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The Linwood Lindy



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Be still and watchful ...

I have a “decorative plaque” at home upon which is inscribed a quote from Ralph Waldo Emerson: “Let us be silent that we may hear the whisper of God.” It is one of my favorite quotes and came to mind immediately from my devotional reading for today, which has to do with “being still and watchful.”

My current devotional writer, Marilyn McIntyre, is quite adamant that “wait” is an active verb. She says, “Faithful waiting is expectant, hopeful, focused, attentive, watchful.” She builds on this concept by saying: “Waiting and watching train the mind and the senses and attune them to God’s guiding presence.” She goes on to talk about the “art of watching,” noting that if you fix your gaze on one spot too long, you might miss something that is happening nearby that doesn’t register with you. But, if you cast your gaze around too quickly from one spot to another, you might well miss something going on that takes more than a passing moment to be revealed. The trick, she says, is to learn to move your gaze slowly and intently.

It strikes me that this is a good metaphor for understanding the Christian walk of faith. Sometimes there is so much to do, so much to take in, that we flutter from one activity, one ministry to another without ever settling long enough to fully understand the discipline we are trying to learn or appreciate the full significance of the ministry in which we are participating. On the other hand, we can become so fixated, so intent, so committed to one tradition, one activity, one ministry of the church, that a whole world of possible experiences passes us by unnoticed. Either way, the result is that we are less than we can be.

As summer begins to wane and the promise of fall comes ever near, it makes me stop and wonder, “what have I missed” the last few months by not being attentive enough to all that is going on around me or by being too fixed on a few things. It is not an easy walk that we are called to as disciples of Jesus. It is not easy to be so silent and still, so as to hear the whisper of God, while at the same time meeting deadlines, planning activities, showing up to help and sharing life with our brothers and sisters in faith.

I guess that is why it is so important to understand why “grace” is needed to get us through.

Pastor Frank

Thoughts & Prayers



Health Issues:

Marilyn Henegen, Judy Mecher, Pat Kerr, Margie Wilson

Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Myers, Brian Slowinski, Tobby Parson, Jake Marshall, Sheila Patton, Rob Welch, Doug Engle, Jenn Streyckmans, Nancy Schoen, George Hill, Christopher Ignaut, John Franke, Laurelle Zarins, Lisa Thompson, Melissa Martin, Jerry Hill, Doug Sample, Monica Willis, Kristin Helms, Elijah Smith, Sheila Solberg, Liz Arnold, Marjorie Spires, Margaret Carnes, Amy Wooldridge, Tom Reese, Dan Bernd, Danny Breeden, Steve Marshall, Jessie Patton

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

Debbie Ignaut, Dee Miller, Joyce Franke, Jason Kropp, Leana Wright, Mark Merriman, Doug Wickham, Donna Opel, Jeff Lawrence, Cheryl Stackhouse, CeCe Morris-Walton, Donna & Don Shepard, Paula Breeden

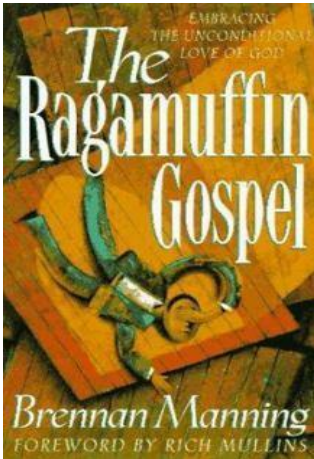
Prayers of Condolences are offered to the family and friends of: Laura Hower-Watson who passed on July 23rd, Bill Haines on his passing July 29th, Billy Creech and Jimmy DeBord also passed in July; Mary Eva Perry who passed away on August 11th, Melissa Hornung on her passing August 13th, and Rodney Brower also passed on August 13th.

Prayers of Joy are offered for: Melissa Martin who is continuing treatment and taking off this semester from teaching as she recovers. Her prognosis is good and she is very thankful for all of the prayers.

