



The Encourager



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Warnings

I just can't seem to help myself—Jim Cantori on a beach, in rain-gear just draws me in! In the past few days, I have watched as he has informed us about two very different hurricanes. I have listened as weather news anchors like Jim Cantori and government officials have pleaded with citizens to prepare and/or evacuate. (By the way, if Jim Cantori comes to your city, that in itself is probably a warning! Sorry, Jim . . .) Warnings are, by their nature, rare things. We have the usual, the mundane and routine, then we may have danger. Warnings are reserved for danger. Let's consider some important things to know about warnings.

First of all, warnings need to be taken seriously. Thus, red lettering on warning signs convey that seriousness. Another indicator of the importance involved is the tone of voice when it is a vocal warning. I have been impressed by the manner of Florida Governor Rick Scott in the days leading up to the recent landfall of Hurricane Michael. His sincere pleading has probably saved thousands of lives. We must, in all this, be careful not to be frivolous in our warnings, or "Cry, 'wolf!'".

Secondly, we must expect people to heed the warnings. After all, that is why we give them. It is very gratifying for a person who knows the facts and can reasonably predict the future, to see people follow instructions and prepare for or avoid trouble. Spiritually, John the Baptist must have been gratified as he saw the people of Judea heeding his warnings and "going out to him and were being baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins" (Mark 1:5).

Thirdly, we must also realize that some people will not heed warnings. I was struck by the somber tone of Governor Scott as he saw that the approaching hurricane was going to be worse than they first expected. Within just a few hours of landfall, he told those who had stayed in their homes in spite of warnings: "It's too late—hunker down." Governor Scott knew there would be consequences of the decision not to heed the warnings—from need for rescue to possible death.

Of course, you know where I am going with this. As a preacher, my job is to sincerely warn people of the consequences of living in sin and the necessity of repentance (Acts 17:30, 31). The listener has to decide whether to heed the warning (Ezekiel 33:1-6).

—Lance Cordle

Dates to Remember:

October 11—Caring Cooks
October 25—Caring Cooks
October 25—Blood Drive
October 27—Fall Festival
November 4—Daylight Saving Time Ends
November 10—Winter Give-Away

Ancient Truths for Modern Times

WCCK, FM—95.7
Sundays 8:30 a.m.
Speakers: Lance Cordle & Gary Knuckles

A Pause . . . And Reflection

This is officially “Fall Break” week and many of our families are gone. We pray for safe journeys for all of those who are away from us. Please be especially mindful of people who are in the southeastern USA, with the landfall of Hurricane Michael. We will be watching with anticipation of helping where we can.

I hope you have a great week. —Lance

Purpose?

Often said, but wrong: “Everything happens for a reason.” No! Scripture says, “Time and chance happen to all” (Eccl. 9:11).

When Adam sinned and was shut away from the Tree of Life, God cursed man and the earth. At that time, all the circumstances that bring forth death were set loose. When disease germs get into a body with low resistance, sickness, sometimes, death occurs. When a moving car hits an immovable bridge abutment, it comes to a sudden stop, but the people in the car do not stop unless restrained by a seat belt. That law of physics applies equally to Christians and non-Christians. To good people and evil people. God may, in His providence manipulate circumstances to prevent particular deaths, but He does not usually decide this person will die now for this reason.

Death and other unpleasant things happen to all because sin is in the world.

—**Cecil May, Jr. Preacher Talk,**
Summer, 2018.

Sympathy

Our deepest sympathy to **Shelia Walker and family** for the death of her mother, **Mary Clark**. Mrs. Clark passed away Tuesday, October 9.

Teen Singing

All teens are invited to Marshall County Fire-side Singing in the Park at Mike Miller Pavilion on Sunday, October 14 from 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Winter Give Away

As we did last year, our congregation will be hosting a winter clothing, toy and houseware items give away on Saturday, November 10. If you have items to donate please ensure that the clothing and other items are clean and in good condition and working order. Items can be brought to the activities building on Friday, November 9. Please wait to bring things when we request it

Upcoming Seminar

Central Church of Christ in Paducah will host a seminar entitled “*Facing Dreaded Diseases with Faith*” October 19-21. Guest speakers for this seminar are brothers, **Ron & Don Williams**. The seminar will focus on facing cancer and Alzheimer’s disease. See the bulletin board in the lobby for more information.

