



# The Scroll

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**Pastor's Page** ~ What is the difference between a dead lifeless religion and a living faith? It seems to me, that a living faith is a faith that shapes and determines the way we choose to live our daily lives. A dead religion may just be a set of precepts or rules that although acknowledged do nothing to really influence the way we live our lives.

I am going to make an assumption that what we want is a living faith. Although I recognize that this is not universally true. It may not even be true for all who will read this article. But I hope that it is true for you as it is for me; that what you want, what I want, is a living faith.

I want to establish that up front; because the next thing I want to discuss are rules and so often rules are associated with that notion of a dead, lifeless religion—do this—don't do that, etc. But the rules I want to share with you are not those kind of rules.

Over the next several weeks my sermons will feature "The Three Simple Rules." In previous generations of Methodists they have been called "The General Rules." In our culture and society rules are not often viewed from a positive perspective. Rules are associated with restraints and a lack of personal freedom. The Three Simple Rules are different. Although we will be viewing these rules through a distinctively Methodist lens, I believe these Three Simple Rules to be simply the teachings of Jesus based primarily on Jesus' answer to the question, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" (Mark 12:28). Jesus answered the question by giving the two greatest commandments, but in the order of the most important and the second most important. Jesus said, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." (Mark 12:3-31)

The Three Simple Rules grow out of two great commandments. Here we have the foundation and instruction for the faithful and good life in every age. Commandments (rules) that are both easy to

comprehend and yet challenging to attempt.

The Three Simple Rules (aka: the General Rules of the Methodist Societies) are as follows:

Do No Harm.

Do Good.

Stay in Love With God!

(This list is a paraphrase from The Book of Disciple of the United Methodist Church, 2004 ¶109 by Bishop Ruben P. Job.)

With these simple rules John Wesley and the early Methodists found a blueprint for a way of living that is rooted in our belief in, commitment to and dedication to Jesus Christ. He taught it, fleshed it out by living it himself and passed it on to others.

In the first generations of Methodists, while we were still a movement and not yet an institution we practiced these General Rules. This radical call to change and live a life in faith altered an entire generation.

As the Methodists became more established and institutional we some how forgot what it meant to live out our General Rules. In recent days there has been a call for us to take a fresh look at these concepts.

The Bishops of our Church have called upon all the clergy to rediscover our Wesleyan heritage, roots and commitments. In the coming days I will do my best to build faithful, biblical sermons around "The Three Simple Rules." A word of caution up front: Simple does not mean easy!

Already in my study I have found that "The Three Simple Rules" while they may be simple, straightforward and uncomplicated are not easily lived out. They require determination, commitment and a desire for something much more than a dead religion. In fact they demand a living faith.

I hope you will join me as we search the teaching of Jesus for those simple, uncomplicated ways of life that require dedication to the very faith that Jesus teaches us to live.

See You in Church,

David W. Patrick



## OUTREACH & INREACH

### What is Outreach and what is In reach?

These are very good questions to ask here at the start of a brand new year. Both of these "teams" work very hard. You can join either one of these teams at anytime throughout the year or even for just one event that peaks your interest.

**OUTREACH – Chair, Anita Bowen 483-1516 or babowen@sbcglobal.net**

Outreach is a combination of Evangelism, Missions and Hospitality.

The team works hard to promote hospitality through the Welcome Center and putting together the Welcome Bags for visitors. This team is also responsible for making and delivering "the bread and jam" baskets to first time visitors. They send follow up notes to visitors as well.

Events include the float in the July 4 parade, serving meals at Shalom House, putting together sack lunches for the "What's for lunch?" program, serving a Christmas dinner to the New Life Men's Shelter, serving a continental breakfast to the Share Food recipients, jail ministries, Myrtle Bailey Toy Drive, Love, Inc., Operation Classroom, Back to the 50s festival, silent auction, various mission trips and *whew!* you name it.

In 2009 we hope to get involved with Habitat for Humanity. Instead of taking a mission trip to Henderson Settlement we will put together work teams to work on houses here in Boone County. We are also looking for missionaries to sponsor. We help raise funds for the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home (right here in Lebanon). We served a meal last year at Ronald McDonald House in Indy. Our collections of pop tops go to that organization as well. Soup labels and box tops are sent to Henderson Settlement for a fund raiser and we are

always collecting food and personal hygiene items for The Caring Center. if you have the heart of doing some type of mission work or evangelistic event or if you want to participate in hospitality – this is the team to join. They meet the third Monday of each month at 6:30 in The Powell Room.

