



Dear Members and Friends of New Perth,

May you be blessed this month of May, looking to Christ, who is our peace. For my letter this month, I feel like I should address some current events – namely, the protests that are going on against Israel and for Palestine. This won't be a devotion exactly, but we will think through these ideas with Scripture.

What's with All These Protests?

Someone recently asked me about the antisemitic protests happening on college campuses. It is clearly racist and wrong, so why do people embrace it? The protests seem confusing. Let me explain: The protests are due to the left embracing the modified Marxism known as "Critical Race Theory." You've probably heard of it. CRT masquerades under various terms such as diversity, equity, inclusion, and intersectionality. What is it?

Classical Marxism pitted the poor against the rich and said that the poor should kill the rich and take what was theirs for themselves, unite together as a government, take control of everything, and then share everything. (i.e. the workers should fight against the capitalist bourgeoisie and use violent upheaval to restructure society and redistribute wealth via revolution, socialism, and communism.) Sow division, breed conflict, promise utopia... fail to deliver. To this we can respond with the words of Moses: ***"You shall not fall in with the many to do evil, nor shall you bear witness in a lawsuit, siding with the many, so as to pervert justice, nor shall you be partial to a poor man in his lawsuit."*** (Exodus 23:2-3) Being many, being poor, or being many poor, does not make one right. We must seek TRUE justice, not shallow "social justice."

The Coalition of the Disgruntled and Immoral

Critical Race Theory is Marxism on turbo. They say "Why just the poor against the rich? There are many other differences to turn into division! Let's use every possible division there might be to stoke conflict and cause societal upheaval until we can restructure society the way we think it ought to be!" So... black vs. white, female vs. male, gay vs. straight, varied gender vs. cis-gender, transgender vs. biological gender, no religion (or any other religion) vs. Christian, etc. Polarize everything. In every case, the leftist chooses to side with whatever is viewed by them as the underdog. They believe that if all of the underdogs team up because their needs intersect (this is intersectionality -- the union of the dissatisfied) then they can overthrow what they consider to be the privileged groups. Sow division, breed conflict, promise utopia... fail to deliver. They fail to see that even if they achieved their goals, it would only result in creating new underprivileged and dissatisfied groups who would try to overthrow *them*. To this we can respond with the words of Paul: ***"Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.*"** (Galatians 5:19-21) Likewise, Jude the brother of Christ said ***those who cause divisions are "worldly people devoid of the Spirit."*** (Jude 1:19) Instead, we must ***"seek peace and pursue it."*** (Psalm 34:14)

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Having no faith in God, they cannot rest on the Scriptures which say, ***“The LORD makes poor and makes rich; he brings low and he exalts”*** or ***“Many seek the face of a ruler, but it is from the LORD that a man gets justice.”*** (1 Sam. 2:7 and Proverbs 29:26) so they look to the government to act as God for them, taking wealth from others and giving it to them via taxes and redistribution schemes, or getting their shallow understanding of justice based on their love of sexual immorality or money. This way of looking at society is evil. Have nothing to do with it.

The left has embraced various points of Marxism for many years, and recently has fully invested itself with the ideology of Critical Race Theory. This is why we find these topics at the fore on liberal college campuses as well as in corporations, politics, and the news... it’s everywhere!

From the CRT perspective, the Israelis or Jewish people are privileged, and the Muslims (Palestinians) as not privileged, and therefore they side with the Muslims and against the Jews. It’s not because they share values; it’s only “the enemy of my enemy is my friend.” That’s intersectionality. This simplistic way of viewing the world does not ask HOW the Jews achieved relative success and productivity (by hard work and cooperation based on Judaic religious values) nor HOW the Muslims have achieved such poverty and disorder (by their commitment to the unproductive and disordered principles of Islam). It doesn’t care. The leftist sees only privilege or lack of privilege. So they side with terrorists instead of the victims of terrorism, believing that the acts of terror committed by the Muslims are the revolt of the oppressed. They are not. They are the oppression of the oppressors who oppress not only their enemies but also themselves. In response to CRT, we can quote Jesus: ***“Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment.”*** (John 7:24)

What do Muslims actually believe? The Muslims are waiting for their Islamic savior (the Mahdi), and don’t believe he and the idyllic Islamic world order will be achieved until they kill every Jew or at least try. Here’s a quote from one of the hadith (authoritative verbal tradition of Muhammed):

“Judgement Day will not come until the Muslims fight the Jews. The Jews will hide behind the stones and the trees, and the stones and the trees will say, oh Muslim, oh servant of Allah, there is a Jew hiding behind me — come and kill him.” There you have it. They think their paradise won’t come until they unite to fight and kill the Jews. This is why there can be no peace between the Jews and the Muslims. Islam teaches that Muslims are duty-bound to try to kill all the Jews in order to bring the Mahdi and their Islamic world order.

