

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

Wednesday Evening Class We invite each of you to attend the mid-week Bible Study upstairs on Wednesday evening beginning at 6 p.m. We are involved in a Bible study series entitled "Authentic: Developing the Disciplines of a Sincere Faith". We encourage you to attend these vital and exciting studies!

Church Clean-Up We will regularly have monthly church cleanings on the last Saturday of each month, beginning at 10 a.m. However, the next cleaning day will be on November 21 because of the holiday, so be sure to attend and help!

HOLIDAYS IN NOVEMBER:

Veterans Day – November 11

Thanksgiving – November 26

Funnies: English Is a Crazy Language...

There is no egg in eggplant, nor ham in hamburger; neither apple nor pine in pineapple. English muffins weren't invented in England nor French fries in France. Sweetmeats are candies while sweetbreads, which aren't sweet, are meat.

We take English for granted. But if we explore its paradoxes, we find that quicksand can work slowly, boxing rings are square and a guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it a pig.

And why is it that writers write but fingers don't fing, grocers don't groce and hammers don't ham? If the plural of tooth is teeth, why isn't the plural of booth beeth? One goose, 2 geese. So one moose, 2 meese? One index, 2 indices?

Doesn't it seem crazy that you can make amends but not one amend, that you comb through annals of history but not a single annal? If you have a bunch of odds and ends and get rid of all but one of them, what do you call it?

If teachers taught, why didn't preachers praught? If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a humanitarian eat? If you wrote a letter, perhaps you bote your tongue?

Sometimes I think all the English speakers should be committed to an asylum for the verbally insane. In what language do people recite at a play and play at a recital? Ship by truck and send cargo by ship? Have noses that run and feet that smell? Park on driveways and drive on parkways?

How can a slim chance and a fat chance be the same, while a wise man and a wise guy are opposites? How can overlook and oversee be opposites, while quite a lot and quite a few are alike?

Have you noticed that we talk about certain things only when they are absent? Have you ever seen a horseful carriage or a strapful gown? Met a sung hero or experienced requited love? Have you ever run into someone who was combobulated, grunted, ruly or peccable? And where are all those people who ARE spring chickens or who would ACTUALLY hurt a fly?

You have to marvel at the unique lunacy of a language in which your house can burn up as it burns down, in which you fill in a form by filling it out and in which an alarm goes off by going on.

English was invented by people, not computers, and it reflects the creativity of the human race (which, of course, isn't a race at all). That is why, when the stars are out, they are visible, but when the lights are out, they are invisible. And why, when I wind up my watch, I start it, but when I wind up this essay, I end it.

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Welcome to the EVERLASTING COVENANT CHURCH

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MISSION STATEMENT

To promote membership in the body of Christ by bringing people to Jesus, enhancing their spiritual growth towards Christian maturity, and nurturing them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world, thereby magnifying God's holy name.

ORDER of SERVICES

Fellowship / REFRESHMENTS – 9:30 A.M.

SUNDAY SCHOOL – 10:00 A.M.

From Derbe to Philippi:
“And after he had seen the vision, immediately we endeavoured to go into Macedonia, assuredly gathering that the Lord had called us for to preach the gospel unto them.” – Acts 16:10, KJV



MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES – 10:45 A.M.

Devotion Deacons & Congregation
Responsive Reading Pastor & Congregation
Selection Choir & Congregation
 Announcements & Recognition of Visitors
Tithes and Offerings Deacons
 (Visitors are NOT required to contribute - members are encouraged to do so)
Prayer of Thanksgiving Pastor
Selections Choir & Congregation
 Sermon

Invitation to Christ



BENEDICTION

SERMON NOTES

Scripture: _____
 Subject: _____
 Notes: _____

Words of Wisdom: True Value



A well known speaker started off his seminar by holding up a \$20 bill. In the room of 200, he asked, "Who would like this \$20 bill?" Hands started going up. He said, "I am going to give this \$20 to one of you but first, let me do this." He proceeded to crumple the dollar bill up. He then asked, "Who still wants it?" Still the hands were up in the air. Well, he replied, "What if I do this?" And he dropped it on the ground and started to grind it into the floor with his shoe. He picked it up, now crumpled and dirty. "Now who still wants it?" Still the hands went into the air. "My friends, you have all learned a very valuable lesson. No matter what I did to the money, you still wanted it because it did not decrease in value. It was still worth \$20. Many times in our lives, we are stopped, crumpled, and ground into the dirt by the decisions we make and the circumstances that come our way. We feel as though we are worthless. But no matter what has happened or what will happen, you will never lose your value: dirty or clean, crumpled or finely creased, you are still priceless to those who love you."

RESPONSIVE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 5:11-21 (NIV)

- 11 *Since, then, we know what it is to fear the Lord, we try to persuade others. What we are is plain to God, and I hope it is also plain to your conscience.*
- 12 **We are not trying to commend ourselves to you again, but are giving you an opportunity to take pride in us, so that you can answer those who take pride in what is seen rather than in what is in the heart.**
- 13 *If we are "out of our mind," as some say, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.*
- 14 **For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.**
- 15 *And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.*
- 16 **So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer.**
- 17 *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*
- 18 **All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation:**
- 19 *that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.*
- 20 **We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.**
- 21 **God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.**