**In Reach – Chair Tricia Patmore 482-2635 or patmos33@sbcglobal.net.**

The In Reach Team is made up of Worship, Christian Education, and Family Ministries.

The Worship team makes sure that various aspects of worship happen, like communion and other special events. The Family Ministries team has been charged with the task of coming up with multi-generational and family oriented events (School's Out for the Summer Picnic, Prayer Pal Breakfast, Harvest Dinner, attending baseball games together, etc.) They also offer to provide meals for families with a new born child and or/families with someone coming out of the hospital. The Christian Ed department works on programming for children and adults including Sunday school, Gateways and Vacation Bible school as well as the new Wednesday night programming.

If you are interested in any of these In Reach ministries come on over and join us the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 in The Lounge.

**Thank you Centenary ~** We were once again blessed to provide a Christmas meal for the Lebanon's Men's Shelter at our church this month. We served approximately 12 residents and their family members/special guests, and sent them home with lots of leftovers so that they could eat well for a couple of more meals. Thanks to EVERYONE who helped with the preparation for this event - before, during and after. We had so many wonderful helpers that the evening went incredibly smooth. It was a perfect final Outreach event for 2008!

~ Anita Bowen, Outreach Team Chair

## Local Missions

### Share Food Distribution Dates for 2009

January 24	February 21	March 28
April 25	May 30	June 27
July 25	August 22	September 26
October 24	November 21	December 19

Distribution at Centenary United Methodist Church. Saturday from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM In the Fellowship Hall. Sign-up locations: LAMAR Insurance, Caring Center and the Boone County Health Department Lebanon Contact Person: Bill Sutton # 482- 5174

### Happy New Year to my Centenary family!

It was so good to be able to catch up with a lot of you during my semester break from Seminary. I was excited to see and hear about all of the ways that God is working in the Centenary community of faith, not least of which are the Wednesday evening activities and the terrific Christmas musical by the children and youth, (who knew they could all stand in one place that long). How awesome to see the body of Christ, of all ages, living out their faith to further their walk in God's kingdom through Jesus Christ.

Thank you to all the Leaders and members of the various committees, guilds, and classes throughout 2008. It was a pleasure to work with you for the ministries not only within Centenary, but in reaching out to the community, conference and larger Church through mission and outreach opportunities. Thank you as well for including me in your prayers as I attend Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky as one aspect of pursuing my call to ordained ministry, and for the kindness of sharing with me through gift cards which will assist in budgeting my meals at times when the dining hall is closed throughout the January term.

I arrived back in Wilmore, Kentucky on the evening of January 4, in order to attend an additional class in the month of January, and hope to be back in Indiana prior to beginning the Spring 2009 semester on February 10. In addition to visiting with you during that break I have, with the assistance of Derk Gates, started a blog spot, "Journal of a Seminary Student", which is linked to the Centenary web site, [www.centenaryumc.org](http://www.centenaryumc.org) Please join me at my blog to follow a few of the many ways that God is working in my life, Asbury Seminary, and the body of Christ throughout the world.

Your sister in Christ,  
Amy Pritchard

### Hat & Mitten Tree Report '08

- \* Gloves/Mittens - 81 pair
  - \* Hats - 70                      \* Scarves - 9
  - \* Headbands - 3                \* Socks - 16 pair
  - \* 11 Sets of Hat and Gloves/Mittens
  - \* 2 sets of scarf, hat, and gloves/mittens
  - \* 1 set of scarf & hat        \* 1 pair of girls tights
- 32 additional items were donated to by the Preschool Sunday school class and went to the Caring Center.

**You did good Centenary!!!**

### "Souper" Bowl Drive!

From now until the Super Bowl Sunday (Feb.1) Centenary will be collecting soup and crackers for The Caring Center.

- The entire month of January. (It's a good soup month)
- Please bring in your soups and boxes of crackers to the shopping cart in the hallway.

**As an added bonus** – if you cut the UPC code out of the label and bring it in – we can send those to Henderson Settlement to redeem from Campbell's for cash toward purchasing vans for their many ministries. Please just cut out the Proof of Purchase UPC code – leave the rest of the label intact! You can also bring in the UPC code from the labels of soups you are using at home. There is a collection box in the hallway for these labels.

