



The Good News

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God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. -- Gen. 1:16

PHCC is a Hillcrest community church affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It has been at the corner of Spruce and Hillcrest since 1927. Our email is lrphcc@gmail.com.

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Minister: We are in Search and Call for our next minister.

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A Surprising Question

Rev. Marilou Coins

Someone asked me a question that took me a bit by surprise. The question was, "Hey, Preacher. How do you perceive God in your life?" Really?! Wow! I never gave it any thought. God has always been a part of my life. Then I thought long and hard and came up with my response. This is how I look at God and ME!

Everyone in the Bible- Old and New Testament- was looking to "find" God! Start with Adam and Eve. They both wanted to be "smart" like God. Moses "saw" God in the burning bush. People built a Tower trying to "reach" God. In the New Testament, the Magi traveled to "see" the new born King. These are just a few examples of "finding God" and making Him part of your life.

Now here is my analogy on how I find God in my life. I find God as an airplane. I am all on board doing His work here on earth. I go places to meet people- truckers and others- and hand out His word in my messages and in this article.



My start was a long time ago. Yes, I sat on the tarmac for a long time debating and arguing with God. I kept telling Him I was not ready or willing to get "airborne" to do His calling. Finally, I did. Yes. It was a rough takeoff but Oh, boy! The ride has been good! Yes. There has been turbulence and stormy weather but soon after, the flight smoothed out.

I could say at times, I felt like a parachute. I prepared for my "jump" from the plane by making sure everything was in order with the parachute. All straps and cords were in order and I was ready to jump. This meant that I had read my Bible and was ready to explain it to others. The cords and straps were the Books of the Bible that was holding me up to view what lay ahead for my landing. If any cord or strap failed me I was not going to have a very safe landing. Now for my landing. Since I can trust God as an airplane to give me a safe flight and smooth landing. And I can trust God as a parachute to keep me aloft with good airflow and a safe landing. Then I know on my final approach that the runway will be ready for me to land safely in His arms.

Just think of all the ways God can be perceived in your life. Everyone has a different way of how they see God in their life. None are the wrong way. We all can find God in our life just by being open to see where we are in our life and letting God in. Once God has taken hold of us and we accept Him then He is no longer the CO-PILOT but the PILOT of our life. God is no longer in the JUMP SEAT but He is the DRIVER of our life. Find God in your life and accept the challenge of being His. Let God pull the strings of your parachute.



Let God take you off the tarmac and give you flight to spread your wings and stay aloft in His care. Let God be your roadmap in life. Look to the horizon and find God there for you.

Best of the Roads and All Gears Forward in Jesus
Rev. Marilou Coins

(photos: Airbus on Tarmac from pexels.com; Aircraft in flight by Mircea Iancu from Pexels)

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

August 5, 2018 — Rev. Carolyn Miles
August 12, 2018 — Rev. Marilou Coins
August 19, 2018 — Rev. Carolyn Miles
August 26, 2018 — Rev. Marilou Coins

Jamie's Cranberry Spinach Salad

1 tablespoon butter
3/4 cup almonds, blanched and slivered
1 pound spinach, rinsed and torn into bite-size pieces
1 cup dried cranberries
2 tablespoons toasted sesame seeds
1 tablespoon poppy seeds
1/2 cup white sugar
2 teaspoons minced onion
1/4 teaspoon paprika
1/4 cup white wine vinegar
1/4 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup vegetable oil

Preparation: In a medium saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Cook and stir almonds in butter until lightly toasted. Remove from heat, and let cool.

In a medium bowl, whisk together the sesame seeds, poppy seeds, sugar, onion, paprika, white wine vinegar, cider vinegar, and vegetable oil. Toss with spinach just before serving.

In a large bowl, combine the spinach with the toasted almonds and cranberries.



Nutrition Facts Per Serving: 338 calories; 23.5 g fat; 30.4 g carbohydrates; 4.9 g protein; 4 mg cholesterol; 58 mg sodium.

Video link

<https://www.allrecipes.com/video/1278/jamies-cranberry-spinach-salad/>

Recipe by: Jamie Hensley — "Everyone I have made this for RAVES about it! It's different and so easy to make!"

