



Englewood Communicator



Rob's Revelations *by Dr. Rob Westlund*

Dear Family, Easter season 2019 was wonderful. We worshipped the Crucified and Risen Lord Jesus and remembered what He did for us. Our services were beautiful and meaningful. In the power of the Holy Spirit our worship was filled with praise, grandeur, and majesty and there were powerful times of connection and intimacy with God Almighty. Of course not everything went as planned. There always are mistakes and miscues no matter how well planned or how hard we try to make things perfect.

I'm not perfect. I am also my worst critic. When something goes wrong, is criticized, there is a miscue, or someone didn't like something, I take it to heart. I try to learn from mistakes and put stopgaps and processes in place to keep them from happening again. The imperfection is going to be there, someone is going to complain, and there is going to be something that goes wrong. Whether the words are mine, as I

stew about the mistake, or the words belong to a critic or complainer they condemn.

Words of condemnation tear us down, steal our joy, create anxiety, and wound us. We all hear them; in our jobs, from our family, from our friends, and even from our spouses. In fact, as I'm writing this a friend and I are exchanging text messages over a book we just read and we both feel like we are falling short and there is one more thing we are not doing. Sometimes we know we deserve the condemnation other times we are not so sure. Let me stop and assure you - **I am not addressing a specific issue or writing to a specific group of people - I'm Not!**

I read a book recently that drew me to Romans 8:1 "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." The "Therefore" in this passage is a response to Romans 7 which is full of words of condemnation with Paul even at one point crying out, "What a wretched

man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? (Romans 7:24). In the midst of condemnation Paul victoriously confesses, "Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!" (Romans 7:25). While we and the people around us may be speaking words of condemnation, complaints, and criticisms our Father in heaven through Jesus Christ is not!

At the judgement seat of God, where things really count and are of utmost importance, in Jesus Christ there are no words of condemnation being spoken about us, over us, or to us. In Jesus Christ the Father is speaking words of love, joy, pride, excellence, faithfulness, and grace over us. In Jesus Christ, who died on the cross in our place and on the third day rose from the dead, our condemnation is dealt with, ransomed, and thrown as far as the East is from the West.

Our Father in heaven by the power and work of His Son Jesus never

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condemns us - Jesus was condemned for us. When mistakes happen, the critics voices are loud, and/or the complainers are out in full force remember God's voice, the only TRUE voice, is not condemning, but speaking in and through Jesus far better, truer, and lovelier words over you. That's the Gospel!

In Jesus,
Rob



Read Through the Bible

EPC will join others in Rocky Mount and in other cities in Reading through the Bible from 6 am to 6 pm on Wednesday, May 1, the day before the National Day of Prayer. A sign-up sheet for various time slots is posted on the bulletin board in the church lobby (we need two readers for each hour. You will read in 15-minute intervals). If you have any questions, please see Keen Gravely.



Wedding Shower

All women are invited to a Wedding Shower for Grace Joyner and Tyler Hale on Sunday, May 5, from 2 to 4 pm, in the church fellowship hall. Grace and Tyler are registered at Target, Belk, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond.

Graduates

Graduate Sunday is coming up Sunday, June 2, and we need to know who is graduating this year! Please contact the church office **by May**



26 with the name of your high school or college graduate. We would also like to know where they are graduating from, what their future plans are, and any special recognitions they re-

ceived—anything you want to share with us! This information will be included in the June newsletter and in the bulletin for Graduate Sunday.

Migrant Workers Needs

Beginning Sunday, April 28 (and continuing through the year), the Missions Team will provide a collection box for new and gently used clothing items for the local seasonal and migrant agricultural workers and families in the community. We are partnering with the local Migrant Education Program to distribute these items as needed. The clothing items requested are:

Seasonal (April – November) Men's Clothing

Medium and large long-sleeves shirts and t-shirts, pants (waist 28, 30, 32 and 34, length 28 and 30), socks, closed-toed shoes (sizes 7,8 and 9), hats, bandanas

General Needs

Bed covers (twin or single), winter blankets, sun block, mosquito repellent, shower sandals

Year Round Needs

Children's winter coats, children's shoes, children's khaki shorts and pants, children's polo shirts (school uniform colors), children's gloves, children's shower sandals (small and medium), t-shirts (any children's sizes, men and women's mediums and larges)

Baby Bottle Blessing

Mother's Day is Sunday, May 12th, so it is time to fill Baby Bottles with your loose change or checks for Your Choice Resource Center and return them on Father's Day, June 16, **or BEFORE** (the bottles are picked up a day or two after Father's Day). You can pick up your bottles from the church lobby on Mother's Day.

If the 2,500 bottles bring in about \$20 each, that equals \$50,000! A little can become much for this ministry!

