



The Unchanging Christ in an Ever Changing World

Pastor Matthew Kirkland

“Brrrrrr!” is the expression I’ve heard many make over the last forty-eight hours. The cold temperatures have taken many by surprise. For me, it is a much welcomed change. I love everything about fall. I love the changing of the leaves, the changing of the temperature, the changing of schedules, the excitement of college football, and the campfires with **s’mores**. With all of these things comes a clear reminder that we live in constant state of change. Change is certainly a part of our lives. This is clearly seen in the changing of the seasons. Four times a year, every year, we go through significant changes in our temperature, humidity, and overall climate. And while we like some changes more than others, we each must adapt to the change.

The changes of life are certainly not limited to the weather. It’s also seen in the trends of society. In fact it is somewhat humorous to look back at how we have changed. As a society it was once the norm for the women to wear poodle skirts and the men to wear blue jeans rolled up with a simple white t-shirt and leather jacket. Not long thereafter the fad was bellbottoms and big hair. Today, there is no trend at all. In this day anything goes. In fact, in our day, many guys spend time fixing their hair to make it look as if they just got out of bed. Today, it is not uncommon to see a woman wearing the suit, which used to be worn only by men. Right, wrong, or indifferent, the reality is that we are in a culture that is constantly changing.

As our fashions have so vastly changed, so too has our technology. When you consider how quickly we have advanced technologically it becomes obvious that we are a people of change. When you compare the details of the first computer to those of today it becomes apparent that we have changed. The first computer weighed thirty short tons and took up 1800 square feet of space, which is more than my entire house. Even as I sit here with my laptop I am reminded of just how much technology has changed. Consider the changes in the technology of the phone. The first long distance telephone call took place on August 10, 1876. The distance from one house to the other was only 10 miles. Today, however, we can talk to almost anyone in any area of the world with very little inconvenience. Things have changed immensely and will continue to do so.

As we live in this ever changing world it is easy to get distracted and confused. It is easy to lose heart in what we are doing. I believe that this is one of the primary reasons that God has given us **Hebrews 13:1-8**. In **verses 7-8** God says, “Remember those who led you, who spoke the Word of God to you; and considering the result of their conduct, imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.” Perhaps verse eight seems out of place to you as it has to me on numerous occasions. But, upon further evaluation, it is right where it needs to be. With all the changes that happen in life, in society, and even in our own heart, it is so easy for us to lose our confidence in Christ. The problem is that we look at other saints and almost idolize them. We look at David and think, “Well, I wish I could be a man after God’s own heart.” We look at Paul and think, “Well I wish I could be bold like that.” Perhaps we even look at other believers today and think, “Well I wish God would use me in that way.” The serious problem here is that it all begins with a focus on man. Anytime our focus is on man we are doomed for disappointment because men are sinners and are constantly changing. There is only One who will never let you down. There is only One who was and is without sin. There is only One who won’t change. This One is Jesus. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And just as the Lord ministered through David, Paul, and is still ministering through others today, this same Jesus can minister through you today. Believer, just as He was with the saints of old He is with you today. I pray that this encourages you. With all of the changes that we go through and experience there is still one powerful constant in our lives – Jesus is the same yesterday and today and forever. He is and will always be the Lord over all.

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What Is Scrip?

Scrip is a term that means “substitute money”. When you purchase scrip, you’re purchasing negotiable gift cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

How scrip generates revenue for you

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more – is our organization’s revenue.

Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don’t have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

Good Shepherd Baptist Church Building Fund
Duane French
mborordf@gmail.com or 859-221-1934

SENIOR SAINTS



Seniors, are you looking for a good time? You are cordially invited to come to our meetings which are held the first and third Thursday of each month from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm in the church fellowship hall. We begin our meetings with devotions, Bible study, singing old hymns and then follow with a potluck lunch. We would love to have you join us.

MONTHLY MEN’S BREAKFAST



There will be a Men’s Breakfast, **October 17, at 7:30am**. If you would like to volunteer to setup or to help cook please contact the church office at 382-0719 . Make plans to stay after, we will be doing some community service projects after the breakfast!!