Recipe: <https://www.allrecipes.com/recipe/14469/jamies-cranberry-spinach-salad/>

Image credit: AllRecipes.com

A Brief History of the Stone-Campbell Tradition (excerpts)

At <https://www.discipleshistory.org/> there is a link to an article that encapsulates the history of the Disciples of Christ and our sister organizations.

We offer excerpts from the history this month. Go to the link above to read the entire article.

The Stone-Campbell tradition represents an indigenous American religious body, descended from the Calvinist Presbyterian Church and named for the men generally recognized as its founders and vital early leaders, Barton Warren Stone (1772-1844) and Alexander Campbell (1788-1866).

This group of believers first gathered on the Appalachian frontier in the early 1800s and was very much a product of its time and place. The theology of the movement appealed to the intense individualism of Jacksonian America by placing emphasis on the ability of laypersons to read and understand scriptures for themselves without intercession by priest or other clergy. An understanding of Stone-Campbell history is key to placing it in the context of the social and political forces of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries in America, and, more importantly, in understanding the Disciples' contributions to the democratic and religious ethos of the nation.

Today, the tradition is largely represented by three religious groups: the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, and the Churches of Christ. Several other religious bodies trace their origins to one or more of these three churches - the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is the oldest of the three churches. The Churches of Christ broke away from the Disciples in the late nineteenth century, and the Christian Church/Churches of Christ separated from the Disciples in the mid-twentieth century.

The objective in the formation and development of the Stone-Campbell churches was to restore Christian unity through abolishing creeds and returning to the principles of the early churches described in the New Testament.

The first group, led by Stone, began in 1801 during the great revival at the Cane Ridge Meeting House near Paris, Kentucky. These congregants called themselves "Christians," reflecting their simple approach to church organization.

The second group began in western Pennsylvania and Virginia (now West Virginia), and was led by Thomas Campbell and his son, Alexander. They called themselves "Disciples of Christ," reflecting their emphasis on submitting to and following Christ. Their name has remained constant through two centuries of their existence as a religious body.

...In 1832, the two groups merged in Lexington, Kentucky. Stone-Campbell churches grew quickly in number and membership during this time, often using the name Christian Church, but occasionally using Church of Christ. (Church of Christ was used more frequently throughout the nineteenth century.)

...The merger of Stone's Christians and Campbell's Disciples of Christ occurred on January 1, 1832 at the High Street Meeting House in Lexington, Kentucky. It was symbolized by a handshake between Stone and "Raccoon" John Smith representing the

Disciples. The two groups agreed on the imperative of restoring New Testament Christianity, achieving both unity and freedom. The commitment to restoration, unity and freedom was sufficient to combine the two groups into a single faith community.

...In the late nineteenth century the rift deepened between those Disciples who favored unity over restoration and those Disciples who opposed innovations and valued restoration of New Testament Christianity above unity. The latter group increasingly used the name Churches of Christ, while the former group retained the name Disciples of Christ.

Although division in the Disciples of Christ can be traced to the antebellum era and had been recognized in published reports as early as 1883, the Churches of Christ were listed as a separate and distinct group for the first time in the U. S. Religious Census of 1906.

...By 1926 another split began to form within the Disciples of Christ over the future direction of the church. Conservatives began to have problems with the perceived liberalism of the leadership, feeling that the church was moving too far from the New Testament pattern. In 1927 the conservatives held their separate North American Christian Convention (NACC) for the first time, and the Christian Churches and Churches of Christ began to emerge as a distinct group from the Disciples of Christ, although the break was not totally formalized until the late 1960s.

During the 1950s and 1960s the Disciples of Christ held a number of discussions on how to more effectively meet the needs of the postwar era. In 1960 at their International Convention of Christian Churches, the Disciples adopted a process to restructure the entire church. The Commission on Restructure held its first meeting in the fall of 1962. Six years later at the 1968 International Convention, the cooperative Christian Churches adopted a provisional design for their organization and missions, officially becoming the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Those congregations that chose not to be associated with the new denominational organization separated from the Disciples and took the name Christian Churches and Churches of Christ, completing a departure that had begun decades before.

The Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and the Churches of Christ have consistently maintained their non-denominational status since their separation from the Disciples, while the Disciples of Christ have fully embraced denominationalism.

