

# The Community Clarion

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## Trusting God in the Midst of Trouble by Ronald Lee, United States

The cross stands as the final symbol that no evil exists that God cannot turn into a blessing. This is the power of the God. It is a mystery to the world how God would show forth his Glory on a cross. For had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory.

God is working on the things we suffer to bring light out of darkness, joy out of pain, life out of death. This is the great mystery of God, to transform the cross you bear into an object of Glory.

We must offer all of our suffering to the transforming power of God. A man was born blind. The disciples ask Jesus who did sin, the man, or his parents? John 9:1-3.

Many times when in the midst of trouble we may ask, why this sickness, why pain, why loneliness, why should I bear a cross? Jesus offers a very different perspective on the question of suffering, and that is, what will God do with my sickness?

What will he do with my pain to show forth his Redeeming Power? How will God bring good out of the evil I have suffered? How will God bring joy out of pain?

Let us, through the power of faith, trust God to work it out. The strategy in crisis is not ours; it is God. In every way, we must acknowledge the will of God. If we seek his direction, God will reveal what steps to take, what course of action to follow.

God is working through our circumstance to perform his word in bringing you out of whatever crisis you face. The desire of God for your life is always peace and the gift of grace.

As we seek the Lord in prayer, we know that he hears and will answer. "And ye shall seek me, and find me when ye shall search for me with all your heart." Jer.29:13, 10-14. The temporal is the instrument of the eternal.

Joseph is an example of how God can use your circumstance to show forth his glory. Joseph was hated and envied by his brothers. They cast him into an empty pit to die. God redeemed the life of Joseph by allowing the Ishmaelites to take him into Egypt as a slave.

Potiphar saw that God was with Joseph and the Lord had made him prosper.

From the house of Potiphar, he went into prison because of a false charge on the grounds of rape. In prison, God was with Joseph and showed him mercy, gave him favor in the sight of the keeper of the prison. Joseph would use his gift even in prison to the glory of God. Pharaoh made Joseph Lord of his house and ruler throughout all the land of Egypt.

The cross is where we wait for the hope that is against all human hope. We have this hope by faith. I can safely trust my life in the hands of God, for he knows what is best for me.

No circumstance is beyond the power of God. "There is no pain that heaven cannot feel, no sickness that Jesus cannot heal." Nothing can stop the will of God for your life.

"In all these things we are more than conquerors through him, that loved us." When I am in the midst of trouble, I will trust in His power to keep me because He loves me.

# PASTOR'S PAGE



Fifty-nine years ago on June 25, 1962, the U.S. Supreme Court declared school-sponsored prayers unconstitutional in the landmark case **Engel v. Vitale**. Public outrage was immediate and widespread. For millions of Americans, the Court had “kicked God out of the schools,” to use a phrase that has entered the culture-war lexicon.

In the early public schools, the **Bible** was one of the main textbooks. But on June 17, 1963, in **Abington Vs. Schempp** the Supreme Court removed Bible readings from public education.

## THE TOP PUBLIC SCHOOL PROBLEMS (USA Today 1985)

### BEFORE 1963

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|-----------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Talking      | 4. Getting out of Turn in Line      |
| 2. Chewing Gum  | 5. Wearing Improper Clothing        |
| 3. Making Noise | 6. Not Putting Paper in Wastebasket |

### SINCE 1963

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|-------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| 1. Rape     | 5. Arson    | 9. Absenteeism | 13. Alcohol Abuse |
| 2. Robbery  | 6. Bombings | 10. Vandalism  | 14. Gang Warfare  |
| 3. Assault  | 7. Murder   | 11. Extortion  | 15. Pregnancies   |
| 4. Burglary | 8. Suicide  | 12. Drug Abuse | 16. Abortions     |

**Proverbs 22:6** says, “Train up children in the way they should go: and when they are old, they will not depart from it.”

Remember, parents and guardians, the BEST education comes from the Word of God!

***Have a Fantastic School Year!***

*Pastor Kevin*

# Back to School

## Prayer for a New School Year For Teachers, Principals and Other School Employees

Lord, please bless all our teachers, friends and relatives as they make their way back to their classrooms for another year.

Help them to feel excitement and joy in the promise of a new start.

Give them everything they need to start their classes.