OPEN MIC NIGHT



Second Annual

The first one did so well, we are bringing back Open Mic Night on Friday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 pm. Get your song ready and let Theresa Repass know so she can put you on the list of singers for the night! If you don't have a CD....check out the GSBC Library!

SISTERS OF GRACE

October 19 at 7:00PM

At the home of
Susan Quesenberry

Please RSVP to
Prayer@GSBCfamily.org

Join us for a fun time of devotion, fellowship and food!!

Fields of Faith

Get in the game. Get in the Book. -- "Join us in making an impact for Christ in our schools and communities. At Fields of Faith, we will gather on athletic fields across America to hear students share testimonies, challenge each other to read the Bible and come to faith in Jesus Christ. It's time to get in the game and get in the Book. Purpose - to bring many people together at one time to praise God, hear personal testimonies, be challenged and encouraged to read the Word of God and follow Jesus Christ.

Christiansburg High School Football Field
(CHS Auditorium in case of rain)

Wednesday, October 14
7-8:30PM

Keynote Speaker - Algernon Tennyson
(www.awakenintl.com)



Keynote Speaker.....
Algernon Tennyson

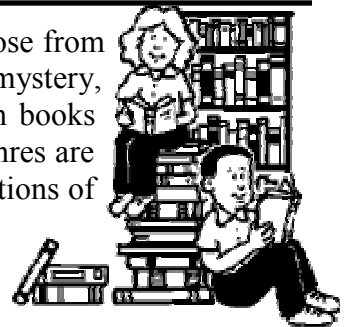


Worship Leaders.....
Exodus from Liberty University

LIBRARY CORNER

Come and check out our church library in the 1st Annex. We have many items to choose from for every interest. Christian books are available in every genre, such as romance, mystery, family values, spiritual conflict, international intrigue. There are lots of non-fiction books that address almost every spiritual and emotional need. Movies and music in many genres are available also. We also have items for children and youth and are praying for contributions of items in this range for more variety. We do have a good start, so come and look.

Did you know if you read one chapter a day, you will read an average of nine books a year?



♪ IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR ♪



Come Sing
With US!!!

Come sing with us!! Anyone interested in singing in the GSBC Worship Choir for the Christmas program should contact Pastor Matthew. Practice is on Thursdays starting at 6:30pm.

NURSING MOMS ROOM

Room 3 in the fellowship hall is now available for nursing moms and for those parents whose children won't stay in the nursery because of separation anxiety or other reasons. The parents can stay with them and not miss out on the worship because the room is set up to televise the service upstairs. Also, the room is equipped with some toys for the children.



GOD'S GREATEST GIFT

Well done my good and faithful child,
Your heart stayed pure, meek and mild.
You never forgot that Our Father's love is true,
You prayed to me and I am here for you.

You prayed for your family, that you love so much.
You praised God for their nurturing touch.
You asked Him to comfort them all of their days,
And remind them to honor Him with prayer and praise.

You prayed for your friends, both far and near.
You thanked God for giving you friends so dear.
You asked that He strengthen them in their times of need,
And focus on their blessings so they can succeed.

You prayed for your teachers that taught with such love.
They taught you that true knowledge comes from above.
You asked God to guide them with the right words to say,
As they teach your loved ones how to live and pray.

You prayed for souls lost in despair,
You knew God could grant them peace with a prayer.
You were taught that each soul must make its own choice,
And you chose to trust God and that makes us rejoice.

Our Father has given us great gifts and we're blessed,
Out of all these gifts, love is the best.
There is no limit to how much it can grow,
And love goes with you wherever you go.

There are no bounds to what love can do,
Love grows when your heart remains open and true.
Souls connect loved ones wherever they are,
It does not matter how near or how far.

You can send them your love,
They feel your warmth from above.
You can feel their love for you too,
It is God's greatest gift and it is given to you.

God works miracles, you know that is true.
Your faith and your love were only known to a few.
People all over the world; hold you dear in their heart.
That has given Our Father a wonderful place to start.

Special things have started happening because of you dear one.
We have an opportunity for souls to be won.
Many prayers have been offered for your friends and you,
Some of these voices to Heaven are new.

