



NEWS and CALENDAR EVENTS

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Man or Messiah?

The belief in Jesus' deity as Messiah is something many Christians take for granted, but many question the importance of believing in Jesus as Messiah, wondering why people cannot be Christians without believing in Jesus. Some religious groups attempt to sway people to their belief that Jesus is not the Son of God or the Messiah but simply a good man working as a prophet. The discussion on Jesus' role as Messiah is essential to comprehending the doctrine of Christianity. If Jesus is taken out of the Bible, salvation is erased as well. Without Jesus' death and resurrection, there is no redemption of Adam and Eve's fall, no victory over sin, and an unbridgeable chasm remains between God and man. Without Jesus as Messiah, there is no purpose for the world; everyone is doomed to hell, separated from God for eternity. Without Jesus as Messiah, life is hopeless. The only reason one would have to deny Jesus Christ as the Messiah is because of sin, rebellion, and ignorance.

Many people do not believe there is enough evidence to view Jesus as the Messiah, yet God has presented endless amounts of evidence that Jesus is the Messiah, God's only Son. Not only is the Messiah prophesied about endlessly throughout the Old Testament, His prophecies were sometimes centuries apart. Even the most avid conspiracy theorist could not argue that over 20 different authors, separated by culture, background, and centuries, could orchestrate and pull off the greatest scheme the world has ever seen: selling made-up prophecies that just so happened to come true about a false Messiah. In *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis famously made the liar, lunatic, or Lord argument about this very discussion:

I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: 'I'm ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don't accept His claim to be God.' That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on a level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God: or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon; or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.

In *Talk Thru the Bible*, authors Bruce Wilkinson and Kenneth Boa assert, "The odds that even ten of them [prophecies] could be fulfilled by one person is a statistical marvel." Denying Jesus Christ as Messiah is blatantly ignoring the facts, closing eyes to the clear truth that only God could have caused this to happen. Jesus absolutely encapsulates the identity of the Messiah and Savior, and without Him, salvation is unattainable. -Kalyan Lewis



MAY



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	2 <u>4PM</u> Visitation #9 <u>6PM</u> 6:23 Class #10 DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Deacon Meeting Israel Trip Mtg.	3 <u>10AM-12PM</u> Quilting Prison Ministry	4	5
6 Graduating Senior Recognition <u>4PM</u> 6:23 Visitation #9 <u>5PM</u> B&G Meeting <u>7PM</u> Choir Practice	7 Prison Ministry	8 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	9 <u>4PM</u> Visitation #10 <u>6PM</u> 6:23Class #11 DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Council Meeting	10 <u>11:30AM</u> SAM's Luncheon <u>7PM</u> Bread of Life Prison Ministry	11	12 SAM'S GROUP DAYTON STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL
13 <u>2PM</u> NH Ministry <u>4PM</u> 6:23 Visitation #10 <u>6PM</u> Mother' Day dinner Mother's Day	14 Prison Ministry	15 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	16 <u>6PM</u> DU Classes 6:23 TEST	17 <u>10AM-12PM</u> Quilting Prison Ministry	18	19 <u>8AM</u> Men/Youth Boys Breakfast
20  CHURCH HOMECOMING NO Sunday School NO Evening Service.	21 Prison Ministry	22 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	23 <u>6PM</u> DU Classes <u>7PM</u> Stewardship Mtg.	24 Prison Ministry	25 Prison Ministry	26
27 <u>7PM</u> Business Meeting Communion	28  Memorial Day Office Closed Prison Ministry	29 <u>9AM</u> Prayer Group	30 <u>6PM</u> DU Classes	31 Prison Ministry		

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT

Recently, I was reading Paul's message to the Corinthian believers in II Corinthian 11:1-4. His words challenged me and yet caused me to think of the word "jealous over you".

There is nothing that has done so much harm in homes, personal and national relationships, in international situations, and in church life as the ugly, devilish poison of jealousy. For instance, it was jealousy that caused Cain to slay Abel, the brothers of Joseph to sell Joseph, or King Saul's jealousy to cause him to try to slay David. The jealousy of the Pharisees and Sadducees led to the crucifixion of Christ.