Give them all they need all year.

Give them imagination and creativity to make wonders out of what they do have.

Help them stretch their budgets and their supplies.

Give them wisdom all year.

Help them quickly spot the little souls who are going to need something extra from them this year.

Help them have just the right words of encouragement for each student.



## A Student's Prayer for a New School Year

Lord Jesus, I ask for Your help as I begin this new school year.

Allow me to experience Your presence in the many blessings You put before me.

Open my eyes to the new challenges and exciting opportunities that this new school year brings.

Open my heart and mind to new friends and new teachers.

Give me a generous spirit to be enthusiastic with my studies and courage to accept new opportunities.

Help me to be attentive to my teachers and let me experience Your presence in my new friends.

Jesus, inspire me to do my best this year!

Amen

# Rummage Sale Recap

## Thank You Alberta Haas!

We just had our last rummage sale and we wanted to thank all of the men and women that helped make it such a huge success. We could not have done it without all your help.

Today we would like to honor Alberta Haas who started the rummage sales 56 years ago. Alberta had the first sale here in our kitchen in 1965 and made \$89.00 and the sale has grown from there.

Normally everything was brought to us but we started going to sales and found they had no idea what to do with leftovers so we went and packed up and brought it to the church. We started with 2 ladies and a truck, then 3 ladies and it grew and grew to 5 then 6 ladies until we had to rent a U-Haul because we had so much furniture to get and the men from the church helped us tremendously.

We started making around \$1,000 for a sale about 4 years ago then went to \$1,500 and then \$2,000 and around 2008 we had so much stuff we had three sales that year and made \$8,000 for the year and it kept growing. In 2012 we made \$15,000 from our three sales for the year. The sales have continued through the years. Our highest sale was in April of 2011 when we made \$6,128. Our last sale we made \$5,482 with a grand total of \$234,265 through the years.

With all of the above we have given money toward the following:

Roof, Utilities, Sent kids to camp, carpeting, chair lift, fixed church steeple, elevator repairs, video equipment, refrigerator, parking lit, electronic sign, memorial gifts, microwave, funeral dinners, air conditioner, bought white tables, and enclosed part of the pavilion for furniture storage. Through the years the church has received calls from families who have lost everything to a fire or some unforeseen circumstance and they were told to come to our rummage sale and take whatever is needed. In some cases because they had no transportation they told us what they needed and we took it to them. We helped wherever we could.

We have also given money to:

Food Pantry, Hot Meals, North Coast District Pledge, Lowell and Claudia Wertz, Flat Rock Children's Home, Berea Children's Home (now known as Guidestone), Love INC, Genesis House, Red Bird Mission, Echoing Hills, Cornerstone Pregnancy Services, Church Library, Shoebox Ministry, Mother/Daughter banquet, Food for funeral dinners (sometimes families gave donations to CUMW).

We again thank all the church members for all of their help through the years to help make the rummage sales successful. We've had free merchandise and free help for 56 years. Many of the people who came to our sales and to the last sale said it was the best rummage sale with the best prices. We will all miss it. Thank you again everyone and a special thank you to Alberta for starting this 56 years ago.

*Thank You From the CUMW!*

# Celebrations

## Anniversaries

LARE, Pastor Don

## Birthdays

SHORT, Hershel

RADABAUGH, Ken

WATKINS, Maxine

HOEFS, Michael

KNIGHT, Jean

KNAPP, Ed

KNAPP, Terri

BELCHER, Helen



**1. To observe an occasion with appropriate ceremony or festivity.**

**2. To engage in festivities.**

# September 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5 10:45 Worship	6 Labor Day	7	8	9 10:30 Orders taken for Food Pantry	10 9:00 Food Pantry 4:30 Hot Meal Served	11
12 10:45 Worship	13 6:30 (FH) Adelines Prac. 7:15 (S) Chordsmen Prac (Sanctuary)	14	15	16	17 4:30 Hot Meal Served	18
19 10:45 Worship	20	21 6:00 Finance Mtg. 6:30 Admin. Council Mtg.	22	23	24 9:00 Food Pantry 4:30 Hot Meal Served	25
26 10:45 Worship	27	28	29	30		S = Sanctuary FH = Fellowship Hall P = Parlor