to sleep." And don't think it can't happen. I've seen it happen to a wonderful preacher who did great things for the Lord. But every time his people come together it is that flubbed prayer they remember.

Which really takes me to the point of this devo. Jesus summarized it best when He said, *"Whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them."* In the case of Platten and the National Anthem, I am inclined to feel sorry for her, and give thanks for a crowd that didn't boo and hiss but -- recognizing her uncomfortablity and embarrassment -- helped out.

Similarly, if you ever hear me begin the Lord's Prayer by saying, "Come Lord Jesus, be our Guest," don't assume I am deliberately trying to rewrite Scripture. I'm not. I'm just like Platten ... and you. Together, we are all just sinful people who regularly make mistakes and who always are in need of some support and encouragement.

That's what Paul said when he wrote to the church in Thessalonica: "Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing" (1 Thessalonians 5:11).

THE PRAYER: Dear Lord, grant that Your people follow Your Word and condemn the sins that You condemn. At the same time, grant us the ability to encourage each other during times when we just simply mess up or unintentionally make mistakes. This I ask in the Savior's Name. Amen.