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Building Relationships with Christ, One Another, and the World





SunDay, SeptemBER B Conversion S Bit of the serving in the college sunday School (Growth Groups) 8:00 AM S:00-9:45 AM S:00 PM MENU: Chicken Cobbler, Skillet Corn, Salad, Dessert CHILDREN'S MENU: Chicken Nuggets or Hot Dogs Please help us by making your reservations (on a permanent basis or week to week) or canceling your reservation sider then Monday of each week. Take our by making your reservations (on a permanent basis or Hot Dogs Please help us by making your reservations (on a permanent basis or Hot Dogs Please help us by making your reservations (on a permanent basis or Hot Dogs Please help us by making your seaver servations (on a permanent basis Or PM Side ZWOW Large Group in the Choir Suite at 5:30 PM Side ZWOW Large Group in the Choir Suite at 5:30 PM Side ZWOW Large Group in the Choir Suite at 5:30 PM Side ZWOW Large Side Study at 6:30 PM Side ZWOW Large Side Study at 5:30 PM Side ZWOW Large Side Study at 5:30 PM Side ZWOW L	Volume 65 September 8, 2024 Number 34	
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FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF CHURCH ADMINISTRATION... Some Thoughts About The Shakers

The current series of sermons "Living In The Light Of Eternity" have been powerful, well delivered, and based solely on the Word of God as told in 1 Thessalonians. The most recent sermon "S*X AND THE GOSPEL" was immensely powerful and certainly needed. It also made me think of the "Christian" sect of the Shakers. Let me explain.

The Shakers are a spinoff of the Quakers, were notable for ecstatic behavior during worship, and were initially called "Shaking Quakers". They were founded in England in1774 and organized in the US in the 1780's in New York with the official name of "The United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing". Sounds pretty good to me. They also lived communally, were pacifists and taught racial and gender equality. Their communities were self sufficient and known for high-quality workmanship, simplicity, and innovation in design and technology (they invented the mechanical washing machine, the circular saw, condensed milk, the flat broom...).

At their peak in the mid-19th century, there were 19 active Shaker communities with membership in the thousands. As of 2023 there is one active community with exactly two members. What happened?

What happened is that while the Shakers believed in the Bible, they also believed in the "Inner Light" where the Spirit of God dwells in everyone, God continues to give revelations to individuals counter to Biblical teachings, and that dancing and shaking got rid of sin. One of the revelations was to one of the founders, Mother Lee, who decreed that God had told her that the original sin of Adam and Eve was that they were physically intimate with each other meaning that all Shakers were to be celibate regardless of marriage status.

The point of all this is that we need to be like the Bereans in Acts ("The people here were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, since they received the word with eagerness and examined the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." Acts 17:11 CSB https://bible.com/bible/1713/act.17.11.CSB). There are individual pastors and entire denominations that teach and preach counter to the Truth that David presented to us Sunday. What he preached was from the Bible (and only the Bible) and counter to that which is taught by others. We are in the minority with our beliefs, and David would not be welcome by most of the Media in the world. Jesus and the disciples were in the minority also.

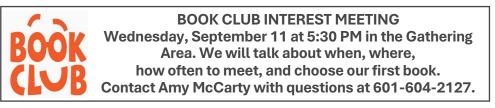


Night of Worship at Highland October 13 @ 6pm

Led by choirs from Highland, Clarke Venable, Northcrest, and Westwood

A THANK YOU NOTE HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM: ...Mary Andero.

GET YOUR FLU SHOT AND GLUCOSE AND BLOOD PRESSURE READINGS SEPTEMBER 25, 5:00-7:00 PM BY THE DOWNSTAIRS ELEVATOR



STEWARDSHIP REPORT SEPTEMBER 1, 2024				
Giving to budget to date	\$726,350.09	SUNDAY SCHOOL	228	
Giving to budget (8-26/9-1)	21,881.18	WORSHIP	235	