

What's Your Motivation?

When you're married to a C.P.A. you don't often forget that March and April are not really in the season you know as Spring, they are actually only a part of a bigger season known as "Tax Season." Every year millions of Americans stress over that April 15th deadline, wishing all along it would all simply go away. "In a recent poll, ninety-six percent of respondents agreed that, 'It is every American's civic duty to pay their fair share of taxes.' But in that same poll, seventy-two percent of the respondents acknowledged that it was fear of an audit that compelled them not to cheat." (*Freakonomics* by Steven Levitt & Stephen Dubner) So, it might be fair to say that if it weren't for the fear of getting caught and the resulting consequences, most of us would likely cheat on our tax returns. We weighed it out in our minds and have come to the conclusion that the cost is worth it to avoid the consequences. I guess that's to be expected.

Unfortunately though, this attitude can also creep into our spiritual reasoning as well. Why should I behave myself? So I don't go to hell. Even though we feel it's our duty to follow God's rules, we'd be much less likely to do so if it weren't for the fear of consequences. I've often wondered about this attitude. If the consequence for living an ungodly life was not hell, but, say, merely an end to our existence, would I still give my all to God? I think it's a fair question because, while I do believe in a hell, I am compelled to think that God wants us to choose him as opposed to be simply not choosing hell. Let me be more blunt. If there were no consequences whatsoever, would I work so hard to avoid stealing? Hatred? Pornography? Envy? Dishonesty? Impatience? Make this personal. What tempts you the most? If you could truly "get away with it" would you? I think part of what made Jesus so awesome was that he kept a clear head on just how shallow, fleeting, and ultimately unsatisfying sin really is. He was tempted, sure, but he looked past all the glitter Satan threw out there and saw the overwhelming benefits of a holy life. There's more here to be discussed, but I'm going to let you chew on that yourself.

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SPIRITUAL FOOD SOURCES

TV Programs

"In Search of the Lord's Way" with Phil Sanders at 7:00 a.m. Sundays
"Good News Today" at 7:30 a.m. Sundays - WDKA-TV 49, MyNetwork
"A Bible Answer" at 8:00 a.m. Sundays – WQWQ-CW
"Have a Bible Question" at 8:00 a.m. Sundays – WDKA-TV 49, MyNetwork

Internet

Capechurchofchrist.org (<https://www.facebook.com/CapeChurchofChrist/>)
Sundays at 10:00 a.m., Sundays at 5:00 p.m. and Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

From Harding University: Collegechurchofchrist.org
(<https://www.facebook.com/CollegeChurchofChrist/>) Sundays at 8 a.m.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUESTS

SONGLEADERS

Jerry Keele will be our songleader this morning, March 28 and Eli Readnour is scheduled for next Sunday morning, April 4.

WORSHIP SERVICES

The congregation will return to our normal times for classes and services on the first Sunday of April (April 4). Sunday morning classes at 9:00 a.m., worship services at 10:00 a.m. and 6 p.m., and Wednesday evening classes at 7:00 p.m. will be conducted. Communion will continue as in recent months, using the individual cups. Seating will remain the same until forced to do otherwise. Social distancing and the wearing of masks should continue to be practiced.

CHILDREN'S HOME DONATIONS

The truck to pick up our donated supplies (Chocolate Chips, Instant Potatoes, Canned Mushrooms, Powdered Sugar, Snack Crackers and Rotel) will be here in 2 weeks on April 12th. Please purchase and bring your donations by then. Remember all food items must be donated before their "best used by" or expiration date. Also because of the lack of space, no clothing or miscellaneous items for the thrift store are being picked up at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS: (see flyers posed for more information)

April 12 - Children's Home Pick-up
 June 4-6 – BYC Pee Wee camp
 June 13-18, June 20-25, July 11-16 & July 18-23 – BYC Camp Sessions
 May 23-27 – Memphis School of Preaching 54th Annual Lectureship
 July 16-17 – Worship Leaders Conference, Abilene, TX
 July 18-23 – Texas Normal Singing School, Abilene TX
 August 28 – Fish Fry at BYC

<u>OUR MEMBERS</u>	<u>FAMILY & FRIENDS</u>	<u>WEEKLY REPORT</u>
Jennis Benefield Helen Coburn Joan England (Life Care Ctr) David Mattingly (rm 308 Life Care Ctr) Mark McAllister (glioblastoma) Pat Smart (stroke/fall) Betty Tanner (shut-in) Richard & Jane Volkerding (shut-in)	Betty Allen (hospice) Donna Barnes (cancer) Tom & Mary Bollman Michele Campbell (back) Angie Northern Fabing Scott Hartline Karen Hubbs (brain cancer) Chris Hutson Suzanne Meert (cancer) Kevin Plemons (brain tumor) Barry Tate (stroke) Scott Taylor (cancer) Donna Thieman (cancer) Tony Wells	Sunday a.m. Worship: 56 Contributions: \$6569.57 Budget: \$3,059.12 Family First: \$0 Please remember to leave your contribution in the tray on the table at the back of the auditorium.

“Do all the good you can,
 By all the means you can,
 In all the ways you can,
 In all the places you can,
 At all the times you can,
 To all the people you can,
 As long as ever you can.”
 – John Wesley

Does this sound familiar? Jesus put it this way in Matthew 7:12: Therefore all things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the law and the prophets.

Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries in March	
Mar. 30 – Ilene Evans	Mar. 31 – Dennis Catlow
Mar. 30 – Joyce Blechle	Mar. 31 – Lynn O’Neal