

Jesus said to his followers:

“. . . if you have faith in me, you will do the same things that I am doing. You will do even greater things, now that I am going back to the Father.”

(John 14:12)



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Gates Don't Walk

from Jeff Marner, Minister of Discipling

During this time of year we see a worldly conceptualization of what the world may look like if we could see the spiritual war that is waged around us. Halloween.

While in reality it really doesn't play out that way at all, as for the most part children dress up as superheroes, princesses, cartoon characters and sports stars as opposed to goblins, ghouls, and demons. The superstitions surrounding mischievous demons causing trouble in the night are of a bygone era. Kids go from house to house to collect more of what seems to be an endless barrage of candy and treats.

However, there is a very real spiritual war raging around us as the defeated condemner of our souls tries to sway the world toward destruction. As we know Jesus already won this war and we've been promised that the gates of hell will not prevail against the kingdom of heaven.

Jesus assured Peter in Matthew 16 that the gates of hell could not withstand the assault of the church. That's right, we need not fear the work of Satan as his hope is in walls and gates, hoping he can hold onto as much territory as possible. Walls and gates are not offensive structures but defensive. Walls do not

advance into enemy territory but instead hope to stave off an approaching army.

As the church, we are God's army in this world advancing his message throughout the world. We break down walls of hatred and anger with love and peace. We push back lies with the truth which is continually revealed to us in the Bible. There is no practice of cunning or trickery that doesn't wither before the light of the truth shining brightly on it.

We might feel defeated at times as if we will always fall short of God's desire for our lives. Our enemy may try to plant a twisted truth in our mind stating we will not be good enough. He actually wouldn't be wrong as we don't rely on ourselves to be good enough but that being covered by Christ we become acceptable before God. He would have us forget that part of the truth and have us cower because of our own lack of ability. He would hope to sideline us as he knows he is powerless against the Holy Spirit working within us.

While this may be a time of year to make light of a very real spiritual battle around us, let us remember that we are on the winning side of this battle. We as part of the church will continue to press against the strongholds of hell and have victory after victory in Jesus.

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First Fruit Giving *Giving God Our Best*

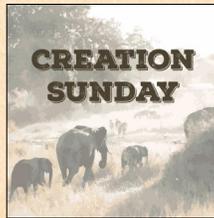
	Stewardship	Attendance		Stewardship	Attendance
9/29/19	\$3,218	125	10/13/19	\$5,357	103
10/6/19	\$4,040	114	10/20/19	\$5,569	127

Be sure to join us this month for our special services:

Nov 3 - Welcome Sunday: We will welcome leaders from LMC and Evana Network as we officially join these groups in our journey forward.

Nov 17 - Christ The King: Our annual celebration of Jesus Christ will include foot washing, reflections on this past year at AMC and share communion as we reflect on what Jesus has done for us.

Nov 24 - Creation Sunday: On the Sunday between CTK and Advent, we will look back at creation in a new way and everything that God creates here on earth.



Article 19- Confession of Faith In a Mennonite Perspective

Marriage

"We believe that God intends human life to begin in families and to be blessed through families. Even more, God desires all people to become part of the church, God's family. As single and married members of the church family give and receive nurture and healing, Christian family relationships can grow toward the wholeness that God intends."

"The church is called to help couples strengthen their marriage relationship and to encourage reconciliation in times of conflict. The church is also to minister with truth and compassion to persons in difficult family relationships. As the family of God, the church is called to be a sanctuary offering hope and healing for families."

AMC Personal Profile: Vera Yoder



What was your job? I am a retired teacher of 38 Years. I spent 8 years in PE/Health and 30 years with Special Needs students. In Florida, I taught at Central High School in Brooksville. In addition to classroom academics I developed the work experience program which gave students an opportunity to work at job sites such as a hospital, grocery store, and nursing home. In Tennessee, I taught at Heritage Middle School in Maryville Tn. As part of the self-help/life skills, I taught students how to create menus, shop for groceries and cook their own lunch.

What is your favorite verse? I have many favorite verses. I like the whole chapter of Psalm 139 with my favorite verses being 139:23-24.

When was a time you felt God's Presence stronger than any other time? When my Mom and Dad passed away.

Who are your favorite authors? Nicholas Sparks, Wanda Brunstetter, Beverly Lewis

What is your most memorable moment? In 2007, Coach Pat Summitt of the Lady Vols Basketball Team visited my Special Needs classroom. My students cooked lunch for her. She spent several hours with my students, taking pictures with each one of the students and staff and autographed t-shirts.

What are your hobbies? Gardening, camping, jigsaw puzzles, and riding my scooter.

What are some interesting facts we may not know about you? I enjoy collecting antiques, especially kitchen utensils.

What do you consider to be your greatest accomplishments? B.S. in Education from Eastern Illinois University and K-12 P.E./Health and Driver Education, M.A. in Education from University of South Florida, K-12 Special Education, Educational Specialist from Lincoln Memorial University, and Administration/Supervision.

What is your favorite meal? Grilled Chicken, Wild Rice, Peas, and a salad

What is your favorite song/hymn we sing? Who You Say I Am and How Great Thou Art. One we don't sing but we sang at my previous church that I really like is Worthy is the Lamb.

What is your best piece of advice? I always tried to instill in my students the importance of serving others.

What was your first job? I worked at Rockome Gardens in the flower beds, the concession stand, giving buggy rides and tending to the horses.

What is your favorite inspirational quote? "People don't care how much you know until they know how much you care."