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“I must put them all away.”

Last week was a hard message to preach. God laid out some very specific things that we should put to death in our lives. It seems like it would be a good idea to follow up that message with something light, encouraging, and joyful. Nope. That starts next week when we start looking at all of the things that should be a part of our life as a believer in Christ. This week, God continues to list some very specific things that need to go.

The work this week isn't to “put to death”. This week, God tells us that we must put all these things away. Notice the imperative nature of that sentence. “We must” is not a suggestion. It is a timely command that seems rather focused on the “now”, not on the “when I get around to it.” Notice how the imperative is all inclusive: “We must put them all away.” All of these things must go. And now. That is God's message for today.

As we look at these things that live in our heart and are lived out through our words and deeds, it should be a very sobering time of reflection. I am praying in that direction. This is the kind of Sunday that could change the trajectory of our church and our life, if we lean into the Spirit and let Him work.

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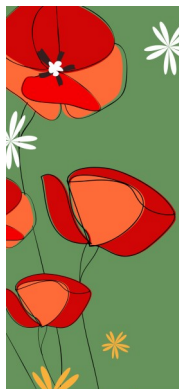


TRUNK OR TREAT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31 FROM 6 TO 8 PM

We are planning a community outreach to families on Halloween night. Beginning at 6 pm we will invite families from our community to bring their children to a safe, fun event that will share the love of Christ to children and parents.

Our goal is to have **15 cars by October 1st**. All that is required is that you decorate your car, hand out candy and tracts, and provide a simple game. It will be held on **Friday, October 31st from 6-8 pm** in the front of the church. Please sign up in the Chapel and Foyer where you can also view several ideas for decorating your car.

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON



CALLING ALL ADULTS!

If you are 55 plus, please join us on;

Thursday, September 11th at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall as we gather for fellowship, fun and a delicious meal! Meat will be provided. Please bring a side dish or a dessert and invite a friend!

Sign up in the Chapel or the Worship Center Foyer to RSVP and let us know what you will bring.

Invite a friend!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

5-6 pm in Fellowship Hall

THIS WEEK'S MENU:

SPAGHETTI, SALAD
AND DESSERT



***sign up in worship center foyer or chapel*

\$5 per adult, \$3 per child, or \$15 for family (2 adults + kids)

TODAY!

CHOIR, 4:30 pm-FELLOWSHIP HALL

CHURCHWIDE PRAYER, 6 pm-FELLOWSHIP HALL

**upcoming
& events**
discipleship
opportunities

MEN'S PRAYER

Tuesdays, 10 am in the Conference Room

A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF REVELATION WITH CECIL BEACH

Wednesdays, at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall

MEN'S/ WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES

Wednesdays at 6:30 pm (Men in Room 108-Women in Room 110.)

WOW - A MINISTRY FOR YOUNG MOMS AND THEIR CHILDREN

Fridays, 9 am - 11 am in the Fellowship Hall

ARISE2READ TRAINING FOR NEW AND EXISTING VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, September 10th, 1 pm in Room 105

ADULT FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

Thursday, Sept. 11th at 11 am in the Fellowship Hall. Sign up the Foyer.

NEW RECONNECT CLASS FOR COLLEGE AGE STUDENTS

Starting on Sunday, September 14th in Room 105 at 10:30 am



RECONNECT

College Bible Study starts Sept. 14 10:30 am in Room 103

"Calling all college students— We are starting a new Bible Study just for you!!! Join us to learn what the Bible says about anxiety, depression, marriage, purpose, and other things that are relevant to this season of your life. This new Bible Study starts Sunday, September 4th in Room 103. Muffins, coffee, and juice will also be provided each week."

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Financial Stewardship/ Previous Week

Tithes	14,133.70
Missions	1,355.00
Total	15,488.70

If/then week three

September 7, 2025 Colossians 3:9-10

sermon notes

Put off the old self.

But **now**. (v 8)

You **must** put them **all** away. (vs 8)

Put **anger** away. (vs 8)

Put **wrath** away. (vs 8)

Put **malice** away. (vs 8)

Put **slander** away from your mouth. (vs 8)

Put **obscene talk** away from your mouth. (vs 8)

Put **lying** away from your mouth. (vs 9)

Because you have... (vs 9)

Because you have... (vs 10)



reflection

Verse 8 starts with “**but now.**” What things have happened in **Colossians 3:1-7** that could be considered the “**since these things have happened**” that the “**but now**” is referring to?

How does **Hebrews 12:1-2** teach me to “**put away**”?

How do these verses help me when I struggle with anger?

Ephesians 4:26-27

James 1:19-20

Can you describe how anger **becomes** wrath which **becomes** malice?

How do we put people to shame who **slander** and **lie against** us according to **1 Peter 3:15-16**?

What is the difference between **blasphemy** and **slander**?

What was David’s strategy to keep his **mouth clean** according to **Psalms 141:3**?

What about his **heart** according to Psalm **139:23-24**?

How does Ananias and Sapphira’s **testimony** show us how **serious** God is about lying in **Acts 5:1-11**?