"Living With a Biblical Worldview: How to Have a Healthy Church Culture —

Developing a Generational Culture"

Deuteronomy 6:4-12; Ephesians 6:1-4

"The human heart is designed to love God most, and is never happier than when it does. The human soul is designed to find its rest in the promises God Himself makes to us. The human psyche is designed to find its security in the unconditional acceptance and love of its Creator. And the human body is designed to work best when the heart, soul, and mind are functioning in a harmonious love for and trust in God. The proven path to our soundest mental health is a robust, holistic trust, in everything and every circumstance, in the triune Christian God." (Jon Bloom)

Thinking Biblically:

- We must stop boring into ourselves the need to discover what psychological or social categories we belong to, and instead forget about ourselves and strive to know and enjoy God. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen." (2 Peter 3:18)
- Believing any false worldview will have a detrimental effect on us because worldview shapes how we live and relate to others. "There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are an abomination to Him....a lying tongue....a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers." (Proverbs 6:16-19)
- When we are hopeful we will thrive emotionally and spiritually. The reliability and trustworthiness of what we put our hope in dictates the capacity of our hope. Lies bring little to no hope, truth brings immeasurable hope. "And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame...." (Romans 5:2b-5)
- The world offers that mental health is found in "doing as you wish." The Bible offers that mental health is found in hoping in His steadfast promises and obeying His Word as the world is not going as "you wish." "Therefore let those who suffer according to God's will entrust their souls to a faithful Creator while doing good." (1 Peter 4:19)

The Biblical Worldview:

- We were created to love God with everything in us (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). This is life.
- God's word should be in our minds, but most importantly in our hearts. We delight in the God we know (Deuteronomy 6:6).
- God wants parents to teach their children diligently (prepare and sharpen) a Biblical Worldview (Deuteronomy 6:7).
 - Grandparents are called to teach their grandchildren a Biblical Worldview as well (Deuteronomy 4:9).
 - Without God's intervention, the sins of grandparents and parents are imitated by children, especially spiritual neglect (Numbers 14:18-19).
- Our homes and our churches are to be places where the Word is obeyed, taught, and loved, and they should bear witness that we belong to, live to please, and honor the Lord (Deuteronomy 6:7-8).

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- When things are easy and prosperous we get passive on training and get excessive on indulging.
 Biblically, this has always been the culprit of the death of the knowledge of God in the home and in the Church (Deuteronomy 6:10-13).
- There is a difference between living for God and passing on the knowledge of God to the next generation (Judges 2:6-12).

Announcements:

- ★DONATIONS: Throughout the month of January we have been collecting monetary donations for Heartbeats. Heartbeats is a life-affirming pregnancy resource medical center serving the people of our community with the love of Christ. For more information about Heartbeats and what they do, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. You can give your monetary donations on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for Heartbeats. Or you can put your monetary donations in the container on the back table. TODAY is the LAST day for this collection!
 ★FELLOWSHIP LUNCH: We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.
- ★CHURCH NIGHT OF PRAYER: Our monthly Church Night of Prayer is TONIGHT from 5:30-7pm. During this prayer time we will be praying for specific prayer requests within the church body. Please consider joining us for a portion of this time or for the full hour and a half of prayer.
- ★SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY COURSE: Our next Systematic Theology Course will begin TOMORROW, Monday, January 27th: "God and the World." We will be studying the literal 24-hour six, day of Creation in Genesis and the Age of the Earth; God's Divine Decrees (Sovereignty and Providence); Angelology (Angels); Satanology (Satan)' Demonology (Demons); Anthropology (Man); and Hamartiology (Sin). We will study how many Holy angels there are versus Fallen angels and their activities, we will also look at Satan and his strategies as our enemy, we will study man who is made up of body, soul, and spirit, and study the doctrine of sin and its results. This course is eight weeks long and we meet every Monday night from 6:00-9:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. If interested please let Elder Richard know so he can prepare a syllabus for each student.
- ★ <u>COMMUNION:</u> We will be celebrating and partaking of Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, February 2nd.
- ★<u>NEW MEMBERS CLASS</u>: If you are interested in becoming a Church Member or have any questions about Church Membership, this announcement is for you! We will be having a New Members Class starting on Sunday, February 16th. This is a 2 week class that starts at 9am. There is a sign-up list on the wall in the entryway, please sign-up if you are interested in participating in the New Members Class. If you have any questions, please see Pastor Zach.