Hmmm... violence and murder bringing a new world order and a utopia? Sounds a bit like Karl Marx, doesn’t it? Yes, it actually parallels the violent revolution that Marx promised would bring communist utopia. Division, conflict, riots, protests, envy, covetousness, resentment, violence, false promises... this is Marxism and Islam, too. Good is called evil and evil is called good. They are both demonic. They do not go along with ***“Love your enemies”*** and ***“Do unto others as you would have them do unto you.”***

Marxism and Islam are destructive. Don’t follow Karl Marx and don’t follow Muhammed. Follow Jesus. He’s the King of Kings and the Prince of Peace. Marx wanted people to kill the privileged. Muhammed wanted people to kill the Jews. But Jesus? The Son of God set aside his privilege to become a poor Jew named Jesus, who gave himself over to be killed for you, then he rose from death to show his promises were not empty. He will deliver.

In His Service,

Pastor Dan

New Perth Preschool Trike-A-Thon



We raise money to support Rainbow Kidz at our annual Trike-a-thon. We invite you to donate to this worthy cause to help children who are healing from the loss of a loved one. You may send your donations to the church office or give to a preschool student or teacher.

What does Rainbow Kidz Do? Whether you or a child you know has experienced the loss of a loved one, Rainbow Kidz is here to help you find healing and support during this difficult time. Rainbow Kidz is a unique community resource dedicated to meeting the special needs of children and their families. Rainbow Kidz is offered at no cost to families or schools and encompasses an array of services provided by licensed clinical social workers, including:

- Weekly in-school grief support groups for children who have experienced a loss are offered in Iredell-Statesville and Mooresville Graded Schools, as well as private and charter schools throughout Iredell County.
- One-on-one grief counseling for children who have experienced the death of a loved one.
- Specialized care for children and families undergoing palliative or hospice care.
- Camp Rainbow is offered two weeks in June for children experiencing grief and loss.
- A grief support program for children at the Boys & Girls Club of the Piedmont and Statesville YMCA Summer Camp/Bridge Academy.
- Resources and tools to help parents better communicate with their children regarding grief and loss. We have a monthly parent support group that meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month.
- Emergency community crisis support in area schools following the loss of a student or staff member.
- Grief support for infant loss.

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HOW
CAN WE
pray
FOR
YOU?

Illnesses/Recoveries

Church Family: Ruth Calabrese, Patsy Smith, Rev. Bob Sherer (Hospice Care) Lynn Sherer, Blane Sherer, Sue Brown, Harry & Pat Loftin, Barbara Nesbit, Sue Meadows, Dot Shanklin, Delores Mills, Debbie Harshbarger, Elva Reavis (Brookdale Peachtree),

Daryl Crouch (recovery), Pauline Campbell (cancer),

Others to Remember: Jeff Osborne, Mark & Susan McClamrock, Shirley Black (Parkinsons), Cindy Fox, Rodney McCurdy, Kevin & Lisa Smith, Clayton Mayberry, Floyd Hamilton, Madeline Jacobs (brittle diabetes), Jack Speaks, Larry Putnam (severe head pain)

Cancer patients: Marie & Jeff Loftin, Kay Bridgers & husband Henry, Pat Coussens, Isaac McCurdy, Teresa McCurdy, Jeff Kelly, Lynn Winecoff, Brandon Wooten, Donna Lamberth, Donova Mobley (Pastor Dan's cousin)

Those who have lost loved ones: The family of Glenda Murdock

Pray for our pastor and family & our missionaries:

Shelia Osborne, Michael Cochran, Joel McCall

The success of Bible in Schools Iredell County

Our military men and women

If you have someone you would like to have a card sent to by Circle of Friends, call the church office.

