

God is Alive, Baal Is In a Museum

I HAVE SEEN the idols worshipped by civilizations past. I've been to the British Museum in London and the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. These depictions of winged bulls, and imposing, strange statues once held in such awe are now curated curiosities we gawk at for our amusement. Yes, Baal is there. You can spend days touring room after room filled with the false gods that entire nations once bowed to. Such outmoded man-made gods were followed by the majority. It was common knowledge that worshipping Baal was right. Everyone did it.

Everyone, except for a few. The prophets were lonely truthful voices. Their followers answered a different call: to worship the one, true God. Even today as in times past, "one true God" is a term held in derision. In the prophet Elijah's time there were only 7,000 in an entire nation that had not "bowed the knee to Baal." In our culture we say the majority is right. But in history the majority is usually wrong. This is confirmed in the pages of our Bibles.

What will future museums hold as the idols of our culture? Sports stadiums, team mascots, smart-phones, celebrities, entertainers, fad-diets, stocks and bonds? Room after room will again be filled with things once held in such reverent awe by most everyone. Our descendants will disinterestedly, casually walk past things we thought were so very important. To things that make our hearts race, they will glance away and say, "*This is boring. Let's go do something else.*"

Who would've guessed that the "one, true God," the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the Heavenly Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, would still be around? This God, continually followed by an often despised minority still lives and is worshipped by minorities around the world. And so it will be until the day God lowers the curtain on history and all nations stand before him in judgment. Our God cannot be put into a museum.

The words of our Bible prophets are as true today as they were in the past. They are calling you to toss aside your man-made idols and worship only the Lord. No matter who you are, no matter what your back-story, the Lord offers you new life. Though you are in the minority,

you are more than a conqueror through him who loves you. Time will prove it to be true.

TODAY Is Our Fellowship Meal: The theme: Italian dishes! **Team 4** is setting-up & cleaning-up.

Collingswood Youth (Grades 6-12) have been invited: by the local Methodist Church to hear an inspirational speaker, participate in games and enjoy some food and refreshments on Saturday, March 5th at 4pm.

- **TODAY is the deadline to sign-up** Additional details are posted on the church bulletin board. Please, notify Scott and Chris today if your child plans on attending.

Greeters & Ushers & Those Who Would Like to Be: We will have a meeting on March 13th, after service. See Dave Cook with any questions.

Movie Outreach "Risen" March 13th: We plan to see a *Sunday afternoon matinee* of this new movie about the resurrection of Jesus: AMC Loews across from Cherry Hill Mall. "Risen" is about the manhunt that changed the course of human history. It is the story of the Resurrection, as told through the eyes of a non-believer. See bulletin board. Please bring a FRIEND!

Men's Breakfast March 25: Good Friday at 6:55am, at the Crowne Plaza in Cherry Hill. The guest speaker will be Garry Cobb. The tickets are \$20. More details will come.

Camp Manatawny: Now is a good time to start saving to send your child for a week of camp. There are many who go every year from here and love it. The cost for a week is \$325. **A discount of \$25 will be given if paid in full by April 30, 2016.** Register online by going to **Manatawny.org** and clicking on any "**Register**" button.

Mark

➤ **SAVE THE DATE! Our Camp Manatawny**

Retreat: will be May 20-22

SPRING Quarter Begins Next Sunday, March 6

SUNDAYS 9:30 AM

CRADLE ROLL- **Lillian** Nuñez & **Terry** Little

PRE-SCHOOL-K.-Brenda (as needed)

KINDERGARTEN – 3rd – **Michelle** Williams

1ST-3RD – **Carl** Smith

4th and 5th Grades – **Kathy** Churchill

JUNIOR HIGH - **Nawana** Ceraso

HIGH SCHOOL- **Tim** Jones & **Henry** Duncan

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP: Carl & Sarah,

WEDNESDAYS 7 PM

CRADLE ROLL – **Wini** Boyle & **Hannah** Ceraso

ELEMENTARY- **Ho**a Ly

JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH- **Tony** Ceraso Jr.

Today's Worship Leaders:

Welcome & Prayer: **Logan** McEntire

Scripture: **Jacob** Ceraso (Eph. 4: 4-5)

Scripture: **Collin** McEntire (Eph. 4:10-12)

Lord's Supper: **Ethan** Francoeur, **Carry** Ganges, **Nicky** Ceraso,
& **Eli** Francoeur

Side Assistants: **Jon Jon** Cook & **Collin** McEntire

Scripture & Intro to Sermon: **Tim** Lum (Romans 12:4-8)

Preaching: **Ben** Churchill, **Jiony** Colon, **Ed** Francoeur Jr.,
& **Logan** McEntire

Announcements: **Rick** Boyle **Closing Prayer:** **Ed** Francoeur

Nursery: **Brenda & Debbie** Next Week- Margaret & Elizabeth

Yellow Cleaning Team: March 2-5 **Norma** coordinates

OUTREACH/MINISTRY

Mark Finn – Preacher

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ELDERS:

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Tony Ceraso, Jr. (856) 278-6276

Bret Goen (856) 996-5267

Chet Churchill (609) 560-7179

Worship **102**

Winterfest **25**

Bible Class..... **70**

Wed. PM..... **40**

LIFE Groups **53**

Contr...... **\$3,976**

Howard Mansdoerfer (609) 790-9969 Budget Goal.....\$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 27

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“Now faith is being **sure** of what we hope for and **certain**
of what we do not see.” (Hebrews 11:1)



Small is
the gate
and
narrow
the road
that leads