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WEDNESDAY: STUDY

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1st & 3rd TUESDAYS: RS MINISTRY CLASS 10:30 a.m.

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FINDING OUR NEW NORMAL

Still trying to find the new normal? Join the club. What is normal? According to Merriam-Webster, the word came into our language in the 17th century as a carpentry term, meaning to form a right angle. By extension, it was applied to that which is "done exactly, according to the rule, or square" (Merriam-Webster). Today we use the word to refer to what is average or typical—how we are supposed to think and feel. So, how do we go about finding our new normal?

If our new normal is determined by how we are supposed to think and feel-that is, by the expectations of those around us-then we are headed in the wrong direction. The majority-rule approach of today's political correctness is deceptive. Moses warned his people not to "follow the masses in doing evil" (Ex. 23:2). Majority-opinion is never a safe guide (Mt. 7:13-14).

Another guide people use to find their new normal is self-rule. In other words, we are the ones who decide upon our new normal. The turbulent and often rebellious biblical period of the Judges, is described in Scripture as a time when "every man did that which was right in his own eyes" (Jud. 17:6). While self-rule appears "normal" in our age of moral relativity; there is a supreme, over-arching truth which must be considered. Namely, that "each one of us must give an account of himself to God" (Rm. 14:12).

This brings us back to the 17th century definition of what is normal: that which is "done exactly, according to the rule." This has greatest promise of success. When Joshua was finding his new normal after the death of Moses, he listened to the voice of God who said, "be careful to do according to all the law which Moses My servant commanded you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, so that you may have success wherever you go" (Joshua 1:7-8). What he discovered is what we must discover-that our new normal is not new at all. Our normal is to remain consistently centered in the will of God as revealed to us in the Scriptures.

--Glen Elliott--

Prayer Requests

*Debbie Freeman has masses in her stomach and will be having a biopsy as soon as they are able to schedule it. Keep her in your prayers.

*Laura Blake's mom, Barbara, will have hip replacement surgery on Monday.

*Prayers for Mike Brewer as he recovers from elbow surgery.

*Melba Sharp hasn't been feeling well. Remember her in prayer please.

*Continue to keep Marilyn Koone; Daniel Phillip's wife, Cena; Anne Janski; Helen Swindle's sister, Shirley; Tyler Blair's friend's son, Evan; Dorothy Tatum; Anne Steele, and Jason Elliott in your prayers.

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NOTICE:

Sunday morning worship at 10:30am Sunday evening worship at 5pm Wednesday evening at 7pm (*meeting in auditorium for each service*)

Things you need to know:

*There will be a live feed for those who do not feel comfortable meeting together for worship at this time.

*For those who plan to be here for our 10:30am Sunday worship service:

-We encourage you to visit with one another outside of our building. When you are ready, come in and be seated.

-Please do not clog the foyer or aisles when you come inside. The front doors will be propped open for a better flow to enter and leave the building.

-There will be individual communion supplies as you come inside the front entrance—one per member.

-Contribution drop-off trays will be on tables as you leave the auditorium.

-There will be no greeters at this time.

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WEDNESDAY (13th):

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Announcement Mark made on 5/10/20:

Good morning. Some news is easy to deliver while other news may be more difficult. In the last 10 months that I have been here working at the Greenbrier



Church of Christ, I have been extremely fortunate to observe and be a part of a loving church of the kingdom of Christ. However, I stand before you all this morning to inform you that by the end of July I will be moving on from the ministry work here in Greenbrier. While this was a difficult decision to make I am content with the choice.

This decision was based on that my fiancée, her family, and my family are all in the Tennessee area. We want to live closer to our families. The elders and Glen have been very understanding and supportive of this choice and I hope that you all will be able to understand it as well. I want you all to know how thankful I am to all of you for inviting me in as a member and as your youth minister. I can only pray and hope that the next work I get to go to will be as loving and tenderhearted as this church has been to me.

I want to thank the elders for giving me the opportunity to work here and for putting their faith in me to help teach the youth of this congregation. I want to thank Glen for his great mentorship and being a tremendous influence in how I need to think and act and study as a minister in the Lord's church. As well as Colleen for being that ray of laughter and sunshine and having her wonderful personality all the time. To Shelly Dent, thank you for the work you have done to help me around the office. It's not an easy job for you and you've been a wonderful person to work with.

All of you here have been a blessing to me. You are a part of my life that I will never forget. To the youth here, I hope I can encourage you all to keep the faith and to seek the Lord for guidance in everything you do. It's not easy being you. Just know that there are members, elders, teachers, your parents; they are all here to help you in the direction of Christ. It's been a great honor especially to have been able to teach the teen class, lead singing, preach, and serve you and God in the ways I have been blessed to do so. I love all of you and I hope and pray that the church here is able to find another youth minister that will strive to do great things for the Lord's church. Thank you and may God continue to bless this wonderful congregation.

-Mark Talbert-