

May 28, 2023

Salmon Arm Church of Christ — Reaching the World for Jesus, One Person at a Time



Colossians 3: 23

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,

Prayer needs and prayers of thanksgiving

Marg Elliott, Don Krebs , Sherri Sterling, Marg Pinyon, Benny O , Kristi Mattenley, Marilyn Walgenbach, Warren Schultz, Sunday Akpan, Thomas Pruett, Bill Earnshaw, Susan Ward , Brethern in India under deep persecution, Brethern in African countries struggling with major drouth, Dane Bengard and Prison Ministry

Next date: Volunteer June 6th @ thrift store

The new Lease agreement with the Fair Board will be signed this coming week and will come into effect on July 1st. We are so blessed with such an amazing gift. To God be the glory!

Our **annual Church business meeting** will be announced in the next couple of weeks.

Welcome visitors. Our worship service (10:00 to 11:30). includes communion service. The collection plate is not being passed. It is on the projection table .

Pot Luck Lunch June 4th

Kristi Mattenley I am still waiting for biopsy report on the tumors they removed.

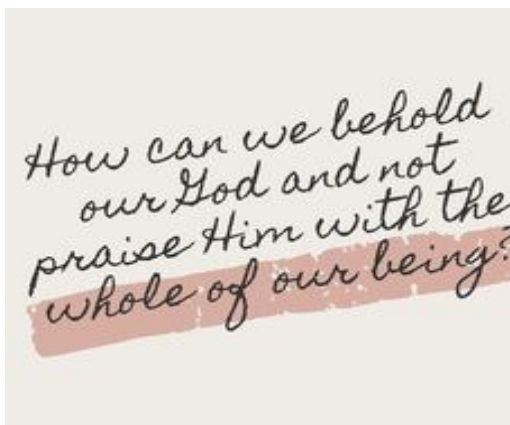
Don Krebs and Marlene . Update. Don is not doing well. The vascular surgeon is thinking maybe they need to go ahead and do the angioplasty in his leg to try and clean out the track for circulation. **Pray God's wisdom on those who are nursing Don.**

J C and Lorraine Box 15, N Weyburn SK S0C1X0. They are very settled and comfortable . Seem to be at peace. So thankful to have been with them again.

Marg Pinyon check with **Alvina @ 250-463-3348** to arrange a visit

Susan Ward is not improving very quickly. Dr is suggesting perhaps she need to have surgery to help knee heal. Waiting for mor results

Apparently **Benny** was refused entrance into Canada So we are going to sponsor a garage sale on **Saturday, June 10th** at the church yard to try and raise money to help with some of his needs.



SHARE EACH OTHER'S BURDENS,
AND IN THIS WAY
OBEY THE LAW OF CHRIST.

GALATIANS 6:2 NLT

There is a story told about a driver who put a note under the windshield wiper of a parked car. The note read, "I have just smashed into your car. The people who saw the accident are watching me. They think I'm writing down my name and address but I'm not." As deceptive as that story is, it isn't nearly as bad as what we see in the book of Jeremiah. **In Jer. 3, the people of Judah were described as willing to call God their Father and Friend while still doing all the evil they could (vs 4,5).**

Jer. 3:4,5, "Have you not just called to Me: 'My Father, my Friend from my youth, will You always be angry? Will Your wrath continue forever?' This is how you talk, but you do all the evil you can."

These people needed so desperately to return to the Lord. Yet, they only pretended to do so; their hearts were far from Him.

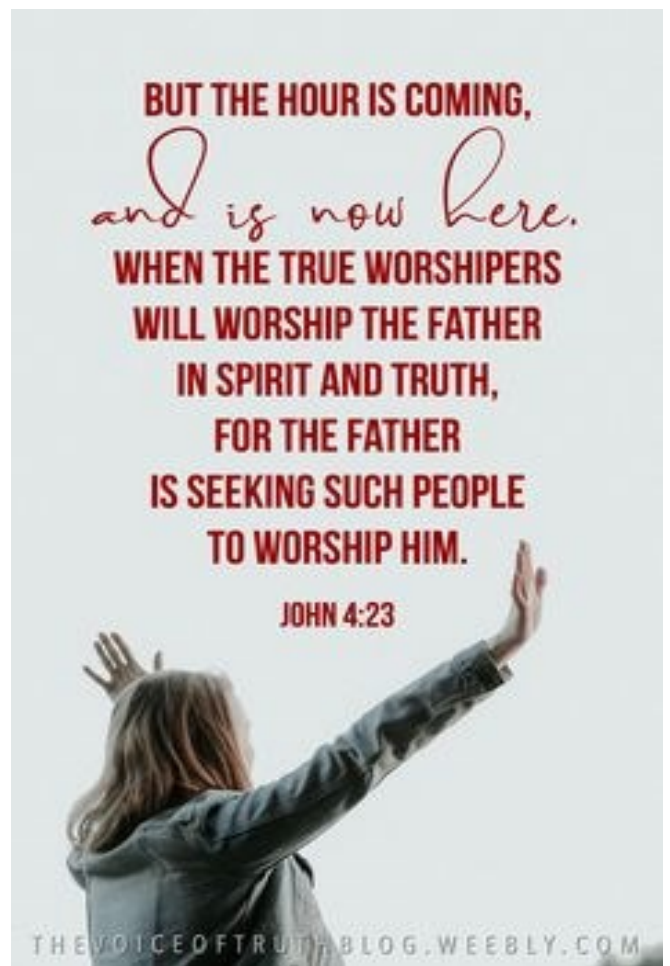
Putting on a false front is a very old practice but it certainly hasn't gone out of fashion. I can't think of a greater problem to be concerned with than to see people not serving the Lord from the heart. If we don't follow Him from our heart, it is just pretending. If we don't serve and worship Him from the heart, we are just wasting our time.

It's so very easy to say, "Jesus is our Lord and Savior. He has died for our sins and deserves our worship and service." But do we remember our commitment to Him when no one is around to watch how we live? Do we remember it when we are tired and there are other things begging for our attention?

Jer. 3:10, "... Judah did not return to Me with all her heart, but only in pretense, declares the Lord." It wasn't real! It was only pretend!

We may say the right things about God when it's in our best interest to do so but what about our true relationship with the Lord? Can we come before Him without shame? Looking good in the eyes of others is not enough.

Let us strive to serve God from the heart. **1 Tim. 1:5, "But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith."**



1 Peter 4: 11

If anyone speaks, **they** should **do** so as one who speaks **the** very words of **God**. If anyone serves, **they** should **do** so with **the** strength **God** provides, so that in **all** things **God** may be praised through Jesus Christ. **To** him be **the** glory and **the** power for ever and ever. Amen.