Hymn of the Montz

“WONDERFUL WORDS OF LIFE”

The desire to learn and give more was important in the life of an American hymnist and composer. Phillip Paul Bliss was the third child born to Isaac and Lydia Doolittle Bliss in July of 1838. The family lived in a log cabin on a homestead in a rural Appalachian mountain region of northern Pennsylvania. His father was of Welsh descent and a devout Christian who was always singing gospel songs. Young Phillip learned to sing with his father and to play on reeds or other simple musical instruments which he made himself. From any early age, Phillip loved music. His family was very poor and opportunities to go to school were limited, but his mother taught him to read from the Bible.

When Phillip was 10 years old, he was selling vegetables to people in his community to help support the family. He first saw a piano in one of the homes – and Phillip wanted to learn more about this fascinating instrument. Barefoot and ragged, he went uninvited through an open door into the parlor. He stood mesmerized until the music stopped and then said, “O lady, please play some more.” He was quickly sent out of the home, but the experience introduced him to a whole new world of music.

At the age of 11, Phillip left home to work on a farm, carrying all of his clothing done up in a handkerchief. For the next 5 years he worked on farms and in lumber camps, taking every opportunity for schooling. Finally, at the age of 17, he was able to fulfill his desire for more learning and went to school in East Troy, Pennsylvania, where he completed his teaching credentials and taught school the winter of 1856. Not forgetting his love for music, the following year he spent the winter receiving his first formal instruction in music at a singing school. He had a wonderful bass voice. In 1859 he married Lucy Young. In 1860 he yearned to take a training course for music teachers in Geneseo, New York, but it cost the huge sum of \$30. and there was no way the young couple could afford the fee. His wife’s Grandma Allen saw how heartbroken Phillip was and told him that \$30. was indeed a good deal of money. Then the dear lady

produced an old stocking which she had been dropping pieces of silver in for years. There was more than the amount he needed and she donated her money so that Phillip could realize his dream to learn more about music. Over the next 5 years, he became financially successful, saving enough money to purchase a small cottage in Rome, NY and moved his parents from their humble backwoods home to live with them.

Later, Phillip was hired by Root and Musical Publishers where he conducted musical conventions, singing schools, and concerts for his employers. But Phillip wanted more. In 1869 he met evangelist Dwight L. Moody, and became acquainted with Horatio Spafford, writing the music to his text for the hymn, “It Is Well with My Soul.” They both urged him to become a missionary singer. In 1873, he entered into full time missionary work.

Bliss and his wife, Lucy, met a tragic end while on the way to a revival, losing their lives in the Ashtabula River railway disaster in Ohio on December 29, 1876. A trestle bridge collapsed, sending the train cars plummeting into the ravine and causing some to catch fire.

Millions of Christians have sung his popular hymn, which he wrote 2 years before his death:

*Sing them over again to me,
wonderful words of life;
Let me more of their beauty see,
wonderful words of life.
Words of life and beauty,
teach me faith and duty;
Beautiful words, wonderful words,
wonderful words of life. (2x's)*

(Additional verses can be found in our hymnal on page 309.)

Credit to Rawson & Tonioli





Wow!!!! We are down to the last month of preschool. This has been such a fast year. There has been so much fun and learning going on in our building.

Thank you so much to those of you who participated in our port-a-pit fundraiser. Mrs. Alicia and I always appreciate your support.

Our Bible theme for May will be the fruits of the spirit. They will learn a fun song to help them remember these nine fruits. Pastor Dan helps us out with this on Thursday during our chapel time with him.

We will visit Zootastic on May 1st for our spring field trip, show our love and appreciation for our teachers during teacher appreciation week May 6-9, and then we will shower our moms on May 9th for Muffins with Mom leading up to Mother's Day.

Our last week of preschool will be a load of fun. On Monday we will have a carnival and our annual Trike-a-thon for Rainbow Kidz. If anyone would like to make a donation to this worthy cause, you can contact the office and let me know. We will have Mrs. Lori's ice cream truck come for a yummy cool treat after riding and working up a sweat. On Tuesday we will have a water day and on Wednesday there will be a bounce house on the turf for all to enjoy along with a snow cone treat. We will wrap up the week with our four-year-old graduation.



