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(Get it? 'Cause my last name starts with a 'T'?)



My home is in heaven; I'm just traveling through this world.

That is a quote from the late Billy Graham. I am writing this at Modoc's – during one of my remote office hour sessions – and the news has just “hit the wire”, as the people once said, that the world has lost a true ambassador of Christ. I wanted to share a few of my favorite Graham quotes, which speak to the man better than I ever could.

It is the Holy Spirit's job to convict, God's job to judge and my job to love.

You can just see him saying this. With all the firebrand preachers you see on TV and hear on the internet, preaching condemnation to people as if they are sitting at God's right hand, it is refreshing for a Christian leader recognize their true place in the gospel equation. Whether you are *not* God or you are *not* the Holy Spirit, Graham says that our only job is to love. Recognizing that we are not qualified to judge the sins of others, he points out that the Christian must be the ambassador of God's love, and not judge, jury, and executioner. Many of my clergy colleagues would do well to learn the difference.

God never takes away something from your life without replacing it with something better.

This is one of my favorites because it is flawed. We need to remember about Graham – and so many other Christians or other people in our lives – that he was human. He would admit that. And just as he would readily tell you he is as much a sinner as the next, we need to remember that about ourselves and others we would give sainthood after they have passed. This quote is near-ridiculous. Loved ones. One answer kills this logic. I don't know exactly when or where he said this, but it should remind us that none of us – nor Graham, himself – are perfect.

We are the Bibles the world is reading; we are the creeds the world is needing; we are the sermons the world is heeding.

Graham embodied this as much as anyone ever has. It is, quite possibly, his enduring legacy. We can read our Bibles all we want, but unless we live it, it is nothing. Why? The world is watching. Whether or not you happen to claim the faith of Jesus Christ, if you knew Billy Graham, you probably respected – and may have even loved – him. He lived the Bible he preached. He believed God is love, and that it was our job to go out and prove it.

So, in Jesus' name – and in Billy's memory – let's go prove it.

Peace,

Holy Week & Easter Services



CUMC Maundy Thursday Service: 7pm

Community Good Friday Service

12:10pm-12:50pm

at the Presbyterian Church in Wabash (123 W. Hill Street)

Easter Sunday

April 1

8am Sunrise Service

9am Breakfast

10am Worship Service



Coming Soon

Our faith community

The **2018 Church Directory** is in its proofing stage with the hopes of having a new publication sometime in March.

If you have not stopped by the table in the narthex to review and edit your family information, please do so.

Or, if you would rather call in any changes, you may

contact the church office Monday-Friday between 8:30 and noon.

Updating the directory information will also help the office revise our computer database.

Thanks so much for your help!



Easter Lilies



Now is your chance until March 26th to order artificial lilies in honor of, or in memory of a loved one this Easter season. These lilies will be displayed on the altar

through the Easter celebration. *If you are interested, you may make a love offering of your choice to the church.* All love offerings will be donated to a local charity that will

be determined at a later date. **Order forms can be found at the Welcome Center starting March 4th.** Thank you for your support!

Items Needed

Time to clean up those junk drawers and search around the house for some items that are needed for our upcoming Vacation Bible School week in June.

We are looking for the following items:

- Old, unusable ball-point pens
- Scraps of yarn
- Water bottle caps

NOTE: The water bottle caps we are looking for are the ones that slide...if you are not sure, please contact Sheila Gilley or call the church office.

There will be a box in the office in which you may leave your items.

Thank you in advance for helping out!



The Life Center is in need of the following items:

- Diapers—large sizes
- Baby clothes up to 4T
- Baby wipes
- Formula, all types
- Prenatal vitamins

Please take the items to their location at 480 Bond Street in Wabash.



For Sale

On March 25...Palm Sunday, there will be homemade NOODLES and CAKES for sale after each service. Noodles are selling for \$3 a bag; cakes are \$8 each.

Please be sure to stop by and make a purchase ... they are tasty!

Book Discussion



Join us for an 8-week book discussion on "The Shack" lead by Melissa Rice starting March 19 at the church and concluding on May 7. A sign up sheet is located in the narthex for anyone interested in taking part in this book discussion. We will order books and the cost is \$10. If you sign up to attend, please have the first two chapters read by March 19. For more information, please contact Sheila Gilley.



Serving for March 2018

8am Greeter — Steve & Vicki Furnas

10am Liturgist — Janie Long

10am Greeters

3/4 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly

3/11 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly

3/18 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly

3/25 Grant Long, Rich & Kathy Wehrly

10am Ushers — TBD

Scripture Reading for March

3/4 Exodus 20:1-17; Psalm 19;
1 Corinthians 1:18-25; John 2:13-22

3/11 Numbers 21:4-9; Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22;
Ephesians 2:1-10; John 3:14-21

3/18 Jeremiah 31:31-34; Psalm 51:1-12
Hebrews 5:5-10; John 12:20-33

3/25 Mark 1:1-11; Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29;
Isaiah 50:4-9a; Psalm 31:9-16;
Philippians 2:5-11; Mark 14:1—15:47

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Worship Services
Sunday 8 am & 10 am
Sunday School for all ages 9 am

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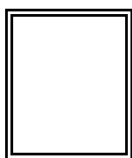


Items for the next newsletter should be submitted to the church office by **March 19th**.

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