Now that you're here; you have shown them the way,
There are souls that are beginning to learn how to pray.
I once said that a child will lead them to me,
Today that new hope is beautiful to see.

You can feel love from those you never knew,
And they can feel the love you send to all of them too.
Love is the greatest gift of them all,
And it can help lead them to Our Master's call.

So many long for your soul to embrace,
Must be right with God and arrive in this place.
One small candle burning in the night,
Can lead lost souls to the Heavenly light.

People gave out more hugs today,
Many more souls remembered to pray.
Sad hearts everywhere will miss you my dear,
But you helped make God's love perfectly clear.

By: Wayne Proffitt

FAMILY PASTOR'S CORNERHis Concern for Me! Pastor Paul de Gastyne

Not long ago I wrote about the "Ins and Outs" of this life. "I am the door; if anyone enters through Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture (Jhn 10:9). Today I return to this passage of Scripture to talk about our place of rest when we come in from pasture and the powers of darkness are seeking to devour.

"He who is a hired hand, and not a shepherd, who is not the owner of the sheep, sees the wolf coming, and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. He flees because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep" (Jhn 10:12-13). To get an idea of the many wolves trying to prey on us do a simple Bible search for the word "false." There are false brethren, teachers, prophets, weights and measures just to name a few. The thief, nor the hireling, has any real "concern" for the sheep. The "fair weather friend" is there to play, party and pamper themselves- or even to pad their pocket. So how do you discern who has this concern for you?

Jesus showed His great love for us: "I am the good shepherd; the good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (Jhn 10:11). In Jesus' time shepherds had "night houses" for their sheep to rest in safety. There was only one door, which is exactly where the good shepherd lay. The only way to get to these sheep was through the shepherd. "So Jesus said to them again, 'Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep'" (Jhn 10:7). Jesus is saying that the thieves and wolves trying to get to His flock must come at it a different way than the true shepherd who "enters by the door..." (Jhn 10:2) who is Christ. Who is it who lays down their own self interest in the door way to protect you from the wolves called lies, gossip, error, false brethren, etc? When you hide your life in Him then the wolf must find another meal as you are safe inside! He then brings us into the safety of His flock- His family. Let us then "enter into" our Lord, the "door of the sheep," sharing His concern for the scattered flock He has Redeemed! "I have other sheep, which are not of this fold; I must bring them also (Jhn 10:16).

GSBC ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 31, 2009

3:00 – 6:00 P.M.

THEME: NOAH'S ARK



Activities:

Games (Multiple games!)

- Noah's Ark Costume Contest
- Ages 0 – 5, K – 2nd Grade, 3rd – 6th Grade, and 7th through adults!
- Noah's Ark Best Decorated Trunk Contest

(For Trunk or Treat)

- Cake Walk
- Face Painting
- Craft
- Pumpkin Patch and Hayride

Needs:

Persons to run booths listed below (1 ½ hour commitment)

- *Hayride (2)
- *Cake Walk (2)
- *Pictures (2)
- *Duck Pond (2)
- *Feed Lion Game (2)
- *Monkey bowling (2)
- *Follow the Leader (2)
- *Animal Relay (2)
- *Animal Bingo (2) *Animal Tattoo (2)

Sign up to HELP!!!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1) 10a Senior Saints Fellowship 6p Youth Praise Band 6:30p Choir Practice	2)	3) 9a Prayer time in Sanctuary
4) 8:30a Worship Service 10a Bible Fellowship 11a Worship Service 5-7 AWANA, Youth Worship & Serve 5:15-6:45 pm Home Group	5) 7 pm Men's Monthly Mtg.	6) 6:30a Prayer time in sanctuary 7p Deacon's Mtg.	7) 5:30-6:30p – Fellowship Meal 6:45-8:15p Youth & Adult Bible Studies, Children's Choir 6:45p Praise Team Practice	8) 6p Youth Praise Band 6:30p Choir Practice	9) Wildfire Men's Conference, Lynchburg	10) Wildfire Men's Conference, Lynchburg 9a Prayer time in sanctuary
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