

# Meetinghouse Crier

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## Pastor's Note

### June at a Glance

- 6/4 Chicken BBQ
- 6/5 - First Sunday Evening Worship Service 6:30 PM
- 6/12 - Mother Daughter Banquet
- 6/12 Children's Day
- 6/19 Father's Day
- 6/21 First Day of Summer

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#### Where does learning come from?

A popular song from the early 1970's says,

*"You been tellin' me you're a genius since you were seventeen. In all the time I've known you, I still don't know what you mean. The weekend at the college didn't turn out like you planned. The things that pass for knowledge I can't understand."*

Those were days of college upheavals; the aftermath of the turbulent '60's; the "Hippies" and "Flower Children" beginning to have children of their own and discover things about life that they didn't want to deal with in their "free-living" youth. You see at some point, especially after we have children, surviving becomes more than merely doing what feels good. At some point, we come to the realization that there are things we don't know. At some point, we realize that we have to learn something.

But wait... it gets worse! Once we realize that there are things we don't know, we have to decide what things we ought to know, because, alas, we can't know everything! So where's the best place to begin learning? Hmm... let's go wayy back to the beginning. In the Garden of Eden, there was the "tree of the fruit of the knowledge of good and evil". Whose tree was that anyway? Why

it was God's of course. God had all the knowledge, and God commanded the man and the woman not to eat from that tree. But they didn't listen, did they. They flunked their first lesson. Here's what that lesson was.

Psalm 111:10 says, *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all those who do His commandments.*

Prov 1:9 says, *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge, But fools despise Wisdom and instruction.*

Prov 9:7 says, *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

Hmm... do you think this indicates a good starting point for knowing what we need to know?

But wait... it gets worse! Because we come into the world in our "original sin", fallen condition, we immediately begin learning the wrong things, sometimes from people actually teaching us the wrong things; sometimes just on our own. But there's a solution for that. God has provided a way in which we can learn what we need to know, cutting right

through all the nonsensical wrong things we've learned along life's way... but it takes a little work. Look at these Bible verses...

Romans 12: 1,2 says, *I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*

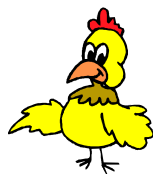
God tells us that our minds can be renewed; a process which will transform us! We can be transformed, and our minds can be renewed into minds that are geared toward knowing what we should know, being instructed by whom we should be instructed; God Himself. And what's the key to this happening? Obedience. Holiness. Do you see it back up there in Romans 12:1? Based on the original Greek, a better English translation for "reasonable service" is, "the only intelligent thing to do".

Beloved; the only intelligent thing to do is to present ourselves to God; to be holy according to His standards of Holiness. He will then begin to teach us genuine, unmistakable knowledge. But it all begins with obedience to His Word and His will.

Pastor

Walter Becker, Donald Fagan, 1972. ABC Records "Can't buy a thrill". Biblical quotations from NKJV, Nelson, 1982

### Spring Means its Chicken Time!!



We're still at it!!! The Chicken BBQ is a wonderful time of food, fun and fellowship. We'll have a report on what we were able to raise, just as soon we

can breath long enough to count the proceeds. Too numerous to mention are all the people who slaved away at the work. To all of you, Thank You and May the Lord Richly Bless You!!



# MOTHER - DAUGHTER BANQUET

SUNDAY, JUNE 12<sup>TH</sup> 5:30 PM followed by a special program with guitarist David Giardino featuring a man and a woman team who will play the guitar and violin with a selection of Spanish Flamenco and classical.

Veggie or meat lasagna, salad, rolls and dessert all for \$10 per person

Come out and join the fellowship and entertainment!!



**MT25:40b** Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, *even* these least, ye did it unto me.

**MT25:45b** Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me.

## Stewardship



Steward:  
a person who manages another's property or financial affairs; one who administers anything as the agent of another or others.

Hmm... how does that apply to us in Church. This is God's church. What we "own" is actu-

ally owned by God. Here's a good admonition...

**Be Good  
Stewards of your  
Time, Talents and  
Treasures. They are  
God's after all!**



The Women of Franklin are still talking about it!

### Women's Study Report

After ten weeks of study, homework and commitment, the Women of Franklin Church completed their study from noted teacher, Beth Moore. To a person, each one told how they were touched and blessed by the study, and what it meant to them personally.

Don't be discouraged if you weren't able to attend this first group; there's another one coming in the Fall!

Make your baby-sitting plans now, and contact Lynda Chapman or Pastor Peter if you're interested in attending. This

way, we can be sure to order enough study materials.

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# Please sign up for Church CleanUP



Don't miss the Fellowship Luncheon, Wednesday June 15th. We gather in the church parking lot @ 11:45am.

### When I say that I am a Christian...

**When I say that "I am a Christian",**

I am not shouting that "I am clean livin'." I'm whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

**When I say "I am a Christian",**

I don't speak of this with pride. I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.

**When I say "I am a Christian",**

I'm not trying to be strong. I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.

**When I say "I am a Christian",**

I'm not bragging of success. I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

**When I say "I am a Christian",**

I'm not claiming to be perfect. My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

**When I say "I am a Christian",**

I still feel the sting of pain. Have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

**When I say "I am a Christian",**

I'm not holier than thou, I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!

## Worship with the Saints of God, this Sunday



# Please sign up for Coffee Hour



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The Franklin Congregational Church  
will be open at noon everyday for  
**Prayer.**



Come Check Us Out; hear messages,  
teachings, get calendars... ENJOY!

**Weekly Services:**

ADULT CHRISTIAN ED 8:45 AM

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 AM

WOMEN'S STUDY, MON 6 - 8 PM

BIBLE STUDY, WED. 7-8 PM

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE,

FIRST SUNDAY EVENINGS 6:30 PM

## Contributors Wanted:

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