Generally speaking, the Christian Churches/Churches of Christ and the Churches of Christ have retained their emphasis on the restoration of the New Testament church and on individual salvation. The Disciples' theology of the present day places great emphasis on ecumenism, social justice, and diversity, and continues its longstanding tradition of placing a high priority on the social gospel.

All Stone-Campbell groups still hold several beliefs in common: a commitment to the "priesthood of all believers" while, at the same time, maintaining a high view of the eldership, the necessity of weekly communion, the appropriateness of baptism by immersion and the principle of congregational autonomy.

In addition, representatives from the three main Stone-Campbell groups meet together in ministries of reconciliation, including Disciples of Christ Historical Society; and more formally in the Stone-Campbell Dialogue, sponsored by the Disciples' Council on Christian Unity; and in the World Convention.

Search and Call Progress

WHAT PROGRESS ARE WE MAKING IN THE SEARCH FOR A NEW PASTOR?	
1	Our congregation's Board has searched with our Regional Area Minister regarding our Search for a new Pastor.
2	We have appointed a Search Committee. The members are: <i>John Ellis, Chad Conway, Phillip Steyer, Angela Cross, John Cross, the Board's plus other church members.</i>
3	Our Search Committee has met with our Regional Area Minister for an interview.
4	We have completed a Congregational Profile, Pastoral Inventory and interview packet for potential candidates.
5	Our Regional Area Minister has sent a packet of candidates to the Search Committee. We will be interviewing candidates.
6	The Search Committee has received input from a list of church members.
7	The Search Committee is in the process of interviewing candidates on the short list.
8	Our Candidate will be recommended to the Congregational Board.
9	Our congregation will vote on the recommended candidate.
10	We will join in worship with our Regional Area Minister to install our new pastor.

In the April issue of TGN we showed you the useful poster that is in the hallway just outside the kitchen. Well, there has been progress since then. The Search and Call Committee is now up to Step 8 on the poster, having completed the first 7 Steps. The Committee is currently considering three candidates suggested by the Great River Region, and will move to Step 8 when they have satisfied themselves that one of these candidates is a good fit with PHCC.

Please Continue Prayers for:

Rev. Scot C.; Eric C's family; Lane B.; Angela's cousin Alania, Martha C., the Perry Family, Ron C.; Jean H., Kim P., Lynda C., Keith R., Glenna S., Eddie G.; Wissam A., Trip R., Dylan R.; our Church; the homeless of Little Rock; the Great River Region of the DoC; those struggling to do God's will; refugees who are fleeing the violence of war. Pray for peace as global tensions rise, pray for the grieving, that they may be comforted; pray for those hurt by trade wars; those worldwide being persecuted for being 'different'; please pray for the wounded; the citizens and residents of the U.S.A., the many who are *still* recovering from hurricanes, and others God leads you to know of.

Jun. 2018 Stewardship Report

Jun. Budget Needs – \$8,125.00
 Jun. Offering – \$3,645.00
 Other Income – \$3,377.50
 Total Jun. Actual Income – \$7,022.50

Jun. Budgeted Expenses – \$8,912.08
 Jun. Actual Expenses – \$5,469.46
 Net Result for Jun. – \$ 1,533.04

Fiscal-Year-to-date through 6/30/18
 Offering – \$75,421.21
 Other Income – \$45,602.46
 Total FYTD Income – \$121,023.67
 Expenses FYTD – \$99,868.67
 Net Result FYTD – \$21,155.00



Events in August 2018

- Birthdays in August 18 – Bill Ward; 29 – Jeannie Cross.
- Events of note
- 19 – Sign September birthday cards.
- 20 – Third Monday Meal served at 2501 S. Arch St.
- 21 – Tuesday 21 August, 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting
- Sunday School on Break for Summer



Events in September 2018

- Birthdays in September 9 – Evelyn Behrle; 22 – Annie Robbins.
- Events of note
- 3 – Labor Day 2018 church office closed
- 00 – DAY TBA, 6:00 pm scheduled Board Meeting
- 16 – Sign October birthday cards.
- 17 – Third Monday Meal is served; 2501 S. Arch St.
- 22 – Autumnal Equinox 2018
- 30 – QQUMC Community Breakfast at 1601 S. Louisiana St, 7:30 a.m.
- Sunday School TBA



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