

Who Is Watching You?

By Cindy Shaw

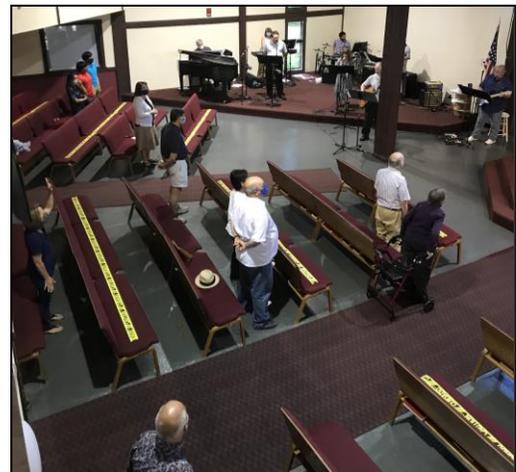
In February, the man who led our business division, Sean, announced his resignation. Sean had worked at the company for almost ten years and had risen through the ranks. 2019 was a tough year for our division as we struggled to be profitable, so Sean endured a lot of stress as he answered to the top brass in the global organization. He was well-liked, so we were all sorry to hear that he was leaving. As part of a surprise sendoff, the company invited us to contribute to a video tribute. While some people chose to tape their own farewell wishes, others participated as a group. The editors and writers of the Content group decided that since words are our “specialty,” we could go around the room and each share words to describe Sean. The first person who spoke up said, “Humble.” Others described him as faithful, patient, kind, friendly, knowledgeable, a mentor and leader, strong, and inspiring.

Evangelist D.L. Moody said, *“Where one man reads the Bible, a hundred read you and me.”* As I listened to my coworkers’ descriptions, I knew that God would be pleased with the impression that Sean made on them because Sean is also a Christian who has served as a leader in his church as well. Over the years, he has spoken openly about his faith in Christ and excitedly told me at times about opportunities he had to share his faith with some of his colleagues. This experience reminded me that whether we are in the workplace, our neighborhoods, at school, or with our families, others are watching us.

Certainly, over the past few months, people have watched and listened to our reactions to the pandemic and its impact. Have we stayed
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Beginning in March, Pastor Andy delivered his sermons in an empty sanctuary to a camera. The sermons were uploaded by the AV team to YouTube and our Windsor Chapel website, available for viewing on Sunday mornings, or any time after.



Under special guidelines, Sunday morning services resumed on June 14. Reduced occupancy, face masks, hand sanitizer and six feet of social distancing are part of the required safety measures.

“Who Is Watching You?” continued...

home because we knew that it was the best way to try to protect our loved ones and ourselves—and to lessen the stress on our brave healthcare workers and first responders? Or were we hiding in fear of catching a disease that has no known cure and sadly, killed many? For some of us, the truth might be somewhere in the middle, as we all wrestle with the flesh. But Timothy reminds us, “For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.” (2 Timothy 1:7)

A Facebook friend whose husband went home to the Lord on Easter Sunday due to COVID-19, recently invited me to join a Facebook group called Hymns of the Christian Life. Members have shared timeless, beloved hymns that encourage me and help to heal my heart as I deal with both personal grief and one global disaster after another. These verses from “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” are particularly meaningful:

*“Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged
Take it to the Lord in prayer.”*

Social media is another arena where we are being watched and need to exercise discernment. Remember, “A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.” (Proverbs 15:1) Speaking for myself, it’s way too easy to say things—or at least “Like” posts—that may tarnish my witness and the name of Jesus Christ. I am a slow learner, but I am trying to be more aware of how I express myself when reacting to current events, such as the tragic and horrific murder of George Floyd or other social issues that I feel strongly about. So many people are hurting and need to know that God loves them and sent His Son to give them eternal life and hope. They will benefit much more if we reach out to them with the love and Good News of Jesus Christ,

rather than club them with our sometimes harmful opinions.

Although it looks as if the world is being torn apart by turmoil and strife, we know and believe that our Sovereign God is on the throne, and He will accomplish His plans. Perhaps more than ever, in 2020, our friends, family members, coworkers, and neighbors who do not yet know Christ as Savior are looking to us for encouragement, hope, comfort, and strength. As Peter reminds us, “*but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.*” (1 Peter 3:15)

Happy Anniversary!



Nancy and Charlie Muldrow celebrated sixty-two years of wedded bliss on June 14, 2020. We are blessed to have them as part of our Windsor Chapel family!

Online Giving: A Safe Way to Give

Would you like to avoid a trip to the post office and bank? Our eGiving options provide a safe and easy way to support Windsor Chapel through sacrificial giving. eGiving enables you to set up one-time or automatic recurring contributions and view your complete online giving history at your convenience. Visit www.windsorchapel.org, click on the Giving button, and follow the easy instructions. If you would like to use your smartphone to make your recurring contributions, visit the App Store and search for "GivePlus Church" to download the app and then type in "Windsor Chapel." For assistance, please contact Helen Cull (bookkeeper@windsorchapel.org) with your questions.

