

Vancleave Church of Christ

Sermon Title: Is The End Near?

Scripture: 1Corinthians 15:22-26

Prayer Requests and Announcements

September 3, 2023

David Robinson: He received a good report from recent scans – CANCER FREE! God be thanked!

Wayne Girod: He has had some back issues recently. Let's be mindful of Wayne and Lannette.

Roger Hampton: Sister Erin Lewis' father passed away recently. Please remember the family in prayer.

Kristina Myers: Surgery was successful, and she is now awaiting a pathology report.

Ongoing Prayer Requests

Please be sure to give an update on these at: vcocministry@vancleavechurch.org

Becky Tarvin	Earl Kenney	Linda Kenney	Tommy Webb
Terry Thornton	Frank Sentelle	Larry Ishee	Cheryl Solla
Susan Flurry	Timmy Barton	Bonnie Halcome	Grady Weston
Judy Stutts	Rita Newburn	Berkley Smith	Scott Mcollough
Pete Hankins	Rick Bedwell		

A Word of Encouragement for the Week Ahead

Try to remember that forgetting is sometimes a good thing.

“Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13, 14)

Announcements / Other:

- Today is 1st Sunday Fellowship. You are all invited to enjoy a meal immediately after morning services. Evening services will be cancelled for the day.
- Lord Willing, we will host a Gospel Meeting with Brother David Looney October 15th - 17th Please pray for this event, spread the word and, if possible be in attendance! This year's theme: "Security in The Storms of Life." See the flier on the foyer for more details!
- Please continue to pray for and support our mission works in Guyana, India, and Guam as well as the good works at Gulf Coast Bible Camp.
- New **Food Pantry items** needed: Spaghetti Sauce, Spaghetti Noodles, Boxed Tuna Helper, Mayonnaise

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Brethren,

The following is for the consideration of local / regular attendees of the church of Christ in Vancleave.

For above ten years I have willingly assumed responsibility for publishing the weekly church bulletin. Previously, Brother Earl Kenney, while serving as one of our elders, worked tirelessly and for a good while to publish a similar, local church bulletin. He certainly ought to be remembered and recognized for the good service he then provided! By your constant input and ongoing support from that time until now the Weekly Newsletter (now, Prayer Requests and Announcements) has been, in my opinion, a general help overall. It continues to be a source of spiritual strength for many, even for some who do not regularly assemble with us.

However, I have come to believe that I should let go of this assumed responsibility for at least two good reasons. **First**, my not carrying the weight of Newsletter publication will afford me more time and energy to sharpen my own local ministry both in and out of the pulpit while also creating more flexibility to serve more adequately as one of your elders, both of which are very demanding in the areas of much time and effort.

Second, divesting myself of the Newsletter will naturally afford others / another the opportunity to exercise faith. This empowers one or more of you to collect, organize, maintain and publish (both hard copy and electronic format) valuable content for this local, ongoing, now well-established ministry.

The visual presentation / style, content, frequency, timeliness, accuracy and overall production will depend on whoever would volunteer to take this ministry opportunity, pending eldership approval, of course. I would think the eldership would also desire a general editor - someone who is sound in the faith to ensure that, among other things, doctrinal integrity for all articles is maintained and that overall spiritual balance of Newsletter content throughout is preserved.

While publishing such a Newsletter is no small task, its benefits are profoundly rewarding. I simply have let go of the reins for my own ministry's sake and to enable / encourage others in the freedom to exercise their faith in this valuable service. *I intend to personally cease publication not later than the last Sunday of this year (2023).*

If you feel that the weekly Prayer Requests and Announcements is a helpful/needful instrument for local ministry, will you please consider personally committing to such a regular work? Otherwise, do you have someone you would recommend? Alternatively, could you work jointly with someone who could help you accomplish the work? While not everyone will be interested or capable to commit to the work, perhaps the Lord will provide someone at this time or in the near future. Could that someone be you?

Again, if you are or if you think you might be interested in taking up this local publication ministry, please contact me. I will be very happy to discuss the details going forward.

Thank you ahead of time for your faithful participation in the faith and for your sincere consideration of this request,

Brotherly,

Duane Patton