



FEBRUARY 1, 2012

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WEEKLY DEVOTION

ONE FOCUS

Is there anyone, anywhere, who has it all together? Paul had some good advice for people who think they do: no matter how strong they are, there's always a weak spot somewhere.

The church in Rome was earning a reputation as a sturdy, obedient bunch of believers, but Paul saw potential danger around the corner. He warned the Romans about those who would come and try to deceive them into disobeying God. Paul must have had some concerns about the church's gullibility, for he cautioned them about smooth-talkers who could "deceive the hearts of the unsuspecting" (verse 18).

Paul's advice to the Romans is well taken by us also. No matter how far we've come, we're never all the way there. Just as in Paul's day, deceivers are always around, trying to cause division between us and our fellow believers.

To counteract this, however, many Christians spend far too much time becoming experts in evil. They seek to learn everything they can about Satan in order to avoid his snares. They end up thinking, reading, and talking more about evil than God.

God doesn't ask for blind obedience from us, but he does want us to be completely innocent of evil. So we should spend our efforts, not being frightened or glamorized by wickedness, but getting to know God through his Word, testing everything we hear against the Scriptures, and avoiding anything that has the appearance of evil.

What's so attractive about being up on the bad things people are doing?



"I want you to be wise about what is good, yet innocent about what is evil."

Romans 16:19

This devotional is courtesy of TQ



Annual Sweetheart Dinner

Sunday, February 12, 2012

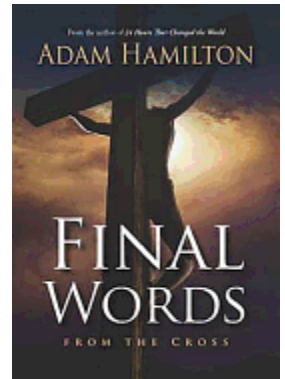
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Mark your calendars for the annual Sweetheart Banquet sponsored by the United Methodist Men. The entertainment this year is Karl Hinkle. For those of you who have not heard Karl Hinkle, he was a former member of the Wright Brothers who enjoyed a successful career performing coast to coast, including appearances with Johnny Cash, on The Today Show, the Grand Ole Opry, etc. The Wright Brothers had a recording contract with Warner Brothers and singles in the Top 40. During this time, Karl came face to face with the claims of Jesus Christ and his life and attitudes begin to change. For more of his witness, be sure to come to the banquet. The tickets are \$25 per couple or \$12.50 single. It will be a great evening! The United Methodist Men will have tickets available or you can call the church office for a ticket at 317-758-4195. To listen to a preview, view this video of Karl Hinkle: <http://youtu.be/1mQIYqIMn1w>



Lent Bible Study

Plan ahead now for the Lenten Bible Study which will be held on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM beginning February 19 and at noon on Wednesday, beginning February 22. We will be studying Adam Hamilton's *Final Words*. This is a follow-up study to the Lenten series we did last year. In this study, Adam Hamilton examines Christ's dying hours and his final words as seen and heard through the eyes and ears of those who stood near the cross...from those who witnessed the Crucifixion. Then, he moves beyond the cross to Jesus' words to his disciples on the road to Emmaus and to those who witnessed the Resurrection.



PARENTS OF 5th GRADERS

We want to plan a special event just for our 5th grade youth in February. Please get out your calendar and call Rev. Fritz (317-626-9315) so that we can set a date! Thanks!

2012 EASTER FLOWER ORDER FORM



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EVENTS THIS WEEK

Wednesday, February 1

- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Choir Practice

Sunday, February 5

- 8:30 am Early Worship
- 9:00 am Church School
- 9:15 am Membership Class
- 10:00 am Worship Service
- 6:00 pm Youth Group

Monday, February 6

- 7:00 pm Church Council

Wednesday, February 8

- 1:00 pm Staff Meeting
- 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm Choir

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Persons interested in joining in full membership are asked to contact the church office (317-758-4195) or Rev. Carol Fritz (317-626-9315). An informational meeting will be held in the church sanctuary during the Sunday School hour (9:15 am) on Sunday, February 5. Please bring your personal calendars



Lifting up in prayer:

Michael Graham, Irene Went, Irma Barker, Kim Sedwick Crouch, Karen Groff, Jenni Ferrari, Janet Cody, and Butch Lowder

FAT TUESDAY

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER

FEBRUARY 21, 2012

SERVING 4:30 TO 7:00 PM

Plan to join us for this traditional celebration, sponsored by the United Methodist Women, that is held just before the beginning of the Christian season of Lent.

Invite your friends, your neighbors, your loved ones for good food and fellowship! A free will offering will be taken.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Fellowship Hall,
After worship services

Sponsored by the First UMC Youth Group

All proceeds will be used for the summer mission trips.
Thank you for your support!

POSTPONED

DUE TO SUPERBOWL

PARENT MEETING

PRE-CONFIRMATION RETREAT MEETING