

East Columbus Bulletin

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Psa. 19:7-10 The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; 8 The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; 9 The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. 10 More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Worship/10:05 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship with Lord's Supper

WEDNESDAY

7:00 p.m. Bible classes for all ages

Other Study and Worship Opportunities

- Second Sunday 2:00 p.m., Trinity Care Home Worship Service
- Second Saturday Men's Bible Study Ranch House Restaurant 6:30 A.M.
- Third Sunday Bible Study 6:00 p.m. location (TBA)
- Young Bible Scholars meet each month - Time and Location (TBA)
- Bible Study at the Pines - 5 p.m. Mondays & 8 p.m. Sundays, Cady Hill Thurs. 6 p.m.
- CD's of sermons and Gospel Meetings are available by signing up in the back
- Recorded sermons and gospel meetings and other resources are also available at the church website <http://eastcolumbuschurch.com/>. Contact Steve Coburn if you need assistance.
- We are pleased and blessed to have Kevin and Kathy Kay as part of our East Columbus church family. Kevin began regular preaching duties on May 31st.

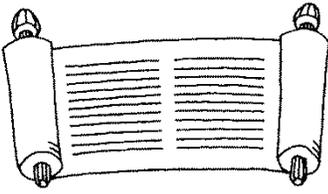
Prayer Requests

Home Bound Members: - Mike Butler, Annie McCrary, Jack Burks, Eula Mae Harliss
Others Limited by Health: - Frances Barham, Joyce Monasco, Joyce Ratcliff, Willena Woods

Sick - Burt Wheeler is continuing rehabilitation therapy in North Carolina. Allen Swedenburg was recently diagnosed with Lyme Disease as has Ellen Haas, daughter of Ed & Nancy Williams. Harold Young, Lynette Coburn's father, is at home under hospice care. Carol Briggs' mother is to have heart surgery in Oxford in the near future. James Ratcliff had recent heart tests and is receiving additional medications for treatment. Joyce Ratcliff's back treatments have improved her condition.

Recuperating - Elbert Logan is recovering from a recent stroke and has been able to return to services. Marion Butler is recovering from a serious respiratory infection. Bobbie Winters, Allen Jones' mother, is recovering from back surgery.

Elders: Jay McCrary and Jerry Paschall
Deacons: Clyde Hollis, Ed Williams, Don Zant
Preacher: Kevin Kay



Job 19:

25 For I know that my Redeemer lives, And He shall stand at last on the earth;

26 And after my skin is destroyed, this I know, That in my flesh I shall see God,

Entertainment and the Christian

What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. (1 Corinthians 10:19-20)

How do we evaluate entertainment choices?

We start by eliminating anything that is immoral. We cannot tolerate the filth that has come to fill most shows on TV, songs on the radio, Internet sites, books and magazines, etc.

But the one who fears God is not only concerned about the blatant evils in the media, he is sensitive to other less obvious problems as well. A song on the radio may not have a single curse word in it, but the message is worldly. A movie may be rated "PG" but the underlying premise of the movie is ungodly. Anything that promotes selfishness, materialism, pride, or other forms of worldliness should be rejected.

Why should we be so careful? Because the devil does his best work in subtle ways. It's easy to see the dangers of violence, blasphemy, sexual themes, etc. But our values are changed more easily when our guard is down; when we digest things we feel are safe.

Most of what is fed to us is not safe. A recent study by researchers at UCLA examined the messages the media promotes to 9-11 year olds. In 1997 the top five values were community feeling, being kind and helpful (benevolence), image, tradition and self-acceptance. The top five values today are fame, achievement, popularity, image, and financial success. The bottom two values on this list are spiritualism and tradition.

The battle we're fighting is for the mind. We should be so cautious about the messages we allow into our minds and especially into the minds of our children.

Father, we don't want to put anything before you. Help us to glorify you in all our choices.

David Maxson, Northwood church of Christ, Northport, AL,