

The thirst for knowledge is one of those things that is so distinctly human it helps define us as a species. For sure, cats and certain other animals may be known for their curiosity, but when it comes to seeking, acquiring, and using information, data, and input – by the truckload – no other creature comes close to us humans. When was the last time you just stopped and watched a child, even an infant, at play? If you have done so recently, then you probably noticed that, amidst the banging of toys on the floor and chewing on anything that fits in their mouths, lies a constant experimentation and desire to figure out how things work. How does the little cup fit into the bigger cup? What happens when I push that button?

And this quest for information only becomes greater and more intense over time. Go into any average home and you will most likely find at least one bookcase filled with books that have been read by their owners and some kind of computing or mobile device that is used regularly to access data for the benefit of their owners. Clearly, with every day that passes, we move more deeply into an age in which there is more information available than we can ever possibly digest, making it more important than ever to make the right choices about the data we consume.

But how can we know if we are focusing on the right input? Well, in the world of computers and computing, there has long been an adage that states, “garbage in – garbage out,” meaning that if the programming or data that is put into a computer is garbage – worthless, tainted, erroneous – then the user should expect the computer’s output to likewise be garbage. I believe this adage has applications for our lives today as Christians. In John 13:35, Jesus said:

“By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Is the output of our lives demonstrating, to those who might observe us, the right kind of input in our lives - input that is conducive to a quest to be better disciples of Jesus as seen in the love we have for one another. Or are our favorite nightly news shows, depicting violence and division on almost every channel, filling us with anger, hatred, and judgmentalism that dominates our thinking, our conversation, and our social media posts? Has our sensitivity and aversion to promiscuity, crude humor, and general immorality been eroded by our choices of television shows, movies, and other forms of entertainment?

If so, perhaps it’s time to start unplugging from much of this “garbage” input and replacing it with that “right” input that will produce the preferred output – you know, love, compassion, faith, humility, grace. Fortunately, the right input sources are readily available to us right now. Bible study, prayer, and staying connected with the body of Christ through the activities of your church can restore the balance that is needed in life to make sure our output reflects our attention to the right input. Becoming involved in missional activities that actually make the world around us a better place, rather than just complaining about all that is wrong, provides tangible opportunities to actually do the work of building God’s kingdom.

Now, it may not be possible, or even advisable, to completely ignore what’s going on around us in this world. But if we just make the conscious decision to begin paying a little more attention to the good news of Christ, and a little less to what the world tells us is important, we might be surprised at how our whole focus and outlook on life becomes healthier and our output less filled with garbage. Now who wouldn’t want to give that a try?



DECLAN CONNOR BABB

born June 15, 2020 to
Katie and Jack Bass

Congratulation to the proud parents and
grandparents, Penny and Jim Lamb.

PASTOR ON-CALL

For emergencies June 26-28,
Rev. Kim Evans – 843-598-0707

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In memory of **Carolyn Belk** by Janet & Marvin West;
Patricia Culpepper; Freddie & Gib Richardson

In memory of **Bob Draughon** by Dorothy & Mike
Johnson

In memory of **Jerry Googe** by Lynda & Bennett
Massey

In memory of **Mary Killough** by Doris Rowe; Mary
Gene Calfee; Jean McGlamry; Doris Hicks; Jeanine
Cotton; Zane Draughon; Dorothy & Mike Johnson;
Freddie & Gib Richardson; Thursday Morning Men's
Small Group; Tuesday Morning Men's Service Group

In memory of **Thomas Leone** by Lynda & Bennett
Massey

In memory of **Jennifer Meacham** by Sue & Bill Pope;
Zane Draughon; Freddie & Gib Richardson; Lynn &
Bill White

TITHING

You may still support the church by giving online
or through mail. The church staff will be going to
the Post Office and depositing checks on a regular
basis. Our mailing address is P.O. Box 5469,
Columbus, GA 31906.

Our Known Prayer Concerns:

Sue Rogers	Lexie McRae
Bob and Judy Ottman	Jan Pittman
Jennefer Spell	Jim Dryman & family
John and Saunders Richey	Kay Jones
Kim Evan's children – Lexie & Kenny	Joy Forlines
Brad Trim	Janet Stafford
Bobby and Cloie Porch	

Christian Sympathy for loss of loved one:

Family of Carolyn Belk
Family of Mary Killough
Family of Jerry Googe

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, June 28

10-10:30 a.m. Virtual Sunday School
Rev. Greg Harrison - Facebook Live

11:00 a.m. Live Streaming Sunday Worship
Rev. J Grantham - Facebook Live

Wednesday, July 1

6:00 p.m. Midweek Check-In
Rev. Kim Evans - Facebook Live

Friday, July 3

11:00 a.m. Phone Conference
Phone number – 669-900-6833
Code – 4745976652#

JOYFUL NOTES FROM THE CHOIR! 🎵

I recently received a note from Dan Forrest, a favored
composer of church music and a devout Christian. His
words were both encouraging and comforting, so I
wanted to share his note.

"I encourage you, as church musicians, to be the hands
and feet of Jesus in your community and spheres of
influence, and to shine the light of Christ's peace, love,
and hope.

We all feel the difficulties and pain of the pandemic,
sickness and death, social distancing, and, in particular
for us, a lack of choral music making right now. The very
thing that most encourages and comforts us through
unrest of all sorts is silent right now. But take heart, and
know that choirs will sing again. Choral singing has
endured for thousands of years, and is too valuable to
let slip away. This is a *fermata* - a pause- but not a final
barline on choral music making. When choirs start
singing again, it will be from a deeper place, musically,
personally, emotionally and spiritually."

Though we cannot yet stand side by side and sing of the
majesty and glory of God, we will have some
opportunities to share a message of hope in song, in
small ensembles that are distanced for safety. Take
heart, the wonderful Wynnton Choir will sing again!

Romans 12:12

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in
prayer."

Yours in Christ,
Diana B.



READING THROUGH THE BIBLE

- June 28:** Mark 9:2-50, 2 Samuel 22, Hosea 2:2-23
June 29: Mark 10:1-31, 2 Samuel 23, Hosea 3
June 30: Mark 10:32-52, 2 Samuel 24, Hosea 4:1-10
July 1: Mark 11:1-14, 1 King 1, Hosea 4:11-5:3
July 2: Mark 11:15-33, 1 King 2, Hosea 5:4-15
July 3: Mark 12:1-27, 1 King 3, Hosea 6:1-7:2
July 4: Mark 12:28-44, 1 King 4-5, Hosea 7:3-16

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

- 28 Linda Carmack, Susan Hudson
29 Kermitt Cox, Joe Gay, Ellen Greer
30 Ray Carrion
2 Gordon Darrah, John Denny, Jean Mullins,
Rubye Screws
3 Marsh Bolin, Ann D'Armond, Kendall Dryman
4 Glenn Martin

OUR STEWARDSHIP

Unified Budget.....	13,365.00
Endowment Fund.....	395.00
Other Income.....	45.00

SUNDAY'S SERMON

Knowing God's Will
Matthew 12:38-42
Rev. J Grantham