Birthdays: October 14-20

- ◆ 15—Anna Barlow
 - ◆ 18—Leslie Bean
 - ◆ 19—Carla Riley, Renie Sloan
- 20—Greg Greene

*** Prayer Session ***
Sunday, 5:40 P.M., in Room 16

Remember in Prayer:

Mason Brandon, Kirsten Butterbaugh (Brenda Williams' granddaughter), Kent Clark, Richard Darnell, Ethel Davis, Jimmy & Karen Davis, JoNell Dawes, Robert Driver, Cindy Grubbs, Jeff Hall, Karen Hicks, Hedia Mabry, Fritz Metzger, Mitzi Roberts, Jerald & Janet Turner, Odell Walker

Nursing Home/Assisted Living:

Brookdale (Paducah)—Jim & Barbara Story
CCCCtr—Nelda Beth, Betty Clark,
Hazel Demery, June Tarkington
Misty Meadows, in Metropolis, IL—Betty Burkeen
Oakview Manor—Barbara Vasseur
Princeton Health & Rehab Ctr—Wanda Walker
Stilley House—Norman Bradford,
Raymon Cordle, Ed O'Dell
Superior Care—John Main
Military: Cory O'Bryan—Germany



Priorities

This morning (July 13), buttoning my shirt, when I got to the bottom, I had one more button, but no more buttonholes. The whole shirt was askew, every button in a wrong hole! Rebuttonning, carefully starting with the top button in the top buttonhole, the rest fell easily into place.

An analogy in life! It is necessary to prioritize, to get first things first. As in buttoning a shirt, get the top button right and the rest fall readily into place. If not, the whole life is askew. —Cecil May, Jr.
Preacher Talk, Summer, 2018.

Record: October 7, 2018

Mid-Week (October 3)	168
Sunday Morning Bible Study	170
Sunday Morning Worship	230
Sunday Evening Worship	126
Contribution	\$8,681

Why I Believe

Peter challenges his readers (I Pt. 3:15), "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence." Our belief in God is grounded in faith, because none of us have seen Him. However, true faith is built on undeniable evidence. Let me suggest three of many reasons for my faith in God as the creative higher power.

First, and the most impressive, is the visible evidence in the world around us. The vastness of our universe and the orderliness of the entire cosmos defy any explanation other than intelligent creation. Likewise, the minute details of atomic structure and the complexity of human DNA demand a designer. Both the telescope and the microscope cry out for God.

Secondly, there is a moral component within humanity. Though some personally reject it, all cultures recognize right and wrong. All cultures experience guilt and shame from violating those standards. All cultures have the capacity to worship and choose some object(s) they feel are worthy of worship or pursuit. Morals cannot be explained by matter, evolution or science. Morality is a fingerprint of Jehovah, who is described as righteous and holy.

Finally, from an entirely different line of thought, the problem of injustice demands a final arbiter. The cruel and dishonest who cruise merrily through life deserve some form of punishment. The innocent who suffer demand that things be made right. God and His final judgment will "straighten it all out." Like most things, a world without God's perfect justice becomes quite empty and confusing.

—Don Loftis

Schedule of Services

Sunday

Bible Study — 9:15 a.m.

Worship — 10:00 a.m.

Evening Worship — 6:00 p.m.*

*On the last Sunday of each month, the evening service will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Mid-Week Bible Study—7:00 p.m.

Bible Classes For All Ages

Those Who Are To Serve:

Sunday, October 14, 2018

Morning

Song Leader: Gayle Hall

Opening Prayer: Casey Counce

Closing Prayer: Michael Parshall

Convalescent Center: L. Davis, G. Smith,
D. Lineberry

Evening

Song Leader: Dale Roberts

Opening Prayer: Randy O'Bryan

Closing Prayer: Brent Fortner

Wednesday, October 17, 2018

Announcements: Brent Fortner

Song Leader: Logan Parker

Opening Prayer: Lance Cordle

Closing Prayer: Jared Hall