

Never Talk Politics and Religion with Friends and Family

By Don Ober

We've all heard that old cliché and many of us may even live by that creed but have we ever really thought about that statement? I strongly believe it is one of Satan's greatest lies.

Now for these purposes, I won't get into the politics issue other than to say, if we never talk to people who may disagree with us, how will we ever learn? I would never assume I am the end all and be all of political and governmental knowledge, and if I cannot politely have a discussion with someone of an alternate view, maybe I'm not as knowledgeable as I thought I was?

But what about our faith? Do you suppose Jesus would agree with that creed not to speak to family and friends about faith? If we truly believe the lost are headed to a place of torment if they do not accept our Lord's forgiveness, is it loving to remain quiet? Is it even respectful? While speaking of faith can be a tricky thing to do, I believe it is a calling we are all called to obey.

Not all of us are called to be evangelists in the usual application of the word, but I believe there are many ways to accomplish the goal. Francis of Assisi said, *"Preach the word always, and when necessary, use words."* Now this is a wise saying attributed to him, and to be honest I feel he is referring to how we live our lives. People are always watching our actions even when we do not realize it, and how we react in certain situations can be a testimony in and of itself for or against our faith.

But what about practical ways to share our
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Believers Baptism



Charlie MacQueen and Thor Bernheisel were baptized by Pastor Andy on February 13, in a Believers Baptism. They declared their faith and trust in Jesus as their personal Lord and Savior. Pastor Andy explained that baptism is an outward sign of inward change of those who have already trusted Jesus and symbolizes their commitment to live their lives in Christ.

“Never Talk Politics,” continued...

faith that may explain to our friends and family our faith while not “offending them” as the aforementioned cliché seems to allude to? In my job as a piano tuner, I have often been able to broach the topic of faith simply by playing the piano. First off, often I will play a jazzy hymn if I feel it is appropriate in the home. Often after doing so, a client may comment on the wonderful music, ask about the song I chose and off we go talking about faith and it was as seamless as can be. If the conversation goes well and they ask me if I play professionally, I tell them a little about myself and my career and tell them all about Windsor Chapel and how much joy I get in playing for the congregation there. I’ve been able to invite complete strangers to our church and never once felt uncomfortable. Often, I find out that they too share the faith, and I walk away with not only a client but a brother or sister in the Lord.

But what about you if you do not have any musical ability? How can music play a part in your witness in such a case? I would say the answer is rather simple, the music you surround yourself with. One of the reasons I love going into a Chick-fil-A is because unbeknownst to many patrons there, in the background, often you will hear all my favorite contemporary Christian songs playing in an instrumental way. Playing faith music in your office (if allowed), in your car, when with family and friends, will open more doors than you could ever believe. Often when I am going out with my buddies and deciding who drives, one of the guys will jokingly say, well if Don drives, we are going to hear a lot about Jesus, but I don’t mind. I would say this: it’s true, you never know who’s watching, but you also never know who’s listening. The music you surround yourself with makes a statement to others and in some cases may preach the word better than you ever could, and you never even opened your mouth. In other cases, it may open up a reason for a conversation when

someone says, “What is this music? I’ve never heard it.”

We are very fortunate in this area. We have many stations to choose from that play music of faith. Today we also have many streaming choices as well, not to mention our personal collection of songs we may have in many formats. Give it a try. The worst that will happen is you will leave them humming a song they never heard before.

Drop An “O”

By Tom Boote

When you drop an “o” from the word “good,” you have God. With God everything is good from every breath we take to the birth of Christ. He works out His good from His written word to our lives.

The written word God has given us is the Bible. A common mnemonic for Bible is:

B Basic
I Information
B Before
L Leaving
E Earth

The Bible gives us everything we need to live a full life with God, His Son and the Holy Spirit. God has the same heart for His children. God imparted His wisdom for living in His Word, the Bible, so His children could have a good life through Christ, His Son, which is Good News.

Because of His great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in transgressions - it is by grace you have been saved. Ephesians 2:4-5

Elders' Corner

By Ed MacQueen

Greetings in the Lord. I hope this finds you well and looking in anticipation to spring, which is just a few weeks away! It's hard to believe winter is almost past. With the new season comes changes among the elders, namely, Tom Taylor has begun a well-deserved one year sabbatical. This is pursuant to the church's by-laws. Not that Tom has kicked up his feet to rest; he and Kate have just started youth group meetings for the high school and junior high kids. We pray that the times they share will be meaningful and encourage the kids to continue following Jesus.

In other news, as you may have heard announced during Sunday worship, the church is planning to hold its first Easter egg hunt in three years! I remember back to early spring, 2020, when I was hoping COVID would blow over soon enough to hold the egg hunt in April as was planned. That seems funny now, but two years later we are ready to pick up where we left off. I love the egg hunt for three reasons: 1) we come together as a church body to carry out an event that would be impossible without everyone's participation, 2) it brings an immense number of families into contact with Windsor Chapel for the first time, and 3) the kids have *a lot* of fun. This year, as much if not more than ever, it will take our full team effort to pull off the event; it will be our first time holding the event without Ron and Char Bystrom, who were instrumental in putting it together. Please prayerfully consider volunteering as opportunities are presented! Just as important, please pray that God will use the event to draw people to a saving knowledge of Himself.

