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What God Hates & What God Loves

There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, a lying tongue, hands that shed innocent blood, a heart that devises wicked schemes, feet that are quick to rush into evil, a false witness who pours out lies and a person who stirs up conflict in the community. – Proverbs 6: 16-19

The following is an article written by Dr. David Lescalleet who is the Director of Chaplaincy for a home health care & hospice company. Since we have been studying the 10 Commandments lately, I thought that his insights would complement what all of us (including myself) have been learning lately.

Here in Proverbs, we have a very stark statement as to what God hates. So let us take a look...

1. Haughty eyes: Haughty eyes deals with pride and God hates pride. The eyes are the windows into pride. The phrase, "That person looks down on me!" That's the haughty eye and its full of pride. Pride is the original sin that goes all the way back to the Garden of Eden. Man wanted to be like God (notice the pride) more than he wanted to be with God. He looked down on God.

2. A lying tongue: A lying tongue is a reminder that all words count. All words have consequences and that all our words will be judged by God. This is why in Proverbs 18:21 we are warned: life and death are in the power of the tongue. When we lie, we trample on the greatness and dignity that God has placed in all humans.

3. Hands that shed innocent blood: Innocence does not imply sinlessness. But to shed innocent blood is to take the life of one who has done nothing worthy of death. God loves and wants us to protect the innocent.

4. A heart that devises wicked schemes: Throughout Scripture, God reminds us that He alone searches the heart. God knows what we think and he sees the plans and purposes that are conceived in the souls of all people.

5. Feet that are quick to rush into evil: To rush into evil is to demonstrate a great delight and enjoyment of evil and an eagerness to participate in it. God hates the enjoyment of evil. A lot of people like to witness evil and yet they would never think of doing it themselves. God says no.

6. A false witness who pours out lies: This deals with perjury. But when the Proverbs writes about a false witness, the principle is so much deeper than the mere avoidance of lying. This is talking about making right confession. The word confession is a word that literally means to speak truth that is revealed by God.

7. A person who stirs up conflict in the community: The climax of wickedness is the one who purposefully causes division. It is the kind of conflict that is done in secret and done by one who won't appeal through proper channels and who does not submit to proper authority. It is someone who stirs up conflict for the sole purpose of stirring up conflict.

Now, if God hates these things in this passage (and He does!), then it stands to reason he loves just the opposite. In other words, if God hates haughty eyes that means he loves the eyes of humility. If God hates a lying tongue, what does he love? A tongue of integrity. If God hates those who shed innocent blood, he loves those who defend the innocent. If he hates the heart that devises wicked schemes, how much more does he love the one who works towards virtue? If God hates feet that rush to evil, how much does he love feet that run towards goodness? If he hates a false witness, he must love a true witness! If he hates those who sow discord, how much more does he love those who sow unity and peace? At the end of the day, the Proverbs writer is asking us to consider: What kind of people are we striving to be? May we strive to be those who practice what God loves!

Dr. Lescalleet ends with the implied question: Are we striving to be those who practice what God Loves???? Think it over.



November Birthdays

November

Nancy Walker	11/01
Jean Miles	11/13
Jody Peters	11/14
Marilyn Ogle	11/17
Ethan Peters	11/19
Harry Arnold	11/21
Beverly Baker	11/29

November Calendar

1 st	All Saint's Day	
2 nd	Dorcas Circle	10:00 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir/Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
3 rd	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
4 th	China Painters	9:30 a.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
6 th	Communion Sunday	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
7 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	UWFaith Meeting	6:00 p.m.
	Education	6:00 p.m.
	Trustees Meeting	7:00 p.m.
8 th	Election Day (voting)	7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
	Finance Meeting	6:30 p.m.
	DANA	7:00 p.m.
9 th	Esther Circle	9:30 a.m.
	Confirmation Class	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir/Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Ad Council Meeting	7:15 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study	7:00 p.m.

10 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
11 th	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
12 th	EVE Circle (rescheduled)	9:30 a.m.
	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
13 th	UWFaith Thank Sunday	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	UMW General Meeting after church	
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
14 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
16 th	Confirmation Class	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir/Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
17 th	Craft Group	5:00 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
18 th	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
19 th	All Church Breakfast	8:00 a.m.
20 th	Thankful Sunday	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Church Thanksgiving Meal	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
21 st	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	Church Women United Board Meeting	
		11:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
	Education	6:00 p.m.
22 nd	Covenant Group	1:00 p.m.
23 rd	Confirmation Class	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir/Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.
	Hispanic Bible Study (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
24 th	Thanksgiving Holiday	
	Office Closed	
	McDonald Family Thanksgiving	
25 th	Hispanic Worship (chapel)	7:00 p.m.
26 th	No Eve Circle - Rescheduled to 11/12/22	
	Hanging of the Greens	10:00 a.m.
	Sandy McNamar Food Pantry	2:00 - 5:00 p.m.
	Community Meal	5:00 p.m.
27 th	First Sunday of Advent	
	Sunday School	9:00 a.m.
	Worship Service	10:00 a.m.
	Fellowship Time	11:00 a.m.
	Hispanic Worship Service (chapel)	1:00 p.m.
28 th	Bible Study	10:00 a.m.
	TOPS Group	5:15 p.m.
30 th	Confirmation Class	4:15 p.m.
	Bell Choir	5:30 p.m.
	Choir/Cantata Practice	6:30 p.m.