### Dear Centenary Shalom Team,

*Thank you all for your work to make Saturday's (Dec.6) free lunch such a success. The prep team did an excellent job- so excellent that we served every last drop of the ham & beans. Everyone serving in the dining room made sure people had plenty to eat- and did it with a smile! Clean up went fast and thoroughly. Now...what can I say about desserts? They were plentiful, delicious and the variety knocked everyone's socks off! It was a great day thanks to all of you.*

*Peace (Shalom)  
Ingrid Temple*

Tithes, Offerings and Attendance		
December 7	\$5,830.53	181
December 14	\$4,400.13	237
December 21	\$8,307.00	203



## Notes From Your Custodian:

Frank Hensley

It is the first Monday in January and I'm feeling a little bummed that the Advent season is over. The tree is still up in the Sanctuary but I know that it is really over. I love the Christmas season but I'm not really crazy about taking down the decorations. Those dried pine needles just go everywhere and you can't sweep them up with a vacuum cleaner. I did that once at home and I might as well have poured concrete in the hose. Lowell Endicott came over and helped me with the cleanup and taking down the Nativity scenes. Thanks again, Lowell!

Lost and Found: A black, cashmere, full length coat with a label, "fabric woven in Italy". Also, a short length black raincoat was found. Both of these are hanging outside Fellowship Hall.

I had a nice surprise this Christmas. My parents had an eight millimeter camera and projector when I was a child. Over the last 50 years, they had three tins of film that they had taken with it but had not had the projector since I was very young. I had no idea what was on the film. When they passed away, I put the tins on a shelf in my house. A week before Christmas, I mentioned the film to Jim Maines and told him of how I'd love to have the film transferred to a disc so I could see what was on it. Shirley took the film the next Sunday and on Christmas Eve, they presented me with five copies of the disc. I took them with me to my family's Christmas gathering that night down at my oldest son's house. We watched it for the first time after our dinner. It was like a time machine. I watched my grandpa and grandma dance in their back yard. I saw aunts, uncles and cousins that I haven't seen in 40 years. There were scenes of Lebanon in the 1950's. It was one of the best Christmas's I've had in a long time. Thanks Jim and Shirley.

With the economy spiraling downward, newspapers are having to make changes to stay competitive. Our Indianapolis Star has not been spared.

One of their changes was to eliminate one of my favorite columnists, Lori Borgman. One of her columns, which I remembered best, was about being "consistently good". She had been served a cup of hot tea and the tea bag had "consistently good" on the wrapper. She thought to herself that tea had accomplished a feat that the human race hadn't been able to do. She talked about how she had told a few white lies over her lifetime along with black ones and the ones in between. She said her first line of defense was, "I may not be consistently good, but I am better than (fill in name of ruthless, bloodthirsty dictator here)." Being "better than" is not the same as being consistently good. While we have outpaced the serial killers, we still fall short of being "consistently good". She said that her mother used to explain it in a different way. When Lori had been "inconsistently good" as a little girl, she would say, "You are like a shiny, beautiful red apple-but right now your brown spots are showing". Brown spots have afflicted the human race throughout the ages. Kindness and hatefulness often flow from the same mouth. Forgiveness and revenge spring from the same heart. The apostle Paul talked about this falling short in a letter to the Romans. He said we have all sinned and fallen short. Yet, for us Christians, grasping one's inability to be consistently good is the gateway to entering Lent. Humbly acknowledging that we fall short is what gives life and breath to Easter morning. Thanks again, Lori. I'll miss reading your column.

I know I'm really jumping the gun, talking about Easter on the first of January but I really dislike the first two months of the year. I'm already looking forward to Ash Wednesday on February 25<sup>th</sup> (almost March) and Easter on April 12<sup>th</sup>. Happy New Year!

That's all for this month

Frank Hensley

**Lay Leadership 2009** - Copies of the complete committee listing are now available at the Welcome Center for those who would like to have one. Please note: all are welcome to attend the Inreach and Outreach meetings!

**Church Council Chair**, Claudia Price

**Finance Chair**, Jerry Baumgartner

**Staff Parish Chair**, Mike Patmore

**Board of Trustees** President, Bill Price

**Inreach Chair**, Tricia Patmore

**Outreach Chair**, Anita Bowen

**Open invitation** for new people to join our OUTREACH TEAM in '09. The first meeting for the new year is:

- ◆ **Monday, January 19 at 6:30 p.m.**
- ◆ Place: the Powell Room.