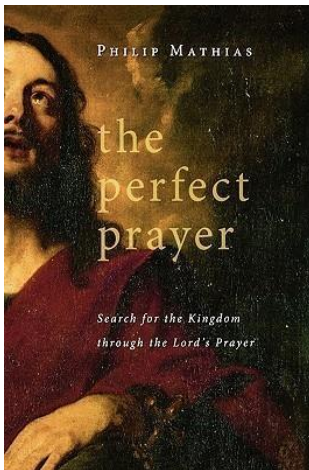


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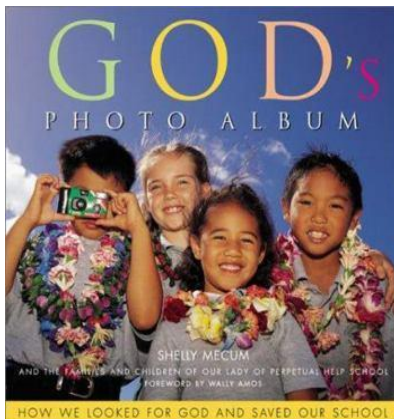
Some more great reads available in the Linwood Christian Church Library.



The Ragamuffin Gospel by former Franciscan priest Brennan Manning reminds us that Jesus did not come for the pretty, pious and powerful. Instead, he came for the "bedraggled, beat-up, and burnt-out" ragamuffins who desperately need his grace. Dispelling the myth that you must work to receive God's gift of grace and joy, Manning, a fellow ragamuffin, reveals the true nature of a freely-given and unrelenting grace that's available to all. Drop the burden of never measuring up and revel in the comfort of a God who loves you for who you are - not for who you think you should be.

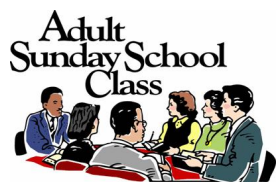


The Perfect Prayer by Philip Mathias examines each of the six petitions of the Lord's Prayer to explore the role it plays in the coming of the kingdom of God, which is the core of Christian joy. The basis for *The Perfect Prayer* is the shorter version of Jesus's prayer found in Luke's Gospel.



God's Photo Album by Shelly Necum is the result of a dream to save their Ewa Beach elementary school on Oahu, Hawaii. Some 168 young children and their families, ranging from five to eighty years old, toted cameras, notebooks, and pencils across the island by bus, trolley, and glass-bottom boat. Their mission? To find God. And (each in their own way) did: in palm trees and koi ponds, on rugged shores, in the Hard Rock Cafe, and in one another. This book includes their surprising snapshots and inspiring observations, offering unforgettable moments of grace. Proof that no dream is too big, this story will capture the hearts of everyone who wants to know how to find God.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian



Ed Urban is currently leading us through the Book of Psalms, which is his personal favorite. We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:20 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

News from the Pews ...

Rummage Room End of Summer Sale!!

August 18th – all week
BOGO Clothing item free

August 25th – all week
BOGO Clothing item free
\$5 bag sale – all you can fit
into one of our bags



Back to Church Sunday September 7th

Time to get back in the pews. We are having a pitch-in after the service. Bring your favorite side dishes and/or desserts to share.

Live and archived service streams are available at: [YouTube.com/@LinwoodCC](https://www.youtube.com/@LinwoodCC)

Visit our Web Page at www.linwoodchristian.org to learn what is going on at Linwood.

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Entries for next Lindy by: September 15, 4p Indianapolis, IN 46201

Your Lindy Crew

Biblical Treasures Hunt

Word Search

Solve the puzzle with the word bank below. Puzzle based on Jeremiah 17:13

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G F P U A W A Y S I W E T
J Z S S E M A N Z L Q P U
Y L F D U S T V J K T M L
N C Q V L E A S I L Y V K
P G H T I W A T E R S H G
O Y T L N K C A L T E R A
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NAMES DUST LACK SAVED