PLEASE NOTE: Make checks payable to the **Your Choice Resource Center** and **not** Englewood Presbyterian.

Women's Fellowship Supper

Tuesday, May 14, will be the Women's Fellowship semi-annual meeting. Dinner will begin at 6 pm with a Potluck Supper followed by our guest speaker, Patricia Luper. Patricia will be sharing her testimony of how God delivered her from deep depression years ago and how He sees her through on a daily basis. Patricia is the step-great aunt to Riley Ann Bissette Luper and her younger sisters. Plan to attend and let's give Patricia a warm welcome. You're in for a blessed treat!

May Birthdays

- 2 Carl Lewis
4 Gary Kirkwood
Kay Owen
5 Mark Owen
6 Janet Jordan
Hope Wooten
7 Jill O'Brien
Duke Savage
9 Amber Fisher
Betty Price
11 Rick Joyner
12 Aidan Willis
13 Harrison Jones
14 Bruce McRoy
16 Craig Burnett
17 Emilee Peterson
23 George Peterson
24 Becky Batchelor
25 Yvonne McLeod
30 Ricky Pitt
31 Mary Ruth Johnson



May Anniversaries

- 13 Patrick and Shawna Jones
15 Mark and Kay Owen
29 Phil and Leona Briggs

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy goes out to Patsy and Whitney Hinson upon the passing of Charles Hinson on April 15. Charlie was a long time member and will be greatly missed!

Serving in May

Greeters

- 5/5 John and Jean Feagans
5/12 Mac and Yvonne McLeod
5/19 Carol Barden and Betty Smith
5/26 Janet Slack and Pat Harper

Ushers

- 5/5 Daxie Dozier and Dan Jordan
5/12 Jeff Proctor and Ed Moore
5/19 Ellen Henson and Charlie Zuidema
5/26 Rex Bissette and Rusty Bryant

Lay Readers

- 5/5 Denise Bissette
5/12 Buck Young
5/19 Phil Briggs
5/26 Cindy Batchelor

Children's Church

- Ginny Hodges
Ellen Henson and Ashley Harris
Indy Chesis
Leona Briggs

Soundboard

- 5/5 Jeff Proctor and Caleb Chesis
5/12 Yvonne McLeod and Leona Briggs
5/19 Jeff Slack and Cierra Devine
5/26 Jeff Proctor and Caleb Chesis

Backpacks

- 5/6 Elaine Moore and Kay Bennett
5/13 Frances and Johnny Long

Elders of the Month: Keen Gravely and Johnny Long

New Babies!

Congratulations to . . .

Jason and Jennifer Watkins upon the birth of their daughter Skylar Elizabeth Watkins on Friday, April 12! She weighed 7 pounds and 7 ounces and was 20 inches long.

Caitlin Johnson and Tavish Moore upon the birth of their son Kahlo Sage Moore born Thursday, April 18! He weighs 6 pounds and 8 ounces and is 21 inches long. Kahlo's Nana is Mary Ruth Johnson and he is her fourth grandchild!

Thank You

Thank you so much for the food you provided for my family after my son passed away.

Chris Palmer

Thank you so much for the delicious soup. It came in real handy and was much appreciated.

Kay Bennett

We would like to thank everyone for your visits, phone calls, food, cards, generous memorials, and most of all your prayers during our recent bereavement. EPC is certainly the most loving, caring, and supportive congregation and I am blessed to be a part of. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

God Bless, Patsy and Whitney

MAY 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>KEY</p> <p>FH Fellowship Hall HI Hampton Inn LIB Library SAN Sanctuary YB Youth Building</p>			<p>1 Reading Thru the Bible, 6 am -6 pm</p> <p>CORE, HI, 6:45 am</p> <p>Small Group, Gravely's, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Choir, 7 pm</p>	<p>2 Stitches of Love, LIB, 10:30 am</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4 NCWC Graduation</p>
<p>5 Sunday School, 9:15 am</p> <p>Coffee, 10 am</p> <p>Prayer, 10:10 am</p> <p>Worship, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Joyner Shower, FH, 2-4 pm</p>	<p>6 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Missions Team, LIB, 7:15 pm</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8 CORE, HI, 6:45 am</p> <p>Choir, 7 pm</p>	<p>9 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am</p> <p>Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am</p> <p>Session, LIB, 7 pm</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>12 Sunday School, 9:15 am</p> <p>Coffee, 10 am</p> <p>Prayer, 10:10 am</p> <p>Worship, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Mother's Day</p>	<p>13 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>14 Women's Fellowship Potluck Supper, FH, 6 pm</p>	<p>15 CORE, HI, 6:45 am</p> <p>Choir, 7 pm</p>	<p>16 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am</p> <p>Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 Sunday School, 9:15 am</p> <p>Coffee, 10 am</p> <p>Prayer, 10:10 am</p> <p>Worship, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>20 Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21 Presbyterian Men, FH, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>22 CORE, HI, 6:45 am</p> <p>Women's Summer Study Intro, 6 pm (video @ 6:30 pm)</p> <p>Choir, 7 pm</p>	<p>23 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am</p> <p>Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am</p>	<p>24</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26 Sunday School, 9:15 am</p> <p>Coffee, 10 am</p> <p>Prayer, 10:10 am</p> <p>Worship, 6:30 pm</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p> <p>Prayer, SAN, 6:30 pm</p> <p>Memorial Day</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 CORE, HI, 6:45 am</p> <p>Women's Summer Study, 9 am and 6:30 pm</p> <p>Choir, 7 pm</p>	<p>30 Small Group, YB, 10:30 am</p> <p>Stitches of Love, YB, 11:30 am</p>	<p>31</p>	

