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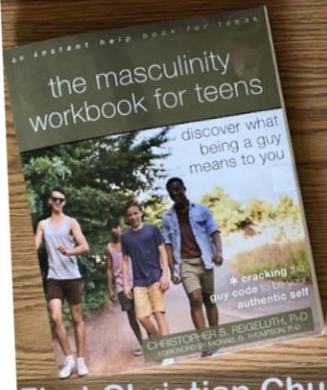
Seeking, Serving, Sharing
February 19, 2023



Devotional Christian

Matthew 17:1-9 ~Transfiguration~

The transfiguration was not a random event but was a precisely timed and executed manifestation of glory that was to serve as a lesson to the disciples about what kind of Messiah Jesus was, and how he would attain his greatness. The disciples needed to begin to learn this new, biblical but unheard-of idea of glory. The voice of God the Father resounding from the cloud has an important message to convey to the disciples, and us: 'Listen to him'. A listening heart is a heart warmed by the love of God and taught by his words. The one we listen to is the Son of God, Jesus, transfigured in his humanity. "Listen to him." This is directed at Peter and the others. This is also directed at us today. So many voices cry out for attention. Not every voice, however, is helpful or worth listening to. Some voices may sound sweet, but they are not good for us. The story of the transfiguration says there is only one voice to listen to. The voice of God speaks from the bright cloud overshadowing Peter, James, and John, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him." To listen to Jesus is to hear what he says; to accept what he says; to make it one's own, to identify with it fully. Jesus knew that there was a time for silence and a time to speak. We need to ask God to help us to know which is appropriate, and when, and especially when it is time to listen. Preparation for the disciples did not come on the mountaintop and it won't for us either. As we come down off that mountain, we need to reflect on that mountain top' experiences to help us cope with everyday challenges of life in the valley. That experience was one to enjoy, celebrate, and treasure, but the real work awaits below. They, and we as followers of Jesus Christ, are chosen as we are needed down in the valley.



Talking About Teenage Guy Stuff
Tuesdays
5:30 - 7:00 PM
Begins Feb. 28th
Pizza, Tacos, Burgers & Fries
First Christian Church - 210 N 5th Street
 Please let Pastor Stephen know if you plan to attend.

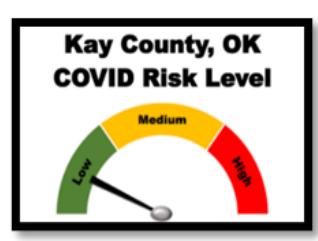


You have heard that it was said... A Lenten Discussion Series

- March 1, 2023 ...You shall not murder
- March 8, 2023 ...You shall not commit adultery
- March 15, 2023 ...Whoever divorces his wife
- March 22, 2023 ...You shall not swear falsely
- March 29, 2023 ...An eye for an eye
- April 5, 2023 ...You shall love your neighbor

Wednesdays at Noon (Bring Your Own Brown Bag Lunch)

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Giving in Review	
As of January 31, 2022	
Budgeted Expenses	\$27,375.00
Actual Expenses	\$22,033.86
Income Received	\$28,241.65

Prayer

Jesus, how good it is that you are here with us. Let me never lose sight of your glory, no matter how much darkness may press on me. Let me live in your presence forever. This we pray in the name of the Transfigured Christ. Amen.