Anyone interested in learning more about the arm of the church that reaches out to our community and beyond to share Christ's love, can give Anita Bowen a call or e-mail! 483-1516, babowen@sbcglobal.net. We have a lot of fun doing this, too!

## Ladies Night for Scrapbooking

Christmas memories (*before you file them away*), childrens' milestones, a special vacation, or just a stack of photos that you don't know what to do with...this is for **YOU!**

- **Friday, January 16**
- **6:30 PM-10:30 PM**
- **Centenary's Fellowship Hall**
- Bring a snack to share. If you have supplies to share, that is great too. Idea-swapping will be encouraged.
- A Cricut machine will be available for all to use. Even if you have not tried scrapbooking before, come out and give it a try. The fellowship will be worth it.
- **RSVP** to Anita Bowen (483-1516) by Tuesday, January 13 so we know how many tables to set up. See you there.

## Team Meetings in January

- ◆ Staff Parish- Sunday, 1/11 at 11:30 a.m.
- ◆ Church Council- Monday, 1/12 at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Trustees - Tuesday, 1/13 at 7:00 p.m.
- ◆ Outreach- Monday, 1/19 at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ Finance - Tuesday, 1/20 at 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ In reach - Monday, 1/26 at 6:30 p.m.

## Staff Parish Relations committee

will meet immediately after Church on January 11, 2009 in the lounge. The meeting should not take too long.

## Looking ahead!

**ALL CHURCH PLANNING DAY** will be on **Saturday, February 7** beginning at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. This is open to the entire congregation.

## Women's Noon Bible Study

will be on a winter break and resume on the first Wednesday in February.

## Centenary Men

have resumed. This group meets every Wednesday morning at 6:30 in the Small Meeting Room. The new study is Zig Zlglar's book, "Better Than Good" which takes a Scriptural approach to goal setting and success in life. Contact Joe Boyd for questions at 483-9968

January Birthdays!	
Jan 01	Gladys Faulkinbury
Jan 02	Vickie Daupert
Jan 03	Claudia Price
Jan 04	Jacob Roahrig & Rachel McKee
Jan 08	Tucker Ransom
Jan 12	Albert Linedecker
Jan 13	Molly Hill & Paula Walker
Jan 15	Gene Keck
Jan 18	Joe Geeslin
Jan 20	Margie Smith
Jan 23	Sandy Gilson
Jan 24	Justin Hunt
Jan 27	Hazel Anderson
Jan 30	Ann Davis & Sara Ottinger

**Associate Pastor's Page-** Do you remember being a kid and having lots of fun in Sunday school or Vacation Bible school? I do. Of course the most memorable things were the games and the snacks! I can still hear the chant: Red rover, Red rover we dare Marcy over. We would get all hot and sweaty and then dine on orange Kool Aid and vanilla sandwich cookies. In the long run, I was learning about God, Jesus, and living the life that God created me to live.

Pastor David and I have tried to stress the importance of our Christian Education programs here at Centenary, for both children and adults. It is so important to our children to learn that they can have fun and build relationships within our church family. They have a safe place to express themselves. They can act silly or be serious as the situation dictates. They can sing and laugh but in the process they are learning about Bible stories, God, Jesus, and how to live a good and moral life. They learn to give to others too!

For adults, it is never too late to learn more about the Bible. David and I study and study and we still don't know everything there is to know. I find the Bible interesting to research and study. I get excited about it and I hope that I pass that excitement along to others.

There seems to be a misconception among adults, no matter where we are appointed. Adults think that they have to know everything about the Bible *before* they go to Bible study. This is absolutely NOT the case. We never look down upon anyone for not knowing something and because WE don't know everything, we certainly don't expect anyone else to know it all.

Usually, there is so much more to a Bible study than just studying the Bible. You get to meet new people and really talk about things that matter. We pray with and for others. We get to hear all kinds of ideas from others about what a certain scripture means to them.

We were given the Bible stories to read and study by God through the many human writers so that we could learn over and over again how God works with and through us for God's purposes. During Advent, we talked about how cool it is to read about a prophecy in the Old Testament and then read in the New Testament where it came to pass. Now, isn't that exciting!!!



I know it is hard to get up on Sunday mornings. Believe me, it isn't fun at our house either! But, for all of you parents with young children, Sunday school is really important. It also comes with a supply of food and coffee at Café Centenary AND classes for you adults too. If you don't want to be in a class you could sit around the coffee pot and chat with some new friends, but we do have two choices of Sunday school classes for adults.