Crafts, Conversation & Chow

Come join other women for a night of Crafting, Conversation, and Chow—*Free of Charge*.

Bring a project to work on and a dish to share, or simply come to connect with other women. We meet at the church every Thursday starting at 5 p.m. If you have a craft you'd like to learn, let us know so we can find the right person to help you learn.

If you have further questions, please contact *Jennifer McDonald* at 515-314-4761,

For the Lions Club, Save your Eyeglasses, Hearing Aids, Postage Stamps and Can Tabs

SAVE YOUR USED EYEGLASSES AND HEARING AIDS

The Lion's Club collects used eyeglasses and hearing aids. Even if the hearing aid doesn't work, they can use it for parts. Bring these items anytime during the year to the church.

You may place them in the designated basket marked "Used Eyeglasses," located by the mailboxes in the narthex.

POSTAL HISTORY FOUNDATION

The Postal History Foundation is an educational program where a group of volunteers collect stamps for teachers and students nationwide.

Please continue to place any stamps you may have in the basket by the mailboxes in the narthex.

SAVE YOUR ALUMINUM CAN TABS:

The Lion's Club is collecting tabs off of all aluminum cans for the Ronald McDonald House. Save your can tabs and put them in an envelope or baggie marked "Tabs" and put in the same white basket in the narthex marked "Postage Stamps."

Eve Circle will meet November 12th at 9:30 am. Eve Circle will not meet in December.

Finance/Treasurer Report As of September 30, 2022

Bank Balance as of August 31, 2022	\$ 32,402.39
Receipts through September 30, 2022	\$ 17,941.50
Disbursements through September 30, 2022	\$ 20,446.08
Bank balance as of September 30, 2022	\$ 29,897.81
Less Committed Funds as of September 30, 2022	\$13,772.78
Available funds as of September 30, 2022	\$16,125.03

*This report is submitted by:
David E. "Dave" Beery,
Current Staves Financial Secretary*

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Thanks to everyone that helped us prepare and hold the Fall Festival Event held on October 30th. While the writing of this article is before the event we know that with your help it was successful.

We are very pleased to announce that we have an elementary Sunday School program that starts at 9:00 a.m. each Sunday morning. We also have a Junior High Sunday School also. We also have a Confirmation Class that meets on Wednesday afternoon. If you have a candidate for Confirmation, please see Pastor Tim.

Bible study programs are running strong on Sunday morning (9:00 a.m.) or Monday morning (10:00 a.m.). Please plan to join one of these groups to learn more and develop fellowship with the other members of the groups.

Community Meals

The Free Meals continues to reach community and church members with food and fellowship once a month. The meal dates and menus are:

- October 29th
 - o Chicken Patty Sandwich
 - o Chips
 - o Salad
 - o Desserts
- November 26th
 - o Turkey Casserole
 - o Green Beans
 - o Rolls
 - o Dessert
- December 31st
 - o Chicken Noodle Soup
 - o Mashed Potatoes
 - o Relish
 - o Rolls
 - o Dessert

This is a free will offering meal. Any funds donated go into the Community Meal fund to help purchase the meat or other main dish ingredients. If you are will to help with the meal, come on the designated date at 4:00 p.m. to help set up and serve.

UWFaith NEWS (A.K.A) Petticoat Patter

*UWFaith (FKA UMW) Bible Verse: "When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you."
Deuteronomy 8:10(NIV)*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to or came to the Holiday Fair. While the final total isn't known, we believe we made at least \$600 in funds (after expenses) for UWFaith missions. The extra funds from the Free Will Offering lunch on Sunday (\$171) go to help install the hoods in the kitchen.

The next events for UWFaith is the general meeting and installation of officers for 2023. Thank event in Sunday, November 13th. UWFaith members will serve in all volunteer positions in the service, then gather for a lunch of a baked potato bar after Fellowship. We will have a speaker and install our officers at that meeting.

Then as an additional fund raiser we are again having a made to order bake sale during November. There is a flyer in the caller and they will also be in the bulletins through Sunday, November 13th. We are baking limited options of pies, cookies, sweet breads, and yeast breads. Orders and funds must be turned into Terri Pollard by Monday, November, 14th. You may pick up your baked goods on Monday, November 21st from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. or Tuesday, November 22nd from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

All circles are now meeting on a regular basis, please see the bulletin or the calendar here in the caller for dates and times of the Dorcas, Esther and Eve Circle meetings. Please plan to attend any or all of these circles for a short program or Bible study,

Trustees Update

Here are the updates on the latest Trustee Projects:

Due to external circumstances we are looking for someone to install the hoods in the kitchen. Once the stoves and hoods are installed, the company will install the fire suppression systems into the hoods. Thanks for your continued prayers that we are able to complete this project.