Financial Update

(Through May 31, 2020)

"The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want..."

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$87,362	\$120,833
Expense	\$106,770	\$120,807

Windsor Chapel has sent \$16,369 to our missionary partners this year. That's 19% of your giving!



Windsor Chapel will be hosting a Kids' 5-Day Club again in partnership with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship) on July 20-24, from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, for children ages 5 - 12. The theme is "One Way." The evening will include Bible stories, games, music, snacks and outdoor play. Please begin to pray for the kids who will come, the families who will be impacted by the Gospel message, and for a few Windsor Chapel volunteers to help along the way. If you can help in this wonderful ministry, please sign your name on the Volunteer Sheet in the chapel foyer on Sunday.

*Pastor Andy and Janice Straubel
have been blessed with
the birth of their fourth grandchild
Nolan Grace Straubel*



*Nolan was born June 7, 2020
and weighed 8 pounds and 4 ounces.
She joins her parents
Adam and Amanda Straubel
and sister Wyatt.*

Happy Birthday!

Blessings to all who celebrate a birthday this month. May you feel the love, joy and presence of the Lord as we all celebrate your special day with prayers and warmest wishes.

July 02	Evelyn Ambrose
July 06	Tom Boote
July 10	Graeme Cull
July 15	Janet Berrill
July 16	Lise Hill
July 16	Don Ober
July 17	James Gilanyi
July 19	Stephen Berrill



Elders' Corner

By Tom Taylor

Wow, we are halfway through 2020. What a surprising and challenging six months it has been. Certainly, none of us saw what we would be up against, but we do know the One who has our days in His hands. David put it so beautifully in Psalm 31:14-16, *"but as for me, I trust in You O Lord, I say You are my God. My times are in your hand, deliver me from the hand of my enemies and from those who persecute me. Make Your face to shine upon your servant, save me in Your lovingkindness."* He finishes the song by calling us with verses 23 and 24: *"O love the Lord, all you His godly ones. The Lord preserves the faithful and folly recompenses the proud doer. Be strong and let your heart take courage, all you who hope in the Lord."*

Yes, today is a day where we really need to be strong and take courage in our God. O how we need to seek Him and rest in His presence. David again sings over us in Psalm 16: 7-11, *"I will bless the Lord who has counseled me, indeed my mind instructs me in the night. I have set the Lord continually before me. Because He is at my right hand I will not be shaken. Therefore my heart is glad and my glory rejoices, my flesh also will dwell securely. For you will not abandon my soul to Sheol. Nor will you allow your holy one to undergo decay. You will make known to me the path of life. In your presence is fullness of joy, in your right hand there are pleasures forevermore."*

Truly the Psalms are our prayer book and song book. I think we need them now more than ever to help us keep our minds and hearts focused on the Lord. The cultural upheaval of our day is not new; hearts crying out for justice and agonizing before God has been a part of human history. Over one-third of the Psalms are laments, crying out to God for help, for answers, for comfort. Just as Jesus did again

and again, so must we stand on what was written – the Holy Scriptures. God was not caught off guard with COVID-19 and the ensuing unrest we find ourselves in. We can and must find our rest and comfort in His lovingkindness and purposes for our lives. Our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers..... need us now more than ever to be living letters (2 Corinthians 3:1-3) that bear witness to our great God and Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be lights in the midst of darkness, kindness in the midst of anger and hope in the midst of so much fear.

May Paul's words to us in Romans 8:35-39 bring deep comfort, peace, and inspiration. *"Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? Just as it is written, "for your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered." But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquered through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Praying for Our Missionaries

Would you like to partner with our missionary families by interceding on their behalf? Join our Missions Prayer Chain and receive e-mail updates and prayer requests from our missionaries around the world. Experience the joy and privilege of witnessing God's awesome work and powerful answers to prayer. To join this rewarding ministry, please email chapel@windsorchapel.org.

Further Up and Further In

*Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in
and among us*



By Cindy Bills

Start to Finish

In the beginning, God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—created the heavens and the earth, land and sea, sun and moon, vegetation of all kinds, and a multiplicity of creatures. It was good. Then, He made man—male and female—in His image. And it was very good. It was very good until man chose to use his God-given free will to defy God and try to become his own master. God’s glorious creation fell. At the time, God promised redemption, but it would be a long time coming. God and man, Part One.