Against this background come Paul's words, "I am jealous over you with a godly jealousy..." I find these words very striking. Paul did not say he was jealous "of" the Corinthian believers, but he had a godly jealousy "for" those believers.

Paul's jealousy for the Corinthian believer was for purity and holiness of life, personal surrender and submission to God's purpose integrity and Godly standards for His people.

In retrospect our jealousy for our children, fellow believers, and our local house of worship should hold the same heart desires.

You see, there is a large difference in being jealous "for" someone or something. We must desire the very best for one another and strive to do all we can to see that God's best is theirs to enjoy.

Thank God for Paul's statement. May our love and concern produce the same fervent love one for another.

We are the Senior Adult Ministry and we "are jealous for you with a "God" jealousy."

-Bro. Gary Linebaugh

Strawberry Festival

SAM's GROUP-STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL

The SAM' group is heading to Dayton, TN to enjoy the Strawberry Festival on May 12th. They will be leaving LRBC at 9AM. If you are 50 years or older come join us!

"DOWN HOME' HOMECOMING SUNDAY

LRBC will be celebrating THIRTY FIVE YEARS on May 20th immediately following AM Service. So wear your overalls & bandanas and join us for a fun-filled day of food & fellowship. Some events planned for the day are a Stick Horse race, a "friendly" horseshoe tournament between the Sunday School classes and we will finish the day with cobbler & ice cream and a cake walk. (We need TEN HOMEMADE desserts donated for the cake-walk. Sign up in the foyer if you would like to bake something for the cakewalk). Please bring a dessert to share for the luncheon. ***NO SUNDAY SCHOOL OR PM SERVICE***

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST FOR DINNER

The men of LRBC will be honoring our Mothers by cooking breakfast for dinner on May 13th at 6PM.

They will also be singing! **Ladies if you have a Special music request please submit to Mike Shinn by May 6th.**

NEIGHBORHOOD JAM'-BACKYARD BIBLE CLUB

We are doing a backyard bible club at 5 different locations in our community on June 13th, 14th & 15th from 5PM-8PM.

WE WILL NEED LOTS OF VOLUNTEERS!

SIGN UP NOW IN THE FOYER!

#CREW Corner

"2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. 3 For I rejoiced greatly, when the brethren came and testified of the truth that is in thee, even as thou walkest in the truth. 4 I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

3 John 2-4

It's here! The end of the school year and for some of the #CREW this is the end of your high school career!

Congratulations on another step toward becoming all God desires for you to be. As we celebrate your success, my prayer for you mirrors the Apostle John's prayer in the book of 3 John. I pray that you are prosperous. I know that you have been encouraged to plan the rest of your life by the time you are in ninth grade but I pray in all that you do for God (dream big), you prosper abundantly. I pray that you are in health. I pray that the Lord preserves and protects your body from harm from within and harm from without.

More than all else, I pray that you walk in truth.

Infinitely more than *mere* prosperity or *temporary* health I pray you walk in eternal truth. Knowing that the world's unified desperate cry is screaming lies into your ears, trying to drown out the still small voice of God inside you, I pray that you walk in truth. As we watch you spread your wings into a new grade, a new school, or even as a high school graduate we will celebrate your accomplishments but we will collectively, as a church family, rejoice when we see you walking in truth!

-- Bro. Adam

Class of
2018

Congratulations to our graduating #CREW seniors!

Elizabeth "Sm-arty" Brewer

Dylan "F.F." Cole

Madelyn "Maddy" Flowers

Jasmine "Loopy" Smith

Annalise "Safe Driver" Wallace

SENIOR NIGHT CELEBRATION

Join us Sunday, May 6th for Senior Graduation Celebration. During our PM service we will recognize our Senior Graduates and enjoy finger foods and cake following the service.

WELCOME

By Baptism

Bobby Giles

Dylan Cottle

By Statement

Sandi Giles

Keith Cottle