

●INSPIRE●

Bible Studies

Sunday Adult Bible Study
Wednesday Noon
Wednesday Women's
(on summer break)

Women's Wednesday Bible Study

—Summer Break—
Will resume in the fall.

Wednesday Noon Bible Study

"The Natural Knowledge of God in Our Christian Witness". This study will examine what it means to have a *Natural Knowledge* of God, what *Natural Revelation* and *Natural Law* are, and how they fit with His *Special Revelation* through Jesus and His written Word. We will look at how this Natural Knowledge is spoken about in the Bible, and how it is used by both Christians and unbelievers.

For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. - Rom. 1:19



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.

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

## ●GROW●

### Youth Confirmation Class

Parents & Students

Class will begin on Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30pm.  
Questions? contact Pastor Mike  
pastor\_mike@redeemerwarsaw.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.

## ●Change●

### 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**

### Mission Board Collection

The board is collecting items for Fellowship Mission. See a list on their new bulletin board in Fellowship Hall. There is a collection box located near the bulletin board.

## Redeemer Volunteering & Events

### Sign up sheet

(Please place sign-ups in the Office mailbox)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ 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!

☐ 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

★ 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.

## Practical Living Series : The Tenaciousness of Mercy

Mercy is like a diamond; it is multi-faceted.

### I) Today we're going to look at 7 facets of mercy.

#### 1) Mercy means being \_\_\_\_\_ with other people's quirks.

"...the wisdom that comes from above is first of all pure. Then it is peaceful, gentle, obedient, filled with mercy and good deeds..." (James 3:17 GW)

#### 2) Mercy means helping \_\_\_\_\_ who is hurting.

"Whenever you possibly can, do good to those who need it." (Proverbs 3:27 GNT)

God sees our attitude: "...devote yourself to encouragement...be generous...lead enthusiastically...helping people in need...cheerfully." (Rm. 12:8 GW)

#### 3) Mercy means giving people a \_\_\_\_\_ chance.

Paul reminds us, "Get rid of your bitterness... Be kind to each other... forgiving each other as God has forgiven you through Christ." (Eph. 4:31-32 GW)

#### 4) Mercy means doing good to those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.

**Why?** That's what God does with us: "...love your enemies, help them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then... you will be the children of the Most High God... Be merciful as your Father is merciful." (Lk. 6:35-36 GW)

#### 5) Mercy is being kind to those who \_\_\_\_\_ you.

Jude said, "Show mercy to those who have doubts. Save others by snatching them from the fire of hell. Show mercy to others, even though you're afraid you might be stained by their sinful lives." (Jude 1:22-23 GW)

#### 6) Mercy is building \_\_\_\_\_ to love the unpopular.

Jesus, "Learn what this means: 'I want mercy, not sacrifices. I've come to call sinners, not people who think they have God's approval.'" (Matthew 9:13 GW).

#### 7) Mercy means valuing relationships over \_\_\_\_\_.

"Love never does harm to a neighbor...love fulfills (God's Law)." (Rm. 13:10 GW)

**To show mercy...** Put people before policies, needs before procedures, relationships before rules & love over law.

Jesus, "Blessed are those who show mercy. They will be given mercy." (Mat. 5:7 GW)

### II) So, why does God expect us to show mercy? Why should you be merciful?

#### a) Because God has shown \_\_\_\_\_ mercy.

Paul wrote, "...We were dead because of our failures, but he made us alive together with Christ. (It is God's kindness that saved you.)" (Eph. 2:5 GW)

#### b) Because God \_\_\_\_\_ you to be merciful.

#### c) Because you will need \_\_\_\_\_ mercy in the future.

"No mercy will be shown to those who show no mercy to others." (Jas. 2:13 GW)

#### d) Because showing mercy leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

### Think about it this week...

•How has God blessed you in showing mercy to others, even when it's been difficult?

•Think of ways that you could have shown mercy to others in the last week...

•How could that have changed the outcome of a specific situation? \_\_\_\_\_

Jesus, "If you forgive the failures of others, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you don't forgive others, your Father will not forgive you." (Mat. 6:14-15 GW)

**Close:** Find the joy & blessings of God, by loving those around you the same way!

## "Ready, Willing, and Able"

*Psalm 46:1-3 - God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling.*

According to Dallas Fire-Rescue Captain, Charles Hyles, the day started out like any other.

He had to keep pushing his three children to get ready for school. Then, when they were dressed and fed, he dropped one of his kids off at the Italy, Texas, grade school and two more at the local high school. After that, he went to his uncle's store which was a hang-out for retired fire-fighters.

It was while Hyles was at the store the day dropped its mask of normalcy.

Right before 8 a.m. one of the store's employees arrived and reported there had been a shooting at the high school, and children were running all over the place. Fearing for the well-being of his two boys, Hyles got back in his truck and raced back to the school.

Entering the building, he came across a 15-year-old girl whose gunshot wounds were being treated by staff.

Kneeling over the wounded teen, he asked if there were any other casualties. He breathed a sigh of relief when he was told the girl was the only victim. At that moment, he knew his boys were safe. With that piece of information, Hyles devoted himself completely to caring for the girl.

Looking up at him, the unnamed girl said, "I don't want to die. Don't let me die."

Hyles gave her all the assurances he could. He stayed with her and got her on to the emergency helicopter. He gave her a kiss on the head and said he would see her at the hospital. It was his way of assuring her that she was going to pull through.

It took Hyles a while to get to Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas. He reports, "I walked in the room, she started crying and said, 'You didn't let me die.' And I said, 'No, baby. God didn't let you die.'"

Hyles then added, "I didn't do anything different. There's over 1,800 firefighters in Dallas, (and an) ungodly amount of volunteer firefighters. Every one of them would've done the same thing. I'm not the hero. I'm just the piece of the puzzle that God put in place to do this."

There are, my friends, some powerful theological truths in those last two paragraphs. The first thing we ought to note is Hyles' recognition that the Lord is our real preserver.

How did Luther say it? The Lord "richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me."

God is in control. That is what Hyles said to the crying young girl. But there's more. Hyles also said, "I'm just the piece of the puzzle that God put in place to do this."

My friends, I wonder how many times the Lord places us into situations where we, like Hyles, are a "piece of the puzzle"? How many times does the Lord drop us into a location where we may be the only ones who can make a witness; the only ones who know the Savior and can tell of the wonders of His love? It may not be often, but I pray, when the time comes we will, like Hyles, be ready.

**THE PRAYER:** Dear Lord, grant me the right vision, the right attitude, and the right words to point people to the Savior who alone can make a saving difference in the souls of sinners. In Jesus' Name I ask it. Amen.