UNFADING BEAUTY

Peter says beauty shouldn't come from outward adornment. How does a godly woman adorn herself on the inside?

Directions: From each list, write the word that doesn't belong. Then insert the circled letters in order below to complete 1 Peter 3:4, NIV.

flower, stem, bee, leaf

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pink, red, yellow, blue

—○—

mother, sister, brother, aunt

—○—

purple, dress, skirt, blouse

—○—

necklace, ring, bracelet, braid

—○—

diamond, emerald, heart, ruby

—○—

orange, cherry, potato, kiwi

—○—

my, our, she, your

—○—

faith, family, love, hope

—○—

sunny, rainy, snowy, temperature

—○—

cookie, cake, pie, sandwich

—○—

silver, white, gold, bronze

—○—

"Rather, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a g _____ and qu _____ p _____, which is of great worth in God's sight." 1 Peter 3:4, NIV

Answers: bee, pink, brother, purple, dress, skirt, blouse, necklace, ring, bracelet, braid, heart, potato, kiwi, she, family, love, hope, temperature, sandwich, white, gentle, quiet, spirit



Daily Devotion Reading Schedule

◀ April	May 2024						June ▶
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
			1 Judg. 8 Jn. 8:12-30 Ps. 110 Pr. 15:4	2 Judg. 9 Jn. 8:31-59 Ps. 111 Pr. 15:5	3 Judg. 10-11 Jn. 9 Ps. 112 Pr. 15:6-7	4 Judg. 12-14 Jn. 10:1-18 Ps. 113 Pr. 15:8-10	
5 Judg. 15-16 Jn. 10:19-42 Ps. 114 Pr. 15:11	6 Judg. 17-18 Jn. 11:1-54 Ps. 115 Pr. 15:12-13	7 Judg. 19-21 Jn. 11:55-12:19 Ps. 116 Pr. 15:14	8 Ruth 1 Jn. 12:20-50 Ps. 117 Pr. 15:15-17	9 Ruth 2-4 Jn. 13:1-30 Ps. 118 Pr. 15:18-19	10 1 Sam. 1-2 Jn. 13:31-38 Ps. 119:1-8 Pr. 15:20-21	11 1 Sam. 3-5 Jn. 14:1-14 Ps. 119:9-16 Pr. 15:22-23	
12 1 Sam. 6-8 Jn. 14:15-31 Ps. 119:17-24 Pr. 15:24-26	13 1 Sam. 9-10 Jn. 15:1-17 Ps. 119:25-32 Pr. 15:27-28	14 1 Sam. 11-13 Jn. 15:18-27 Ps. 119:33-40 Pr. 15:29-30	15 1 Sam. 14 Jn. 16:1-15 Ps. 119:41-48 Pr. 15:31-32	16 1 Sam. 15-16 Jn. 16:16-33 Ps. 119:49-56 Pr. 15:33	17 1 Sam. 17 Jn. 17 Ps. 119:57-64 Pr. 16:1-3	18 1 Sam. 18-19 Jn. 18:1-27 Ps. 119:65-72 Pr. 16:4-5	
19 1 Sam. 20-21 Jn. 18:28-19:16 Ps. 119:73-80 Pr. 16:6-7	20 1 Sam. 22-23 Jn. 19:17-42 Ps. 119:81-88 Pr. 16:8	21 1 Sam. 24-25 Jn. 20:1-23 Ps. 119:89-96 Pr. 16:9	22 1 Sam. 26-28 Jn. 20:24-31 Ps. 119:97-104 Pr. 16:10-11	23 1 Sam. 29-31 Jn. 21 Ps. 119:105-112 Pr. 16:12-13	24 2 Sam. 1-2 Ac. 1:1-11 Ps. 119:113-120 Pr. 16:14-15	25 2 Sam. 3-4 Ac. 1:12-26 Ps. 119:121-128 Pr. 16:16-17	
26 2 Sam. 5-6 Ac. 2:1-41 Ps. 119:129-136 Pr. 16:18	27 2 Sam. 7-9 Ac. 2:42-47 Ps. 119:137-144 Pr. 16:19-20	28 2 Sam. 10-11 Ac. 3:1-4:31 Ps. 119:145-152 Pr. 16:21-22	29 2 Sam. 12-13 Ac. 4:32-5:16 Ps. 119:153-160 Pr. 16:23	30 2 Sam. 14-15 Ac. 5:17-6:7 Ps. 119:161-168 Pr. 16:24	31 2 Sam. 16-17 Ac. 6:8-7:60 Ps. 119:169-176 Pr. 16:25		



