

Pastor Anne's Message, November 2022

Biblical Backing ~ Your Best Bet for Being Human

Have you ever wondered how scripture supports, encourages, and guides our lives here on Earth? When Life Coach, Dr. Cherie Carter-Scott, published the Rules for Being Human in the 1970's they were secular, in other words ~ nonreligious. After reading the list, I immediately consulted my Bible to find scriptures that demonstrate God's touch and influence upon six of the rules from this list. Only then would the "rules" have spiritual meaning for me. Read on! I think you will be encouraged.

"You will receive a body." Psalm 139:14-15: "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Also, 1st Corinthians 6:19-20: "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit with you, which you have from God? Therefore, glorify God in your body."

"You will learn lessons." Lessons which are necessary for your development in Christ. John 15:1-2: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. Abide in me as I abide in you."

"There are no mistakes, only lessons which are repeated until learned." Hebrews 12: 7: "Endure trials for the sake of discipline. God is treating you as children; for what child is there whom a parent does not discipline?" Job 23:10: "But he knows the way that I take; when he has tested me, I shall come out like gold."

"There' is no better than 'here'." As long as you are "here" in this Earthly world, "there" is no better than "here." Accept your "here" and make the best of it. Romans 8:18: "I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us."

"What you create of your life is up to you." God will enable you to discover a plan for your life and live it out. Seek and you shall find. You may not have all the resources you want, but you will have all you need. You are not a robot, you do have choices, choose wisely. Jeremiah 29:11 & 13: "For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope."

"Your answers lie inside you." Your answers will be found more within you than outside you, as you learn the scriptures. From 2 Timothy 3:16-17. "All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction and training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. Luke 17: 20-21: "Once Jesus was asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God was coming, and he answered, "The kingdom of God is not coming with things that can be observed; nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There it is!' For, in fact, the kingdom of God is among you" ~ "within you."

I hope that this brief overview of Biblical Backing ~ Your Best Bet will give you clear ways to lean upon and receive guidance from scripture in your daily walk.

Blessings to you in this gorgeous season of autumn.

Pastor Anne Djokic

Trustees Report

The trustees have been busy cleaning out corners and cleaning up after having the upstairs and downstairs painted.

A box containing records of the early years of the Collbran Congregational Church, which has not been seen for several years, was found. Those corners are great hiding places.

We want to thank Mike and Beverly Loftus who took an afternoon to rehang pictures that had come down for the painting. This was so helpful, and Bev has a great eye for this project.

The lawns are being mowed every other week. Tom Bieser blew out the water lines so the sprinkler system is ready for winter. Thanks to Mike and Rory, from the Town, for showing up on short notice to turn the water off.



The painting is finished. The kitchen looks so fresh with the new finish on the wooden cabinet doors and drawers. The repairs made to cracks, holes, and damage to the walls look great with a new coat of paint.

We are inquiring into having the dining room floor cleaned and refinished. This project is still hanging up in the air waiting for input from companies we have contacted.

The furnace has been checked by Bill Hirt, and we have been able to use the heat for the past few Sundays.

A water monitoring system computer upgrade is coming in the next month. We will download the update when it is released.

Todd Conard made a sweep through the building putting in some new fixtures and LED lights to improve the lighting in the sanctuary, hall ways, dining room, and overflow room. We hope you can “see” a difference.

The Trustees and the congregation appreciate all the little and not so little jobs that are taken care of around the building by congregants and friends. Thank you all so very much. You make a big difference.

Trustees S Bellotti, J Cox, C Price, and B Yanez

Annual Meeting 2022

The time is here to start creating year end reports for the Annual Meeting Report booklet. The Annual Meeting usually held the last Sunday of January. The Council will set the meeting date on at the regular Council meeting on Nov. 14, 2022.

The list of Council Members needing to submit a report is as follows:

Clerk	Christian Education
Pastor	Music Director
Moderator	Women's Fellowship
Treasurer	Pastor/Parish Relations Committee
Stewardship	Memorial Committee
Stewards	Nominating Committee
Trustee	

If anyone has any questions about what information your report needs to contain please contact Julia, Sue, or Cindy and we can share reports from earlier years with you.

The Annual Meeting begins with a potluck lunch in the dining room followed by the meeting.

The Nomination Committee will be asking for volunteers for outgoing members
2 Trustees for 2 year terms each. Outgoing trustees are Cindy Price and Julia Cox
2 Stewards for 2 year terms each. Outgoing stewards are Lew Evans and Loi Hittle
1 Christian Education for 2 year term. Outgoing Christian Education member is Sue Bellotti

2 Youth Representatives. One for a 2 year term and one for a 1 year term.

1 Church School Superintendent for a 1 year term.

There may be other openings available when Council checks with current officers who might be ready for a reprieve.

Please don't be too quick to decline serving the church in this capacity. An active cooperative Council is necessary for our church to continue to grow and move forward.

Women's Fellowship Report

The Collbran Congregational Church Women's Fellowship group has had a busy summer. We provided lunch following several celebration of life services. We appreciate all the community support we receive, and your donations are appreciated.



The dining room and kitchen have been painted. Repairs were made and the cupboards have been sanded and sealed. This project was long over due and looks so nice.

We sent seven bags of winter clothing to the Navajo reservation in Arizona. This was also our VBS mission project.

The Turkey Dinner is coming up on November 12. This is our annual fund raiser, and we appreciate all the support from church and community.

Advent Season Calendar

November 27: First Sunday of Advent – Hope
Decorate Sanctuary and Soup Lunch, 12:00 – 3:00

December 4: Second Sunday of Advent – Joy

December 11: Third Sunday of Advent – Love

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent – Peace

December 24: Christmas Eve
Candlelight Service, 7:00 pm

December 25: Christmas Day Worship



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