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MAY, 2022

MESSAGE FROM CHRIS...

Listen more....Talk less

The story of Job is probably one of the most recognized in Christians' lives. If you recall, Satan is before God giving an account of what he has been doing. God gives him permission twice to try and turn Job from being a God-fearing man. Satan first destroys his crops, servants, livestock and his children, and when that didn't work, he came back with a second round of afflicting Job's entire body with painful sores. This did not work, as we see in Job 2:10. We are told that "Job did not sin." There is a lot more as the scene progresses, and that is when his friends Eliphaz, Bildad, and Zophar come to check on him. I wish the story had ended at Job 2:13:

"13 Then they sat on the ground with him for seven days and seven nights. No one said a word to him, because they saw how great his suffering was."

Unfortunately, we know that they did not remain silent. His three friends decide they are going to "help" Job by showing him that his suffering was due to sin in his life, beginning with Eliphaz (Job 4:7-9, 5:17, 8:4,15:5). Job responds back to his friends with something that should cut them, and us, to the core:

Job 6:21 (NIV) "Now you too have proved to be of no help"

Job 13:5 (NIV) "If only you would be altogether silent! For you, that would be wisdom."

In most cases when a friend is going through something in life like Job, with loss or illness, the absolute best thing is to just be there. Your friend, like Job, really just needs someone to sit in silence and comfort him with your presence. How many times have we been there sitting in silence, and decide we need to say something; we break the silence, bring words of wisdom to comfort our dearly loved friend. Then, before we know it, something that we think is wise and comforting comes out of our mouths. We then are astonished that something so cold, indifferent, unhelpful, or judgmental comes flowing out. After it's said we stop and think to ourselves, *I can't believe I said that*. We follow that to say something to try to fix what we first said that was unhelpful, and it is even more unhelpful! Then it snowballs, and we find ourselves like Job's friends going back and forth trying to lecture each other on why we think they are in the situation they are in and how they need to fix it. One of Job's responses is fantastic:

Job 13:8-9 (NIV) "...Will you argue the case for God? Would it turn out well if he examined you?"

Sometimes, we believe ourselves to be self-righteous and need to be called out as Job was. So, what is the theme? What should we learn from this? It is this simple: listen more, talk less. It is better to sit in silence, although it may be awkward, than to open our mouths and try to impart our wisdom to others. Job's friends probably had the best intentions, or at least it started that way, but in the end it put strain on their relationship with him. When the ones we care for are struggling, just be there. You don't have to have some grand and glorious explanation or remedy; just show you love them by being there.

Pastor Chris

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING**

This offering will be received from
April 3-May 1, 2022.
GOAL: \$1,000

As of April 24, 2022, a total of \$480 has
been received toward a goal of \$1,000.

The mission project for May will be more
emphasis on ABCCM. Children will be out
of school for the summer and more food
will be needed to feed them.



Special Reminders:

**Members Who Are
Home Bound:**
Earleen Cody
Winnie Martel

BIBLE STUDY

“The Chosen,” based on the four gospels and the
Bible as a whole. It explores what life might have
been like for the disciples of Jesus in 1st century
Judea. This study will be held each Tuesday at
10:30 A.M. , in the Fellowship Hall. A time of prayer
will follow at approximately 11:30 A.M.

MONDAY, MAY 30, 2022

**Don't forget those who
have sacrificed so much
for us.**



BBA SPRING CELEBRATION

**Christian Creek Baptist Church
40 New Salem Road
Swannanoa, NC 28778
Monday, May 9, 2022
5:30 P.M. - Meal
6:30 P.M. - Meeting Begins**



*Thursday, May 5, 2022
Pray for our nation, our
leaders, and all people.
ONE NATION UNDER
GOD!*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MAY, 2022

Every Sunday - (UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

9:30 A.M. - Small Group Classes

5:00 P.M. - Choir Practice

- 05-01 - 6:00 P.M., Brief Business Meeting, Bible Study, C.I.A., Youth
- Last Day for Annie Armstrong Offering
- 05-03 - 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (*The Chosen*)
- 11:30 A.M., Prayer Meeting
- 05-05 - National Day of Prayer
- 05-08 - Mother's Day
- 6:00 P.M., No Evening Service
- 05-09 - 5:30 P.M., BBA Spring Celebration
- 05-10 - 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (*The Chosen*)
- 11:30 A.M., Prayer Meeting
- 10-15 - 6:00 P.M., Family Night
- 7:00 P.M., Adults on Mission, C.I.A., Youth
- ABCCM Sunday
- 05-17 - 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (*The Chosen*)
- 11:30 A.M., Prayer Meeting
- 05-22 - 6:00 P.M., Bible Study, C.I.A., Youth
- 05-24 - 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (*The Chosen*)
- 11:30 A.M., Prayer Meeting
- 05-29 - 6:00 P.M., Bible Study, C.I.A., Youth
- 05-30 - Memorial Day
- 05-31 - 10:30 A.M., Bible Study (*The Chosen*)
- 11:30 A.M., Prayer Meeting

NOTE: On May 15 (3rd Sunday night), we will again have
Family Night at 6:00 P.M., with Adults on Mission, Children
In Action , and Youth at 7:00 P.M.