May 2024



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Lunch Box Hinson/Poole 5:15 Bells 5:55 Meal & Bible Study 7:00 Choir	2 7pm Session Meeting	3 Lunch Box Lunsfords	4
5 10am Sun. School 11an Worship & Communion 12pm Fellowship	6 4:30 Girl Scouts	7	8 4:30 Piano Recital 5:15 Bells 5:55 Meal & Bible Study 7:00 Choir	9 Preschool Muffins for Mom	10	11
12 10am Sun. School 11an Worship 12pm Fellowship	13	14	15 5:15 Bells 5:55 Meal & Bible Study 7:00 Choir	16 9:30 Keenagers Trip	17	18
19 10am Sun. School 11an Worship 12pm Fellowship	20 Lunch Box Lail/Wilson Rainbow Kidz Trike-A-Thon 4:30 Girl Scouts	21	22 Lunch Box Hinson/Poole 5:15 Bells 5:55 Meal & Bible Study 7:00 Choir	23 Preschool Graduation	24 Lunch Box Lunsfords	25
26 10am Sun. School 11an Worship 12pm Fellowship	27	28	29 5:15 Bells 5:55 Meal & Bible Study 7:00 Choir	30	31	

MAY Birthdays and Anniversaries

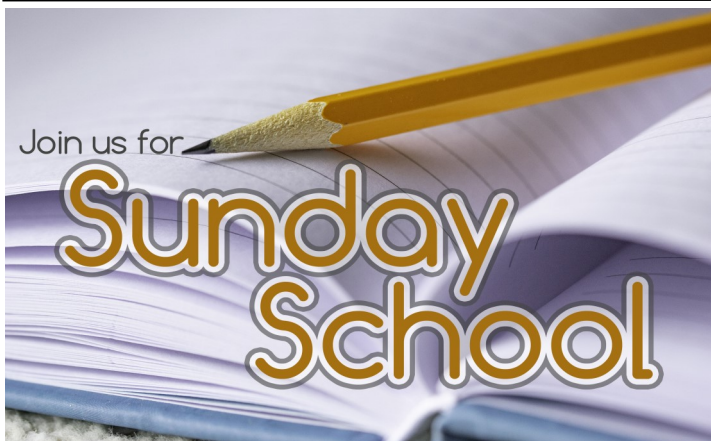
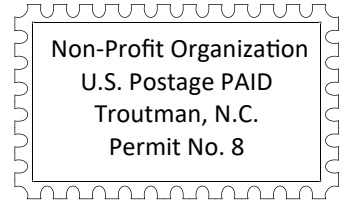
2 – David Meadows
5 – Ronnie Crouch
8 – Cissy Donaldson
8 – Jeff Hinson
16 – Cissie Berryhill
20 – Steven Matta
20 – Ginny Holland

23 – J.J. Knox
25 – Kevin Smith
26 – Brian Bustle
7—Rick & Jenny Brown
7—Dan & Hollie Hazen
26—Todd & Lisa Nesbit

You are invited to the
Spring Piano Recital
On Wednesday, May 8th
At 4:30 p.m.
Light Refreshments to follow
Pianist:
Lizzy Hazen
& Piper Crouch



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This past month we continued the story of Jesus after his crucifixion. We learned, in Luke 24, that before he ascended into heaven he walked along the road to Emmaus with two men and they didn't recognize him until after they ate together! Then we read about "doubting Thomas" in John 20. We liked it when Jesus said, "How blessed will people be who believe without even seeing!" The lesson on "The Ascension" in Acts 1, was exciting. It must have been wonderful to have seen Jesus taken up to heaven! And the excitement continued as we read in Acts 2 about the Holy Spirit coming upon them with a mighty, rushing wind!



What two rivers that we still know today are named in the Creation account in Genesis 2?

- A. Nile
- B. Yangtze
- C. Jordan
- D. Tigris
- E. Ganges
- F. Euphrates

