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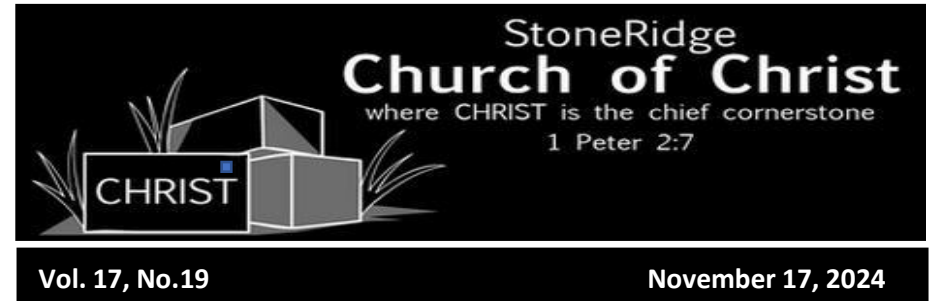
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THANKSGIVING DAY – FAST APPROACHING!!

It's almost here! My atheist friends – agnostics, humanists, scoffers, scorners, and skeptics – will soon be gathering together to.....knock on wood. And thank their "lucky stars". That's about as far as Thanksgiving can go with no Higher Power.

How much better to thank the One who made the wood and the stars (Gen 1:11-16)! We were told long ago about those who would "worship and serve the creation rather than the Creator." This happened because "they refused to have God in their knowledge" (Rom 1:25,28).

We know we should be grateful to God more than once a year, like everyday. Still, I had rather (than not) live in a country that sets aside a time to remember at the end of harvest, the One who made it all possible.

Wood and Stars

Wood has played an important role in man's survival, especially when it was used to build an ark that protected the righteous from a wicked world filled with violence and when man only did evil continually (Gen 6:5,11). A remnant was preserved. If that hadn't happened, none of us would be here.

Wood played another important role when it was formed into a cross and the son of God died for the sins of the world, providing man with the opportunity to be saved "again." This time, eternally. You can knock on wood if you want to, but don't knock the One who made the wood that bore the sacrificial Savior. While he was on the cross, you were on his mind. →

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Stars have also play an important role. They declare the glory of God (Ps 19:1). When we look at them we suddenly realize how inadequate we were to create and place them. And also how inadequate an explosion would have been to bring them into existence and keep them burning “forever.” While they don’t seem to add much light, one can realize just how much light the combined billions of stars shed by contrasting when the moon is in its cycle (new moon – no moon) and the sky is overcast so no stars are visible. The darkness is so thick, if you’re out in the country away from the city lights. I’ve been in that situation when I had car trouble. There is not that much difference between that and being blind. Stars make a wonderful difference.

But stars played another important role in history, in particular, that Star in the East that guided the wise men to Bethlehem. I’m glad Mary didn’t believe in or seek an abortion. Being single and expecting a baby in a society that could have made her an outcast, could have provided the pressure and motivation to abort. I’m glad she didn’t. Aren’t you? Put that at the TOP when you count your list of blessings. But also include the wood and the stars, along with the many other n’t

The Myth

Once we decide to obey God completely, it’s easy to assume that the rest of life will run smoothly. If it does, we think that proves we’re doing God’s will. If we run into obstacles, we’re quick to conclude that we must be doing something wrong or God is unhappy with us. Rather than question our measuring stick, we question our dedication, and sometimes even God.

It’s a myth to believe that if we obey God, everything will always go well. Being dedicated to God means going with Him even when things don’t go our way. In fact, as you consider the growth of the church in the 1st century the Bible is clear that the gospel advanced during times of suffering.

Although Paul was in prison when he wrote Philipians, his adversary didn’t cause him concern. His objective was to pr4adh the gospel and he didn’t

question that goal just because he had been arrested. He made the most of the circumstances and continued to proclaim Jesus even to his captors.

Phil 1:12-14 – “Now I want you to know, that my circumstances have turned out for the greater progress the gospel, do that my imprisonment in the cause of Christ has become well known throughout the whole praetorian guard and to everyone else, and that most of the brethren, trusting in the Lord because of my imprisonment, have far more courage to speak the word of God without fear.”

How would you and I react if we were in Paul’s shoes? Would we question our faithfulness, God’s love for us, or perhaps question if there was even a God?

Don’t be fooled by the misleading notion that life will be easy if you obey God. He doesn’t always remove difficulties: He uses them for your good and for His glory.

News/Notes/Quote

THE SICK. Karleen Sheets has been sick this past week... Ezra and Martha Thetford have both been sick... Gauri Guha was released from Encompass and is now back at home... Beverly Allen has moved to a care facility in Walnut Ridge. See below. ...The Kern’s great nephew, Corder Bouffard is recovering from heart surgery... Remember our SHUT-INS. Rita Kieffer at St. Bernard Village. Beverly Allen at Green House Cottages, Walnut Ridge... Shirley Coots at Walnut Ridge Nursing Home... Ray Vines at Roger’s home... Ruby Vanhoozer is at home under hospice care... Karen Livesay at home...

GROUP MEETINGS. Group 1 will meet Dec 14 at 5:30 at the Christenberry’s. Group 2 will Dec 7 at 5:30 at the Beardens’.

PODCAST. John Mundy – Monday-Friday. 8 am on Facebook & YouTube.

Most people believe willingly that which they wish to be true. But that doesn’t mean it is.

Make the word of God your daily bread; not cake for special occasions.

When a dishonest man makes a mistake, he tries to cover it up, but when an honest man makes one, he corrects himself.