As spring nears, creation reminds us of the God who brings the dead to life. He raised his son Jesus from the grave, and He brought we who were dead in our sins to new life in Christ.

My family recently finished reading through the book of Ezekiel. Between sobering pronouncements of God's judgment and detailed descriptions of the temple we find a remarkable passage about dry bones coming to life with the breath of God. *"Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it," says the Lord*(Ezekiel 37:12-14). The imagery is wonderfully clear; it is the Spirit of God who gives life. Apart from the Spirit our lives are as far from fulfilled as a skeleton is from a vibrant, healthy body. This spring I encourage you to ponder how far God has brought you these many years, and to invite him to breathe into your life anew. He has promised that *"everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."*

Women's 11th Hour Sunday School

All women are invited to our 11th Hour class as we continue our study of I Samuel, beginning Sunday, March 6. We will meet via Zoom at 11:30 am for eight weeks, with Easter off.

If you have participated in the study before, you will receive an e-mail with the Zoom link. If you have not participated and would like to be included, please contact Cindy Bills at cynthialbills@gmail.com. Teachers: Janet Berrill and Cindy Bills.

Mark Your Calendars for Our Easter Egg Hunt!



Save the date for our Chapel's exciting Easter Egg Hunt, which will be held on Sunday, April 10, at 3:00 pm. Please be sure to invite your family, friends and neighbors! There will be plenty of fun and special treats for children ages 2 – 9, and everything is free! The rain date is on Saturday, April 16, at 3:00 pm.

Interested in helping in this rewarding outreach? Speak with Ed MacQueen on Sunday, or contact him by email at e.macqueen1@comcast.net or by phone at 609-751-6584.

Just What You've Been Looking For!

Have you been looking for an opportunity to serve that will fit your hectic schedule? A few hours of your time will be a tremendous help as we plan for our Easter Egg Hunt, one of our most important outreaches of the year. There are various opportunities to assist during the Easter Egg Hunt on Sunday, April 10, or on Saturday, April 9, as we prepare for the big day. Please look over the list of responsibilities and positions available below:

Prior to Event

- Candy Bag Preparation
- Set up Egg Hunt Areas
- Arrange Outreach Materials
- Select, Purchase and Arrange Crafts
- Purchase Water Bottles (8-ounce bottles—approximately 200)

Day of Event

- Set up Tables, Chairs Outside
- Distribute Eggs in Field

Volunteer Positions

- Crafts: Team lead and support team
- Decorations and Photo Booth: 1-2 people needed
- Candy Exchange Table: Team lead and support team
- Face Painting: Team lead and support team
- Balloon Animals
- Water Station: one person needed
- Trash: one person needed
- Welcome Table

Please note the rain date for the Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 16. If you wish to serve in this rewarding ministry, please speak with Ed MacQueen on Sunday, or contact him by email at e.macqueen1@comcast.net or by phone at 609-751-6584.



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.

Joan Hagestad	March 2
Marquita Kimmel	March 5
Hannah Straubel	March 5
Michael Seiboth	March 7
Thor Bernheisel	March 9
Larry Berrill	March 12
John Kimmel	March 13
Randi Herrity	March 18
Donna Westbrook	March 19
Cindy Bills	March 21

Further Up and Further In

Inviting dialogue to encourage growth in and among us



By Cindy Bills

Windy Days

March is the month when we turn our faces toward spring and summer. Crocuses and Snow Drops peek out, and farmers prepare to plant in anticipation of a bountiful summer harvest. And given the winter weather in the midst of ongoing pandemic challenges, we are more than ready for sunshine and new growth. But while March may be the gateway to spring and summer, the gate will undoubtedly be swinging with the wind in the near future. March is a windy month.

Just as windy spring days usher us into spring, spiritually windy days, driven by the Holy Spirit, may lead us into a season of new spiritual growth. Personally, I do not like windy weather. It makes my eyes dry and feels like opposition, making my days more difficult. And if I am honest, spiritually windy weather can make me pretty uncomfortable as well. The activity of the Holy Spirit is unpredictable and beyond my control. He exposes my sin to my reluctant eyes; He upends my plans for the day; He places in my path what can seem to be overwhelming need.

During seasons of spiritually windy weather, it is easy for me to grumble and grow weary. But when I remember to lift my eyes to the Lord, He reminds me that I am far better off under His control than under my own, and He enables me to see the prospect of new fruit ahead and embrace the season of Spirit-driven growth. And then the raging winds become gentle breezes that continue to propel and refresh me along His path. May we welcome

this Wind even as we welcome the winds of March.