JUST A NOTE: Gateways is NOT a substitute for Sunday school. Sunday school is a full hour of honing in on a particular Bible story with crafts and games and songs to help reinforce the story. Gateways is a supplement to the Children's Moment during worship and usually only lasts about 20 minutes.

We all need to learn more about how God works and we are given fascinating stories about giants, sheep, donkeys, judges, and camels. God used all kinds of people to make all things work for good: kings and queens, the poor and the rich, the lame and the blind, the farmers and the tax collectors.

Why not make it a New Year's Resolution (that you keep) and come and join us during Sunday school starting at 9:00 and/or on Wednesday nights? Everyone is welcome and you can bring friends too!

Blessings,  
Pastor Marcy

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### NEW Wednesday Night Study for Adults

"The Remarkable Prayers of the Bible"  
written by Jim George.

- Study led by Pastor Marcy
- 6:30 every Wednesday for 12 weeks.
- This will take us all the way through Lent.
- Bring your Bibles, the books are here!
- Begins January 7
- Study various characters in the Bible and how prayer affected them.

**Dear Centenary UMC,**

*Thank you very much for the McDonald's Gift Card, I could use a Happy Meal after finals. I appreciate you putting me in your thoughts and prayers this holiday season.*

*Thanks again,  
Aaron Acton*

\$10 McDonald gift cards were mailed to all CUMC College Students

## New Member Orientation Classes

Are you interested in becoming a member of Centenary? We would be thrilled to have you as a member. Pastor David will be teaching New Member Orientation Classes during the Sunday School Hour (9:00-10:00 a.m.) on **Sundays, February 1, 8 and 15**. The three sessions will cover a variety of topics concerning membership and ministries at Centenary. Coming to the class can be simply an information gathering time to help you decide if you truly wish to join. We will meet in the small meeting room not far from the kitchen. Please use the registration slip in the bulletin or contact the church office 482-2158 office@centenaryumc.org if you wish to participate.

**The Sunday School class** meeting in the lounge each Sunday at 9:00 am has begun a new study. Together, we will be learning about the practice of faith using James C. Howell's book entitled "Yours Are the Hands of Christ." During the 12 sessions, we will consider Christ's living, praying, unfurling, teaching, touching, healing, feeding, serving, holy, pierced, sending, and joining hands. May we be the hands and feet of Christ in the world. We would love for you to join us! Contact Dustin and Amy Tabert (765) 325-2574 for a study book or more information.

*We would like to say **THANKS** for all your prayers for Rick Princell. He is doing real well, but still has a way to go. He is now gone from a walker to a cane, with a crushed right leg. His brain is healing more each day. He is able to do his paperwork a little at a time, but can't work in his shop. He works for himself out of his home, doing woodwork, crown molding, entertainment centers, etc. We need continual prayers for him and his family.*

*God Bless each and everyone,  
Keith and Pat Shockley*

## Pastor's Sermon Series

Pastor David will be preaching a three part Sermon Series beginning Sunday, January 18 through February 1 entitled "Three Simple Rules" There are three simple rules, while ancient have seldom been put to the test. These are three rules that can change the world! The "simple rules" come from an historic Wesleyan approach to life. Rooted in scripture they can be a path through a fast-paced frenzied and complex world where it is easy to believe we are all trapped into being someone we do not wish to be, living a life we do not desire to live. Plan to be a part of the whole series.

## Opportunities for Ministry!

The elementary children need a new teacher for the Wednesday night programming. Curriculum is available. Please see Pastor Marcy. Also, we can always use Nursery Care persons on Wednesday nights. Feel free to team up with another person or another couple to help with either ministry. Our children's ministries are going so well, we need to keep the momentum going! Jump on board and you will be blessed by the energy and enthusiasm of our children.

### **Dear Centenary Family:**

*You overwhelm us your generosity and kindness in so many ways. It is truly a blessing to serve as your pastors. We thank you for the many expressions of holiday gifts we have received from so many! We are grateful and humbled by your love and kindness*

*~ David & Marcy Patrick*

### **New Beginnings**

Garth Robert Cline was born on Wednesday, December 10. Jessica Walker is the proud mom. Grandparents are Bob and Paula Walker. Marilou Hoover is the great-grandma.

### **In Memory of**

Fran Payne passed away on December 23.