The bathrooms updates in the south hall are almost complete. The Trustees have selected a new vendor for snow plowing. This person will also clean the sidewalks for us. With the help of this new contractor we'll do our best to ensure that the parking lot is clean for church activities, especially for church on Sunday morning.

We are aware of the blinking light in the Sanctuary and a burned out light in the basement and are working to get those replaced.

We are also aware of loose roofing on the education wing. We are working a roofer to get that fixed soon.

If you have something you think needs worked on in the church, please talk to a Trustee (see list of committee people posted in the Narthex) or send an email to the Trustees at sumtrustees@aol.com. Thanks.

Food Pantry

The Pantry dates for November are: Saturday, November, 12th and November, 26th. The Food Pantry is open from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on each of those days.

We finally have numbers for July, August and September (October is not available since the last day of operation is after the writing of this article), here are the updated numbers:

· July

- o 30 Families
- o 92 people
- o 228 pounds of food received
- o 659 pounds of food provided

· August

- o 32 Families
- o 127 People
- o 434 pounds of food received
- o 816 pounds of food provided

· September

- o 29 Families
- o 87 People
- o 643 pounds of food received
- o 745 pounds of food provided

We could really use canned soup, Pork & Beans, Hamburger/Chicken/Tuna Helpers, canned spaghetti/ravioli or similar type items.

Thanks to the Staves Missions committee for sponsoring a Thanksgiving meal program for about 20 families using the

Food Pantry Continued

Food Pantry. Those families will sign up for a food box that will include everything they need for a full Thanksgiving meal.

NOVEMBER MISSIONS



PRACTICE
makes **PURPOSE**

EVERYDAY TOOLS TO TURN YOUR
WOUNDS INTO WISDOM

The mission for November is Dorothy's House. It is a home for victims of human trafficking where women can find safety and help to navigate the healing of the trauma of bondage. Most are victims of sexual exploitation. They traverse a path of recovery, transition and transformation. This may take months to several years to complete. The bulletin board has more detailed information.

We will be accepting donations to go directly to Dorothy's House for grocery store gift cards which supplement their food they receive from DMARC and Eat Greater Des Moines.

It is the joyous thanksgiving season. Please give a reason for these women to give thanks.

If you wish to learn more about this effort, go online to Dorothy's House.

The Mission Committee

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL MINUTES

Staves Memorial United Methodist Church
October 13, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/DEVOTIONS

Chairman, Brian McNamar began the meeting by leading attendees in the Lord's Prayer. The minutes of the regular September meeting were reviewed, and approved as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Finance Committee – Terri Pollard

An update was given, on the upcoming stewardship campaign.

Financial Secretary – David Beery

- A) Financial report for 2022 operational budget – reviewed.
- B) Thank you, from Valley View Village, for contributions toward their chapel remodeling project.

Treasurer – Terri Pollard, reporting.

The treasurer's report as of September 30 was reviewed.

A motion to allow the pastor to use funds from this year's continuing education allowance, as necessary, to purchase a new computer, was approved by voice vote.

Memorial Committee Treasurer – no report.

Foundation – Andy Gervais

There was a brief discussion regarding a certificate which had recently matured, and will not be reinvested.

REQUESTS FOR FUNDS

None, except as noted above.

LEADERSHIP REPORTS

Pastor – Tim Walker

- A) Thank you – to all who have been praying for the pastor.
- B) Brief mention of sicknesses in the congregation.
- C) Update on confirmation class – first meeting was tonight.
- D) Discussion regarding prospective members.
- E) Update on social media presence – may utilize extra advertising for fall events.
- F) Progress update, on new Staves Church wedding policy.

Trustees – Michelle Rogers

- A) Update on a minor issue with the roof.
- B) Update on hoods – to be installed in the kitchen.
- C) Update on negotiations/bids for snow removal.
- D) Other small projects.
- E) Bus ministry – ready to go; drivers have been lined up.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Education/Sunday School – Norma Thierman

- A) We now have three new small groups: K-3, Youth, and Monday morning Bible study.
- B) Committee meeting next Monday night, to finalize plans for this year’s fall fun night. It was noted, next year’s fall fun night will be held in September.

UW Faith – Terri Pollard/Marilyn Burch

- A) Holiday fair, this Saturday.
- B) General meeting/installation of officers for 2023, November 13.
- C) Planning a bake sale, as the Thanksgiving as holiday approaches.

Food Pantry – Terri Pollard

In September, we served 29 families – a total of 87 people.

Missions – Marilyn Burch

Monthly Mission Emphases:

- September, Heifer Project International
- October, Ingathering McNamar Food Pantry
- November, Dorothy’s house
- December, Bidwell Homeless Ministries

OTHER BUSINESS

An update was given on plans to involve the Women at the Well chaplain in the worship service on December 4. He will provide the message, but it will now not be a joint service.

NEXT MEETING November 9, 7:15 pm.

Pastor Tim led attendees in prayer, to close the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Steve Ellis, Secretary

ATTENDEES

Pastor Tim Walker, Brian McNamar, Terri Pollard, JoAnn Riley, Andy Gervais, David Beery, Marilyn Burch, Norma Thierman, Michele Rogers, and Steve Ellis

