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The Pastor's Pen

There were two school shootings in the space of three days this week in our state. On Thursday, the principal at our school spoke to the student body and asked that folks be especially nice to one another. We had four fights that day, after having none the first seven days. In the midst of this, though, our school created a banner that many of our students wrote kind words on and signed to show our solidarity with Mt. Tabor High School, and that will be taken over to their school this week. Humans are fickle creatures. Kindness is sometimes hard to come by and the person who was so kind five minutes ago can turn on a dime. The same is true of all people, whether they are Christians or not. In the moment of justification, through the blood of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven of our sins. God sees us covered in the blood of Christ and so in His eyes we are sinless. However, during our journey through this world we are not made sinless. We still have the capacity for sin and we frequently trespass against others, whether by intention or by mistake. I think the difference is that we are conscious of it, more so than those who are not Christians, because of the influence of the Holy Spirit and the Christian teaching that we have received from our elders in the faith. In other words, the Christian isn't free from transgression, but when we sin we should recognize it sooner and be more willing to make it right with the person we have injured. On the flip-side of the record, we should also forgive quickly because we recognize that we are not perfect and therefore we cannot hold a grudge against others without being the worst of hypocrites. Now, it is one thing to forgive someone a time or two, but what about someone who continually takes advantage of us or is constantly abusive toward us? Well, Jesus addressed that. When asked how many times we should forgive, Jesus answered "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times." (Matthew 18:22, NRSV) Some translations say "seventy times seven." Regardless of which way the phrase is interpreted, the meaning is clear. We should give an abundance of grace to our brothers and sisters. That doesn't mean, however, that we have to submit to being injured over and over again. There is nothing wrong with not allowing someone to continue to take advantage of us. Jesus told us to "...be wise as serpents and innocent as doves." (Matthew 10:16b, NRSV) The bottom line is that if everyone treated each other the way the LORD intends, the world would be a better place.

Shane

Coffee @ Cornatzer
NO Coffeehouse



Meetings to prepare for charge conference (TBA) will be held in person, but anyone may also attend virtually via Google Meet. Information on how to participate will be provided prior to the meetings.



PPR Committee

Tuesday, August 25th @ 7:00
R/S to Wednesday, September 8 @ 7:00



Finance Committee

Wednesday, September 15th @ 7:00

Administrative Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 22nd @ 7:00

WELCOME FALL!

First day of Fall September 22nd



RECORD OF FAITHFULNESS

August 1

Worship Attendance **19**

Offering **\$765.00**

August 8

Worship Attendance **18**

Offering **\$1880.00**

August 15

Worship Attendance **13**

Offering **\$370.00**

August 22

Worship Attendance **16**

Offering **\$349.00**

August 29

Worship Attendance **13**

Offering **\$1,085.00**

Total \$4,449.00



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

September 14

Stewart Howell

September 16

Buddy Moore

Sue Strickland

September 30

Nanette Moore

Harold Frank



SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

September 7

John & Becki Helderman



Please keep teachers and students in your prayers.



BACK TO SCHOOL

