

Do Today's Big Issues Ultimately Matter?



We all have opinions about politics, nations, news, and social changes. We draw lines. We are against judging but we judge. We oppose name-calling by name-calling. Everyone claims the moral high ground. We see signs of hope when “our side” wins, and are

sad when “their side” wins. We like people who are like us, and suspect people different than us. We keep score. Do our passionate opinions matter? Ultimately not.

When we rise in worship above this world's chattering strife to the heavenly realms of God, our opinion doesn't matter—our faith does. Is it in us, or in him?

Let's get some perspective. God existed before he ever created us out of love, and he will endure way beyond his creation. We have been fighting in the waiting room of eternity. God who sees all people as one only wants to know a couple of things about you. Do you love him above all? And do you love your neighbor like you love yourself? Spending a lifetime sincerely measuring yourself against God's love results in a humble walk, a loving attitude. Knowing how badly we fall short, we will love people even when they are not loving. What a shock to learn that everything in creation we fuss about is like an old shirt that the Lord will change.

Psalm 102:25-28 says of God, *“In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded. But you remain the same, and your years will never end. The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.”*

Are you going to live in his presence? We will only be on earth a short time. We only have a chance to touch a few lives around us. Do you want to spend it perpetually perturbed

about the state of this passing world? We will soon go on to meet God. Without that perspective we find only in worship, we will behave in ways that will cause us to miss our reason for



existence and to miss eternal life with God. Our worship, which changes our perspective, changes our behavior and surprisingly... ends up changing the world.

Mark

Finn-Fabi LIFE Group Meets at the Finn's house after Worship today for lunch and devotional.

The After-Worship LIFE Group will restart next Sunday, February 4th, The Next Chapter. See Tim or April Jones with questions.

A NEW Young Adults Class Meets at 9:30am

Sunday mornings downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Cathedral Kitchen Homeless Meal: is coming up January 30th. See Vivian Carter if you can help.

Youth Group: Friday, Feb. 9th at the building 7-9PM.

Haircuts for Missions: February 10th, please sign-up!

EDP Meeting is Feb. 19th: on Monday, at 6:30 PM. Our Deacons and Elders get together.

Baby Shower for Sarah Gafgen-Smith Feb. 25th after Sunday Worship in the Fellowship Hall. She is registered at **Babies-R-Us & at Amazon.com**. Questions? See Pam Goen or Donna Mansdoerfer.

Members, Get Our Church Directory on Your

Phone: Download **Instant Church Directory** from your app store. We need to have your updated email address in order for you to log in. See Scott Schoener or Becky Finn for questions or assistance.

We Need SNOW Shovelers: Chris Ceraso runs the Snow-blower but we need SHOVELERS. Please sign-up on the bulletin-board. We need that help!

Next Fellowship Meal is our Congregational Meeting, March 18th.

Today's Worship Leaders

Worship Leader: Dave Williams

Welcome & Scripture: Carl Smith (Psalm 71:1-8)

Opening Prayer: Rick Boyle

Lord's Supper: Darren, Nelson Nunez, Lee Graves, Hardee

Scripture Before Message: Jonathan Cook (1 Cor. 10:23-33)

Announcements & Closing Prayer: Tony Ceraso Jr.

Greeters: Scott & Chris S., John Corbett., Lizzy C.

Nursery Sandra M. & Layla Next Week: Debbie & Elaine

Green: Cleaning Team Jan. 31-Feb. 3. Hardee Coordinates

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Worship 119

Bible Class 60

Wednesday 31

Contribution \$2,404

Budget Goal \$4,260

Daily Bible Readers: 34

Great job! Our readers are growing!

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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)

Jesus has never
stopped teaching.



Are we listening?