

Vancleave Church of Christ Weekly Newsletter

Dedicated to spiritual encouragement and local Christian ministry

November 14, 2021

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2

Who Cares? *by Duane Patton*

The idiomatic expression "Who Cares?" is most often used informally, in conversations where you know the person. It can be rude and might even show contempt or disdain for something said or done. It mostly conveys the idea of a general, personal lack of concern. It doesn't necessarily intend to offend. For example, "Who do you think will win this season of The Voice?" "I don't know. Who cares?" or "It's the Super Bowl. Who cares what seats we have as long as we get to go to the game." Sometimes younger siblings can get cross with one another and use the expression more sarcastically, "I'm going to tell Mom that you're watching TV instead of doing your homework." The other might then reply, "So, who cares?"

But when this expression is applied as a genuine question with reference to our very lives, it deserves a biblical answer. The apostle, Peter wanted to encourage those who were troubled for various reasons along life's way when he wrote,

"...all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for 'God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble.' Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1Peter 5:5-7)

God truly cares for us (**Hebrews 2:14-18; cf. Mark 6:34**). He has the power to save our souls and to comfort our hearts. He is, after all, the "God of all comfort" (**2 Corinthians 1:2-4**). Physicians, parents, teachers, coaches, friends, relatives and so many others are all involved in the lives of everyone of us in some way. We want them to care. Often, we need them all to care although some don't. But we can truly be comforted in the fact that Jesus cares for us like no other! Our Creator understands how much we depend on Him – completely – and, as our Savior who became human and dwelt among us, He cares about our very lives, now and forever.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. (Hebrews 13:8, NKJV)

Seeking first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness...

Services:

Sunday

9:00 AM Bible Class
10:00 AM Worship

6:00 PM Worship

Wednesday:

6:00 PM
Prayer & Bible Study

Local Works of Faith:

Sunnybrook Children's Home
Gulf Coast Bible Camp
Local Food Pantry
Annual Youth Events
Back-Pack Buddies
The Gospel of Christ TV (Fox 25)
(Every Sunday at 6:30 AM)

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Prayer Requests and Announcements

The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and His ears are open unto their cry. ~ Psalms 34:15

Recent Prayer Requests:

Mike Kenney: to have upcoming medical visit. Please remember brother Mike in prayer.

Lexi Bisset: suffering from “walking pneumonia” and would appreciate our prayers.

Brett Blanchard: recovering well from surgery and welcomes our prayers.

Earl Land Linda Kenney: both recovering from ailments (nose surgery, Earl and Bronchitis, Linda).

Gracie Phillips: battling Strep throat. Wade has been dealing with severe sinus problems.

Mary McDaniel: returned home with a feeding tube in her stomach. Our prayers are welcomed.

Others: _____

Jerry and Virginia Mobley	Wayne and Lanette Girod	Tonya Organ	Lou Dick
Roy Corbin	Joan Martin	Mike Kenney	Cindy Stevens
Mary Culbreth	Gayle Sexson	Mark Damron	Mary McDaniel
Jack Hayes	Harvey Godlensup	Weldon McAdams	

Have requests or other announcements? Send email to vcocministry@vanleavemchurch.org

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

On Wednesday the 24th we will gather for our traditional thanksgiving assembly. All age-groups will gather in the main auditorium. This is the Wednesday evening just prior to Thanksgiving Day.

WEEKLY WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT: How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world! (Anne Frank)

“I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.” (Philippians 4:13; KJV)

Daily Bible Reading Plan for 2021 Week 44

MONDAY

Luke 17:11-37; 18:1-14

What do you suppose Jesus meant when He announced to the Pharisees, “The kingdom of God does not come with observation...indeed, the kingdom of God is within you” (Luke17:20, 21)?

TUESDAY

Matthew 19; Mark 10

Why might it be more difficult for those with earthly riches to enter the Kingdom of Heaven?

WEDNESDAY

Matthew 20-21

What was it about the people buying and selling in the Temple that enraged Jesus?

THURSDAY

Luke 18:15-43; 19:1-48

Belief in Jesus is sacrificial by nature. What, if anything, have you given up to follow Jesus?

FRIDAY

Mark 11, John 12

What did Jesus mean when He said, “believe in the light, that you may become sons of light”?

SATURDAY

Matthew 22; Mark 12

Does it matter how *much* one gives to the Lord’s work? Does it matter at all how one gives?

SUNDAY

Matthew 23; Luke 20-21

What is the sin Jesus prominently called out when rebuking the Scribes and Pharisees?