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From the Pastor's Study

Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, 'One thing you lack...' (Mark 10:21).

This young man Jesus encountered had, as someone has said, "Manners, morals, and money." He was a fine individual and he had an excellent question: "...what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" (v. 17)

Although he was religious, he lacked a relationship with God. He did not consider being a disciple of Jesus, a follower of the Lord. Instead, he depended upon himself and his righteousness to get him into heaven. As such, he was like many people today. They'll join a church but will not consider Jesus' call to discipleship. But the Lord seeks worshipers, followers, not simply joiners.

Moderation can be good. Philippians 4:5 says, "Let your moderation be known to all men." There Paul means "Live with a gentle spirit and be considerate of others. Don't always demand your own way." All of us should have that kind of moderation.

But there is a kind of moderate Christian that's not so good. Wilbur Rees writes:

I would like to buy \$3 worth of God please. Not enough to explode my soul or disturb my sleep, but just



enough to equal a cup of warm milk or a snooze in the sunshine.

I want a pound of the Eternal in a paper sack.

Ray Pritchard, in the Keep Believing Sermon Series said, "The moderate Christian has a moderate Christ who makes moderate demands. He keeps Jesus at arm's length lest this 'religion thing' get out of hand."

How about you? Are you a disciple, following Jesus at every turn in life? The season of Lent can be a good time to consider your life and God's claim upon it. And, all of us can do so in the light of the Cross and what Jesus did there. For the Cross proclaims God's lavish love for us. Such love, as the hymn writer said, "Demands my soul, my life, my all!"

Pastor Steve

Birthdays and *Anniversaries For MARCH

March 1

Nahlise Sucher

March 3

Rebecca Leggett

March 4

Greg Geistler

Justin Leggett

March 5

Tina Cryder

Erich Engelbrecht

Virgil & Ruth Karales*

March 6

Dan & Linda Hanback*

March 10

Keaton Cryder

March 11

Randy Stevenson

March 12

Laurie Chally

March 13

Chari Engelbrecht

Jessica Karales

March 15

Jacob Mathre

Sandy Michaelson

March 16

Scott Cryder

Dan Hanback

March 18

Edward McKenna

March 21

Faith Frieders

March 22

Pam Cryder

Greg & Staci Geistler*

March 23

Angie Lombardo

March 24

Roger & Bobbie Toftoy*

Tyler Wiesbrook

March 25

Pam Duvick

Howard Rosenwinkel

March 26

Bessie Christian

Beth Goins

March 27

Beth Alexander

Madison Leggett

March 30

Kelly Greven

March 31

Brooklyn Osmond



Lenten services continue through March 24. There will be no classes on March 31. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services will be at 6:30pm. We will celebrate Easter on April 4th at 10am. No church on Saturday, April 3rd.

KIDS CORNER

Our Wednesday night BLAST program is going great. The kids have enjoyed hearing from Stanley, (Tom's right hand man!) as he shared lessons on the Ten Commandments. His magic trick last Wednesday was a flop, but he used it to show how we can't take the easy way out. Jesus didn't take the easy way out, he did the hard thing and died on the cross for our sins. He did it because he loves us so much and he knew that's what God wanted. The kids are also working hard on their memory verses. It's great to "hide God's word in your hearts" and it doesn't hurt to have a little incentive of spending your BLAST bucks at the Rocket Shop once a month!

Children's Church is finally up and running after a rough February had our church services cancelled 3 weeks in a row. Our first Sunday had 18 kids in Children's Church! Thanks to all who have volunteered to help!

March 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Pickleball every Wednesday 8-10am Sunday VBall will be for Helmar people, 6th-12th grades followed by adults	1 8am Adult Pickleball	2 10-11:30pm Homeschool in Gym 4pm Adult Pickleball	3 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 6:30pm Lenten Service and BLAST	4 4pm Adult Pickleball	5 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 12:30pm Homeschool Group	6 8am Men's Bible Study 5pm Worship
7 9am Confirmation 10am Worship with Children's Church 6pm Bible Study (FLC & Fireside)	8 8am Adult Pickleball	9 4pm Adult Pickleball 10-11:30pm Homeschool in Gym 6:30pm Deacon's Mtg. 7pm Trustee's Mtg. 8pm Council Mtg.	10 6:30am Men's Fellowship @ Southern Belle's 9am-2pm Quilting 6:30pm Lenten Service and BLAST	11 4pm Adult Pickleball	12 8am Adult Pickleball 9am Ladies Prayer Hour 5-7pm Food Pantry	13 8am Men's Bible Study 5pm Worship
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