Please feel free to contact Cindy (609-275-8557 or cynthialbills@gmail.com to continue the dialogue...

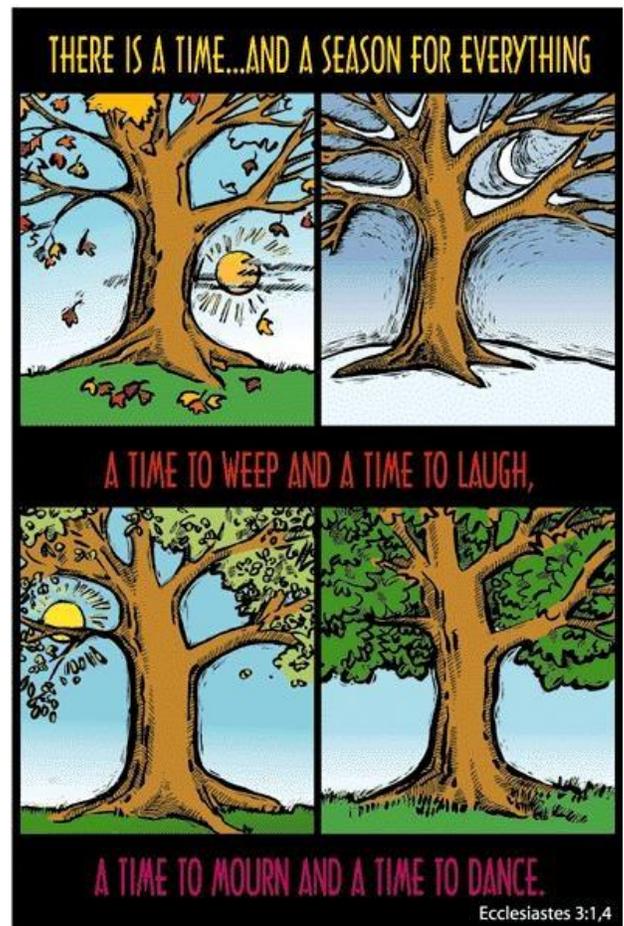
Financial Update

(Through January 31, 2022)

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

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$13,275	\$19,629
Total Income	\$13,275	
Expense	\$18,543	\$19,629

Windsor Chapel has sent \$2,300 to our missionary partners this year. That is 18% of your giving!



Not Meant for Isolation

By Janet Berrill

I have a brick patio on the side of my house. I like my patio. We have a large picnic table on it which we use to eat at when the weather is nice outside. We also have a fire pit where we enjoy fires in the evening. The patio is a place where we come together to enjoy time outside.

But there is one thing about the brick patio which I do not like, and that is the weeds that grow up between the bricks. Every year, beginning in the spring, the weeds make their appearance. There are several different kinds of weeds that grow, some of which last all through the summer.

I am not an extreme environmentalist, but I do try to do my part to take care of the earth. As such, I try to minimize the chemicals I use in my yard. So rather than use weed killer on the weeds on the patio, I opt to pull them out by hand. If I ignore the weeds for too long, it can be a long and tedious process to get rid of all of them, often taking me many days of working outside for an hour or more at a time.

When I pull the weeds, I generally pile them all up in one pile as I work. Because it takes me days to get them all, I will leave the pile on the patio and get rid of it when the job is done. What amazes me is how healthy, vibrant weeds that are growing in the patio will look just one day later after being pulled and left out in the sun. The weed and its roots shrivel up and dry out in a very short time after being pulled from the moist dirt from which they get their water and nutrition.

God established His church to be the place of nourishment, growth, and fellowship for the members of His family. Unfortunately, in the past two years COVID has made attending church in person difficult, and even impossible at times. Church leaders have done their best to continue to minister to the members of their congregation using the technology we have today. While live streaming the service and holding Zoom classes are good, it is not the same as getting together in person. There is benefit to being in the presence of other

believers, not only for what a person may receive, but also for what the person can give.

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, "*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*" I realize there are still COVID concerns, but my concern is that people may become complacent watching the service at home; it's easier to roll out of bed and watch the service in pajamas than it is to have to wash, get dressed, and drive to church. But when someone watches the service in the comfort of their own home they don't engage with their church family. Many become spectators instead of participants in corporate worship. I know some people who skip over the worship part when watching the recorded service. And while listening to the sermon it is very easy to get distracted with the goings on in your own home.

Like the weeds pulled from the patio, if you are trying to live a Christian life on your own you will shrivel up. We are meant to be a part of a family where we both receive and give support, encouragement, spiritual nourishment, and fellowship. Each person must do what is right for their own health, but I want to encourage everyone to consider joining your church family in person. I believe God has blessings He wants to give you that can only be received through fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ. And God has people He wants to bless through you as you interact with others as well. When we isolate ourselves at home, we can neither receive nor give the blessings God has in store.

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