

January 18, 2015

Insight

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us.

We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

II Corinthians 5:17-20

- € **Pastor Dave called Dr. Dan explaining that he needed to see him right away.** Once Dave arrived at the office Dan said, “*What seems to be the problem?*” “*Well Doc...I got up this morning, looked in the mirror and got scared. My hair was kind of wiry and white, my eyes were bloodshot and bugging out – and my skin was pasty, blotchy and Anne said I looked like death warmed over. What do you think is wrong with me?*” “*Hmm. Not sure yet, but I’d say your eyesight is just fine.*”
- € **Euthanasia was legalized**...in Belgium in 2002. No doubt most Belgians thought of it as a last resort for the very exceptional cases. But only a decade later, at least five people a day are being euthanized in a country of only 11 million. The figure for 2013 rose by 27% over 2012. Euthanasia is becoming a normal part of life. [Salvo, Foreign Intel, Daily Killings by Michael Cook, Winter 2014]
- € **Survey Says**...a September, 2014 Pew Research Center indicates that public support for same sex marriage is down by 5 point from a similar survey conducted in February, from 54% to 49%. Researchers say it is too early to know if the change can be read as the beginning of a trend. The same survey showed that 50% of Americans believe that Homosexuality is sinful, a rise of 5% since last year. [lifesitenews.com/news/pew-poll-shows-drop-in-support...]
- € **In a study of "Bible engagement" LifeWay Research surveyed more than 2,900 Protestant churchgoers and found that higher levels of Bible engagement were correlated to six actions:**
 1. Confessing wrongdoings to God and asking forgiveness.
 2. Believing in Jesus Christ as the only way to heaven and the number of years one has believed this.
 3. Making a decision to obey or follow God with an awareness that choosing to do so might be costly. (63% of churchgoers say they have at least once in the last six months.)
 4. Praying for the spiritual status of people they know are not professing Christians.
 5. Reading a book about increasing their spiritual growth. (61% of churchgoers say they have in the last year.)
 6. Having been discipled or mentored one-on-one by a more spiritually mature Christian. (47% of churchgoers say they have been discipled or mentored.)
- € **The Internet is the most dangerous place in the world for your children to play.** Can you protect them? Parenting (and I would add “Grand parenting”) in a World of Technology is a seminar being offered through the Community Christian School being taught by Walnut Hill’s Travis Anderson from C-Pro, a division of U. S. Cellular. This seminar will help you understand the impact of today’s technology in the life of your children. There is no cost to this seminar, and childcare will be provided. To ensure there are enough materials and childcare providers, please sign-up by contacting the CCS office at barabooccs@gmail.com or 608-448-2191. (For more information, contact Travis at 608-356-4000.) When? Thursday, January 29th at 6:00 p.m.

- € **Trivia Question:** Cecile Richards, the President of Planned Parenthood, believes that a woman has the right to abort her child at any time, for any reason, at no cost to her and at the taxpayer's expense. According to a recent interview with Jorge Ramos of Fusion TV, when does she believe life begins?
- A. At conception B. Third trimester C. At delivery D. At the mother's discretion

For Prayer...

- ...Jonathan and Nicole as they begin their final evaluations (at least 2 weeks – depending on the weather) on January 5th, in order to gain acceptance as an Mission Aviation Fellowship pilot. These are critical tests. Thank you for your prayers.
- ...Giving thanks for safety, great weather, fellowship, the fish who sacrificed their lives (and or pride) and the men who facilitated the Family Ice Fishing gathering Saturday at Mirror Lake.
- ...Pete – a friend of Walnut Hill recovering from heart valve repair surgery at St. Mary's.
- ...Mexico Missions Team and the Taco feast fund raiser moved to the 25th of January.
- ...Giving thanks that Lowell is on the mend after a bout with a bad rash on his forearm from poison sumac.
- ...The Men's "No Regrets" conference coming up on February 7th @ Walnut Hill.
- ...Space Planning & Church growth...clarity of leading. Meeting this Sunday evening.
- ...The sale of Homes for several families in our fellowship.
- ...Couples who are fighting serious physical illness together.

Jeff & Laurie
Norm & Peg

Daryl & LaVern
Cheryl (Deane)

Christy (Mike)
Renee (Dick)

...Our Expectant Mothers

Anna (Nathan)
Christine (Ben)
Terra (Ronnie) M

Sarah (Kelly)
Sarah (Beaner)

Daisy (Aaron)
Paige (Matt)

"What you see and hear
 depends a good deal on
 where you are standing;
 it also depends on what
 kind of a person you are."
 C. S. Lewis

Trivia Answer: C. At delivery. Do you agree? What does God say? Psalm 139:15-18