Financial Info for April

April

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$21,511.85	\$27,949.51	(\$6,437.66)
Other Income	<u>46.00</u>	<u>262.08</u>	(216.08)
Total	21,557.85	28,211.59	(6,653.74)
Expense	<u>27,455.25</u>	<u>38,137.29</u>	<u>10,682.04</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$ 5,897.40)	(\$ 9,925.70)	\$ 4,028.30

Year to Date

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Tithes and Offerings	\$95,318.78	\$111,798.04	(\$16,479.26)
Other Income	<u>425.73</u>	<u>1,048.32</u>	(622.59)
Total	95,744.51	112,846.36	(17,101.85)
Expense	<u>104,810.64</u>	<u>121,095.94</u>	<u>16,285.30</u>
Total Income (Expense)	(\$ 9,066.13)	(\$ 8,249.58)	(\$ 816.55)



Memorials

Memorial Gifts have been given in memory of Charles Hinson by Carolyn Barden, Leon and Sadie Bisette, Ellen Henson, Kevin Lewis, Elaine Moore, Earl and Elsie Sears, Janet Slack, Betty Smith, Ray and Anita Stander, Buck and Sherry Young, Anonymous, John and Jean Feagans, Lois and George H. Moore, Sr., The Middlesex Clinic, UNC Neurosurgery, Craig and Rose Burnett, Harold and Nancy Colston, Stan and Mary Margaret Neighbors, George and Emilee Peterson, Jim and Sarah Wade, Joyce Baeckel, Monty and Angela Blanchard, Suzanne and Guy Langley, S.I. and E.W. Vick

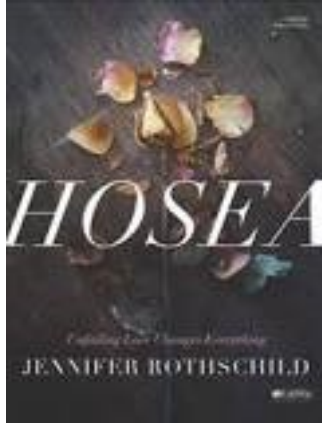
A Memorial Gift has been given in memory of Leland Palmer by George and Emilee Peterson

Checkbook Autobiographies

Robert Rodenmayer said, "There are three kinds of giving: grudge giving, duty giving, and thanksgiving." When Christ is the motive of our giving it is thanksgiving. Our giving for the physical and spiritual needs of people is a telling measurement of what Christ means to us. We are writing our autobiographies every day—in our checkbooks!

[*Silent Strength*, Lloyd John Ogilvie]

Hosea: Unfailing Love Changes Everything



The Women's Fellowship Summer Study will be Jennifer Rothchild's "Hosea". The introductory night will begin at 6 pm on Wednesday, May 22, with a time of fellowship in the fellowship hall followed by the introductory video at 6:30 pm in the church sanctuary. Each video will be about 30 minutes long. The study will end on Wednesday, June 26, and will include a time of fellowship.

You can sign up for the daytime group, which meets at 9 am on Wednesdays or the evening group which will meet at 6:30 pm on Wednesday evenings.

"Hosea, an Old Testament prophet, preached his own life message using his marriage as the sermon illustration. The study of Hosea looks deeply at that message. It provides background to better understand the intricacies of the man and his message. You will be guided to understand, but more especially to apply the message of the prophet of love."

We will be ordering the study books from Lifeway at \$13 each. If you would like to order one, we must have your order and money by Monday, May 13. Please fill out the sheet provided on the bulletin board in the church lobby and put your money or check, clearly marked with "Women's Study Book", in the offering plate on any Sunday or bring it by the church office. We will only be ordering books that have been pre-ordered.

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