

The Covenanter

Silverhill Covenant Church

“To work for God, God’s people, and to win souls for His Kingdom”

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Letter from the Pastor

All Christians are to live lives that glorify God, “So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God.” I Cor. 10:31. We are also to be His ambassadors on this earth, “We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us.” 2 Cor. 5:20. Most Christians want to be used for God. For them it is not enough just to know that they are on their way to heaven. They want more. They want to make a difference. They want to hear on that day, “Well done, my good and faithful servant.”

To be effective in the Christian life we need to grow and become mature. God, by his spirit, grows us as we yield our lives to Him as living sacrifices. As we study His Word, pray, worship, witness and exalt Him as our King, walking in a personal relationship with Him, we grow.

There is, however, one other element that God uses to grow and mature us: adversity. Every Christian suffers adversity from time to time. In the Bible, it seems like some of the most godly people suffer the greatest trials and afflictions: The apostle Paul, Job, the prophets, Stephen. Adversities and afflictions can be a form of discipline that God uses in our lives when we need correction (Psalm 119:67, 71, 75; Hebrews 12: 6-10; I Cor. 11: 31-32). Adversity may change the direction of our lives for good guiding us down a new pathway in our journey. Clinging to God through trials deepens our relationship and helps us know him more deeply. It can strengthen our faith if we cast all our cares upon him and wait on the Lord. Sometimes adversity purifies us like the refining fires of a silversmith separate the dross from the silver. (Proverbs 25:4)

Adversity is a part of the Christian life and it helps us grow and mature increasing our usefulness in his service. But too often, many view them incorrectly and let adversity discourage and depress them. They can make us bitter rather than better. Rather than trusting him, forsaking him. What does God say our attitude toward trust and adversity is to be?

Proverbs 3: 5-6 “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him and he will make your paths straight.”

I Peter 5: 7 “Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.”

James 1: 2-4 “Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials...”

Romans 5: 3-5 “We also rejoice in our sufferings...”

Romans 8: 28-29 “God works for the good of those who love him...”

I Thessalonians 5: 16-18 “...give thanks in all circumstances.”

Isaiah 26: 3 “You will keep in perfect peace him whose mind is steadfast, because he trusts in you.”



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Recipes of the Month

Molten Chocolate Cakes

- 1 c. unsalted butter or margarine
- 8 oz. semisweet chocolate chips
- 5 large eggs
- ½ c. sugar
- Pinch of salt
- 4 T. flour
- 12 paper muffin cups

Melt butter and chocolate in a medium heat-proof bowl over a saucepan of simmering water; remove from heat. Beat eggs, sugar and salt with a hand mixer in a medium bowl until sugar dissolves. Beat egg mixture into chocolate until smooth. Beat in flour until just combined. (Batter can be made a day ahead; return to room temperature an hour or so before baking.)

Before serving dinner, adjust oven rack to middle position; heat oven to 450 degrees. Line muffin tin with papers and spray with cooking spray. Divide batter among muffin cups. Bake until batter puffs but center is not set, 8 to 10 minutes. Carefully lift cakes from tin and set on a work surface. Pull papers away from cakes and transfer to dessert plates. Serve immediately.

Cuban Midnight Sandwiches

1 ½ c. mayonnaise
1/3 c. plus 2 T. and 1 t. Italian Dressing
6 hoagie rolls, split lengthwise
¼ c. plus 2 T. prepared mustard
¾ lb. thinly sliced deli turkey meat
¾ lb. thinly sliced cooked ham
¾ lb. thinly sliced Swiss cheese
1 ½ c. dill pickle slices
¾ c. olive oil

In a small bowl, mix together mayonnaise and Italian dressing. Spread mixture on hoagie rolls. Spread each roll with mustard. On each roll, arrange layers of turkey, ham, and cheese. Top each with dill pickle slices. Close sandwiches, and brush tops and bottoms with olive oil.

Heat a non-stick skillet over medium high heat. Place sandwiches in skillet. Cook sandwiches for 2 minutes, pressing down with a plate covered with aluminum foil. Flip, and cook for 2 more minutes, or until cheese is melted. Remove from heat, place on plates, and cut in half diagonally.

The future destiny of a child is the work of a mother.
-Napoleon Bonaparte

CHRISTIAN ONE LINERS

Don't let worries get the best of you; remember, Moses started out as a basket case.

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited until you try to sit in their pews.

Many folks want to serve God, but only as advisors.

When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.

People are funny, they want to front of the bus, the middle of the road, and the back of the church.

Quit griping about your church; if it was perfect, you couldn't belong.

God himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should you?

God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.

He who angers you, controls you!

If God is your Co-pilot – swap seats!

The will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.



A Love Cake for Mother

1 can of "Obedience"

Several pounds of "affection"

1 pint of "neatness"

Some holiday, birthday, and every day surprises

1 can of running errands (the willing brand)

1 box of powdered "Get up when I should"

1 bottle of "Keep sunny all day long"

1 can of pure "Thanksgiving"

Mix well, bake in a hearty, warm oven and serve to mother everyday. She ought to have it in BIG SLICES.