

Another Word Aug. 11, 2020

To the family and friends of First Christian Church,

How about a little good news! First, what a blessing to see the Whitmer family, Mike Reynolds, and Larry Laser back and worshipping with us last Sunday. It was a beautiful day to give praise and glory to our God and Savior Jesus Christ. Second, we now have power to the pavilion and storage building. (yes, you can now charge your phones at church) Third, the “weed field” next to the church will be leveled and grass planted in a few short weeks. Fourth, the bumpy cement drive coming into our parking lot will soon be torn out and replaced. An anonymous donor will be blessing our church home with this wonderful gift.

Please continue to send cards and make phone calls to each other and especially to those who can't make it out to our services.

“The Sacred Assembly”, a group of believers, will gather August 23rd at Freer Field to pray for our city, state, and country as well as the forgiveness of our sins. The time will be from 5pm to 6:30. Social distancing and masks will be observed. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Scriptures for this Sunday are Psalm 133 and Matthew 15:21-28

Please continue to pray for Mike, Arlene, Larry, Kim, and Dick. Also, David Bell is having surgery this Thursday the 13th, and Donita will be having surgery next Tuesday the 18th.

May we pray, Holy God, creator of life, Holy is your name. With the turmoil in the world swirling around us, we long for your

Kingdom to come. But we also know we are to love and protect the weak, and to spread your “good news” to others even in the midst of the storm. We pray for those in our hospitals and nursing homes as well as the doctors, nurses, and all those dedicated to helping others. Strengthen us to be bold in our commitment to you and to your guidance. We thank you for all the blessings you continue to lavish on us. May we live by faith, walk in hope, and be renewed in love, until the world is full of your Glory. In Jesus perfect name we pray, Amen

Our granddaughter, Maddie, started taking piano lessons several years ago. When she first began, I remember watching her play “Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star” and seeing the proud look on her face when she had finished. Although simple, and just with her right hand, it was quite an accomplishment. Later, when it was time for her first piano recital, nerves were running high. Her teacher had picked a rather difficult piece of music. Not only was she to play it with both hands, it was also to be played as a duet. Her accompanist for the performance was to be her mother, Torie.

When called, they went up and sat together on the bench. Before they began, Torie leaned over and whispered something in Maddie’s ear. The beautiful music they played together lasted about 2 minutes. When it was over, Torie gave her a hug, they bowed, and then sat back down with the other students. I don’t remember the name of the music, but I did notice that while Maddie played a simple melody, Torie’s accompaniment added depth and beauty to the piece.

Thinking about that evening, it has all the earmarks of those who live their lives with Jesus. So many of us try to do it all ourselves, to go solo, to go it all alone, hoping we don't miss a note, or even worse, play a wrong note.

We sometimes forget that it's because of His power that we can "play" at all. Our teacher is always on the bench next to us, guiding us, encouraging us, and playing all the notes we can't handle. His presence in our lives make all the difference in the "music" we bring to the world.

When we rely on Jesus, the daily duet we "play" honors God. Psalm 108 verse 1 states, "My heart is steadfast O God; I will sing and make music with all my soul." Beautiful words. Remember, you never have to go solo. The duet we play with Jesus serves others with joy, and the world is treated to a recital of songs of hope, trust, faith, and love.

Now you know what it means to have a song in your heart. To know who is always there, sitting next to you, encouraging you, teaching you, and accompanying you with the beautiful music of life.

In His Peace,

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