



What Are You Willing To Do?

March 2022

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul? Or what can a man give in exchange for his soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels. And he said to them, I tell you the truth, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power.” Mark 8:34b-9:1

As we come into the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday on March 2nd, I would ask each of you to consider if you are, would be, or are thinking about losing your life so that you can save it? What does that mean exactly?

Are you willing to commit your life and your soul totally to Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ? And if you are unsure, what is it that is making you feel that way?

Jesus came to earth as a little child, lived among us, taught us about God and what it means to follow God, and then because He loved His Father so much, and because God loved each and every one of us so very much, Jesus gave up His life for us by dying on a cross for our sins so that we could have forgiveness of our sins and have eternal life! That is what Jesus did for us! So, we have to ask ourselves, what are we willing to give up for Jesus?

And then we need to ask ourselves, what are we willing to do for others in the name of Jesus? Yes, I encourage supporting missions and our church financially, that is always important. But my question to each of you is, “What are you willing to do, on a personal level for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior?”

Could it be that you might donate some of your time to help those who are suffering from domestic violence? Helping a child learn to read? Spending some time visiting someone you don’t even know who is having a hard time, or who is in a nursing home? Would you be willing to go the extra mile after giving financial support to a mission project by giving of your time personally to help with that mission project, or one that needs volunteers?

Maybe you don’t spend enough time in prayer, in God’s presence. Are you willing to give up 10, 15, 20 minutes each day to read God’s Word and spend time listening to what God has to say so that you can become a better and stronger disciple of Jesus Christ?

Are you willing this Lenten Season, to give up your life for Jesus Christ, so that you can save it and save others? Search your soul, your heart, and your mind and ask for God to give you the desire and the wisdom to pick up Jesus’ Cross and follow Him! Amen and amen!

In Christ’s Love,
Pastor Gwen

March Birthdays

12th Helen Marsh
Karen Ervin
15th Julia Krause
17th George Hendrickson
Jeff Harmeyer
22nd Alexis Russell
30th Judy Mahuron
31st Dastin Erlewein

Hello

February 2022 - Hello, Indiana's present weather is why we spend January and now, February in Florida. We made reservations for 2023.

The weather here has been nice and it's been cool and rainy. As I say often, "it's better than Indiana's".

Hope the church families who have been ill and had surgeries are much better. I am glad we receive the prayer chain via email.

Miss you all, but we are NOT coming home early. LOL

Sandy Brown

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Dates to Remember

March 6th - Communion Sunday

March 8th - Ad Council Meeting - 7:00 p.m. - in the chapel

March 13th - Daylight Savings time begins - set your clocks ahead
one hour

April 10th - Palm Sunday

April 15th - Good Friday

April 17th - Easter Sunday

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Food for Thought

1. *Don't let your worries get the best of you; remember Moses started out as a basket case.*
2. *When you get to your wit's end, you'll find God lives there.*
3. *Stop, Drop, and Roll won't work in Hell.*
4. *The good Lord didn't create anything without a purpose, but mosquitoes come close.*
5. *Some minds are like concrete - thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.*
6. *The Will of God never takes you to where the Grace of God will not protect you.*

If these blessed you in a profound way today, share it with a few friends to bless them. I bet someone else will LOVE it, too.