

“Doing Good Together: A Call To Selflessness”
Ecclesiastes 4:9-16

Goal: “So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.” (Romans 14:19)

- Two Kinds of Toil: Meaningless and Meaningful
 - “Then I considered all that my hands had done and **the toil I had expended** in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was **nothing to be gained** under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 2:11)
 - “I perceived that there **is nothing better** for them than to be joyful and to do good as long as they live...Two are better than one, because they have **a good reward for their toil**.” (Ecclesiastes 3:12;4:9)
- Two Kinds of Perspectives: Temporal and Eternal
 - “And I thought the dead who are already dead **more fortunate than the living** who are still alive. But better than both is he who has not yet been and has not **seen the evil deeds** that are done under the sun.” (Ecclesiastes 4:2-3)
 - “He has **made everything** beautiful in its time. Also he has put **eternity into man’s heart**...For God will bring **every deed** into judgment, with **every secret thing**, whether good or evil.” (Ecclesiastes 3:11; 12:14)
- Two kinds of Lifestyles: Selfish or Selfless
 - Selfishness:
 - **Oppression:** Using your authority to make others work hard so you can gain more of this world (Ecclesiastes 4:1-3).
 - **Covetousness & Discontentment:** Working hard individually to gain more of this world at any cost (Ecclesiastes 4:4; 7-8).
 - **Laziness:** Not working hard hoping someone else will meet their basic needs (Ecclesiastes 4:5).
 - Selflessness:
 - **We can fall** into sin, anxiety, sickness, calamity, poverty, and despair or sadness (Ecclesiastes 4:10).
 - **We can grow cold** or lose our passion for good things (Ecclesiastes 4:11).
 - **We can be thrown into a conflict.** We can struggle to do what is right when it is costly (Ecclesiastes 4:12).
 - **We can become selfish** when we have grown old or comfortable (Ecclesiastes 4:13-16).
- God has designed community to protect us from sin and to grow us in holiness:
 - “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” (Genesis 2:18b)
 - “Better is open rebuke than hidden love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; profuse are the kisses of an enemy...Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another.” (Proverbs 27:5-6,17)
 - “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” (Galatians 6:1-2)
 - “And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” (Hebrews 10:24-25; cf. 1 Corinthians 12:7,21,25-26; Ephesians 4:16)

Worship: Grace Alone — *The Modern Post*

On That Day — *CityAlight*

Satisfied in You (Psalm 42) — *The Sing Team*

Closing Song: Turn Your Eyes — *Sovereign Grace Music*

Service Times: Sundays: Sunday School 9am/Prayer 9:45am/Church 10:30am; Mondays: Legacy Practicum 6pm;
Tuesdays: Bible Study — Women 6:30pm/Men 7pm; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20pm/Church 7pm

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** *Monetary Donations for Angel Tree:* Please see the October Newsletter for more information about our monthly donation collection! ***TODAY is the LAST day for this collection!***

★**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** The Children's Ministry **AND** the Cleaning Ministry are looking for volunteers to join their ministries. If you are a Church Member and you would like to join the Children's Ministry, or have questions about volunteering in this ministry, please see Katie Sapp! If you are interested in joining the Cleaning Ministry, or have questions about volunteering for this ministry, please see Krystal.

★**REFORMATION DAY PARTY:** Andy is hosting a Reformation Day Party THIS Saturday, October 31st, starting at 5pm, at his house (1062 National Road SE; Hebron). He will be providing the main meat for the meal, we ask that everyone who plans on attending bring a side dish to share. Please bring kid-friendly yard games to play, bring something to sit on, and dress for the weather, as all festivities will be enjoyed outside. There will also be a "tremendously big bonfire" to light the night sky!

★**COMMUNION:** We will be partaking of and celebrating Communion together as a church body NEXT Sunday, November 1st.

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch NEXT Sunday, November 1st, immediately following the worship service. There is a sign-up list for the Fellowship Lunch on the table in the Entryway, please sign up to bring something for lunch next week. We invite EVERYONE to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.

★*For all other announcements, please see the October Newsletter!*