In the fullness of time, God the Father sent His only begotten Son Jesus to earth, in human flesh: God incarnate. Jesus spent three years proclaiming that He—the Son of Man mentioned by the prophet Daniel—had come to initiate the redemption of the fallen world. At the end of those three years of public ministry, Jesus offered Himself as a sacrifice for the sin of Adam and Eve and their descendants. The Apostle Paul describes it this way: *“But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many.”* (Romans 5:15).

The incarnation, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of God’s promise of redemption after Adam and Eve fell. But just as the story of creation and the fall involved both God and man, so does the story of redemption. Our redemption has been purchased by the blood of Christ. But. Man—each man, each woman—has a role to

play in the redemption story. We can access the redemption paid for and offered by Christ only by faith. We must make the choice to make Christ our Lord and Savior, to recognize that His way is better than ours. This is, in essence, an invitation to return to the Garden of Eden and make our choice: to abide in Christ or to pursue our own way....God and man, Part Two.

Jesus Christ is indeed the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. He is our beginning: He created each of us, forming our inner parts in our mothers’ wombs. He is also our end: He will be our Savior, or our Judge.

The moment we choose to become bond-servants of Christ, to be saved by faith in His grace, we begin our path toward heaven. We can rest in that salvation, depending on Christ’s faithfulness even as we struggle with our sin nature. Again, the Apostle Paul assures us that He will perfect the work He has begun in us (Philippians 1:6). Paul also exhorts us to partner with His Holy Spirit: *“So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.”* (Philippians 2:12-13). This is one of the New Testament’s great mysteries. At the very least, it is an invitation to pursue Christ as our Omega, our eternal end, choosing moment by moment to make Him our Lord and Savior.

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Isn’t it funny how day by day nothing changes, but when you look back, everything is different...”
C.S Lewis

Listening When it Does Not Make Sense

By Janet Berrill

Shortly after the governor opened the state parks, Larry and I decided to go for a hike at the Goat Hill Overlook in Lambertville. Larry decided to get some extra exercise by riding his bicycle to the trailhead. I was not as eager at the time, so we decided I would drive the car and meet Larry in the parking lot, and then we would go on the short hike together.

I arrived at the parking lot before Larry. When I got there the lot was full, so I parked on a side street behind another car and next to a ditch on my right. After parking I found out that you are not allowed to park on that street, so I got in my car to move it. I backed up, and as I did the wheels on the passenger side of the car slipped into the ditch. The car was slanted with the driver's side wheels on the road and the passenger side wheels in the ditch. I tried to go forward but was unable to—the wheels were spinning in the dirt. I was in a bit of a panic, not knowing how I was going to get the car out of the ditch.

Several minutes later Larry showed up. I was delighted to see him as I thought if there was a way to get the car out, he would know. Larry assessed the situation and told me I should back up some more and then try to pull forward. When my ears heard what he said my whole body tensed—he wanted me to back up more?! Backing up is what got me in this mess in the first place! Wouldn't I go further into the ditch if I backed up more?! Larry assured me that if I did what he suggested it would work. I decided to trust him and follow his instructions. It was a mental battle to overcome the resistance of backing up more, but I did it. I put the car in reverse and cautiously gave it some gas. I backed up a few feet, then put the car in drive and much to my relief I was able to get out of the ditch. Larry is my hero!

The parallel I want to draw here is how God sometimes asks us to do something that is contrary to our way of doing things. It can be so different that we resist because we don't see how it is going

to work. But God sees the big picture, He knows what is going on everywhere whereas we only see things from our limited perspective.

Some of the women from the church participated in a virtual conference hosted by the Chuck Colson Center. Lee Strobel, one of the speakers, shared a great story that illustrates my point. He was working at a newspaper when He felt prompted by God to invite his boss, a committed atheist, to church that Sunday for Easter services. He went into the office and had a conversation with the man and invited him to church. The man said no. Lee was baffled. Why did God want him to invite the man if he wasn't going to come? Many years later, Lee was approached by a man who explained that he was repairing the floor in the building when Lee went in to invite his boss to church. The man overheard the conversation Lee had and decided that he needed to reconnect with God. He went to church that Easter Sunday and that had been the start of a personal revival in his life.

God asked Lee to do something that made no sense. Why would a sworn atheist want to go to church on Easter Sunday? What would have happened if Lee had reasoned that it was a waste of time to invite his atheist boss to church and not done it? We can't say what would have happened, but clearly there would have been no conversation for the repairman to overhear.

Has God ever asked you to do something that made no sense? Speak to a stranger? Give money, food, clothing, etc. to someone who didn't ask for it? Call someone out of the blue you haven't spoken to in a long time? Take on a task that you had no ability to complete? When God asks us to do something that makes no sense to us, we need to trust that He knows what He is doing. God sees the big picture and if we obey and do what He asks, we can trust that He has a plan and a good purpose for it.

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