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As we anticipate our Columbus Day weekend exodus to Turkey Run, I thought it timely to share some thoughts I found in a recent editorial in *Touchstone* entitled "Editing Vice & Virtue." The editorial dealt with the current obsession to remove any reference to historical persons who don't pass the litmus test of political correctness. And, of course, Christopher Columbus is one of them.

"Currently there is a movement in our country to apply principles of social justice to purge the land of the names of those who do not adequately represent modern values... Of course, there is much silliness associated with dissociating oneself from the past. Students at the University of Pennsylvania removed a large portrait of William Shakespeare from the halls of their English Department and replaced it with a photograph of the black feminist poet Audre Lorde... In the South, anything associated with the Civil War seems to be the target for culture warriors on the left. City parks and statues memorializing the war heroes are being renamed and removed at a rapid pace.

"As Christians, we generally take a somewhat different view of virtue and vice than do those engaged in the renaming movement. We know that all are sinners. Yet we admire those who performed great deeds, in spite of their sins. We see that this is the way God treats his saints.

"Rahab was a prostitute, yet she is honored in the Bible. Moses was a murderer, yet God chose him to lead his people to freedom. King David was an adulterer and murderer, yet he holds highest honors as the poet laureate of the Church... Among the early Christian saints there were many people who acted badly: Peter denied Christ, and Paul persecuted the first Christians (instigated lynchings?)... It is not very often that Christians are named saints and then 'dethroned' for their sins, having their statues removed and their names sandblasted off buildings."

If we don't repent of our sins and failures, our names may be blotted out of the book of life (Psalm 69:28), but God doesn't resign us to the dustbin of history if our behavior isn't perfect. Thankfully His grace covers our sins, our vice is overshadowed by our Savior's virtue, and He doesn't deny that we are His beloved sons and daughters.

God Bless, Rick



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OLD HYMN SINGING & OLD TESTAMENT STORY SERMON SUNDAY

While many of our church family are worshipping in a log cabin at Turkey Run this Sunday, the rest of us will be singing our favorite old hymns and enjoying an Old Testament story sermon.

STATISTICS

Worship 107
Offering \$6,329.30

SERVING THIS SUNDAY—10/8/17

Greeters	Duane Carrell
Visitors' Stand.....	Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation.....	Rick Polley
	Jack Stucki
Ushers	Chuck McLaughlin
	Rich Mann
	Kent Ballard
	Will Bartels
	Chris Luzio
	Brad Stirmell
WORSHIP NURSERY	
Toddlers	Kristin Polley
	Madison Bales
Infants	Rhonda Luzio
	Reagan Formea
Sunday School	
Toddlers	Julie Divjak
Infants	Janet Polley



--Ken Barry and family at the unexpected death of a sister.

YOM KIPPUR CONTINUED

And we also don't need to set aside one day during the year to atone for our sins. Because once we accepted Christ as our Lord and Savior and were baptized into His death--our past, present and future sins have already been atoned for--or forgiven--if we remain faithful to Jesus. And we don't hope our sins are forgiven—we know they are. [1 John 2:1](#) *I write this, dear children, to guide you out of sin. But if anyone does sin, we have a Priest-Friend in the presence of the Father: Jesus Christ, righteous Jesus.*

And finally, may I also suggest to you that the Christian does not select just one day as its most sacred day of the year. But rather each time we meet around the Lord's Table is the Christian's most sacred day. Because it is during this observance that we reflect on the grace of God—and remember the great sacrifice our Lord made to save us from our sins.

RICK POLLEY'S MEDITATION ON YOM KIPPUR

If you looked at the calendar yesterday, September 30th was labeled as Yom Kippur—a most important day in the Jewish faith.

The origins of Yom Kippur are unclear. However, one theory suggests it is based on the day Moses came down from Mt. Sinai the second time after he had seen the Israelites worshipping the golden calf on his first descent. Since Moses had gone back up to obtain the forgiveness of God for the Israelites, the day of his second descent was to be known forevermore as the Day of Atonement—or Yom Kippur.

Another theory suggested it originated from the only day the high priest could enter the inner sanctum of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem to offer sacrifices to God. Through this complex ceremony, he made atonement and asked for God's forgiveness on behalf of all the people of Israel. This tradition is said to have continued until the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 A.D; it was then adapted into a service for rabbis and their congregations in individual synagogues.

Today, the Jews use Yom Kippur for public and private petitions and confessions of guilt. At the end of Yom Kippur, one hopes that they have been forgiven by God.

No matter its origin, Yom Kippur is Judaism's most sacred day of the year; it is sometimes referred to as the "Sabbath of Sabbaths." In fact, Yom Kippur is so important to the Jews that *Hall of Famer Sandy Koufax, one of the most famous Jewish athletes in American sports, made national headlines when he refused to pitch in the first game of the 1965 World Series because it fell on Yom Kippur. When Koufax's replacement Don Drysdale was pulled from the game for poor performance, he told his Los Angeles Dodgers' manager, "I bet you wish I was Jewish, too."*

Unlike our Jewish friends, you and I as Christians don't observe Yom Kippur. Although we are aware how high priests atoned for sins for the Israelites in Biblical times, we acknowledge the Son of God as our high priest who has given us direct access to the Father. In Hebrews 4, it says *"Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin."*

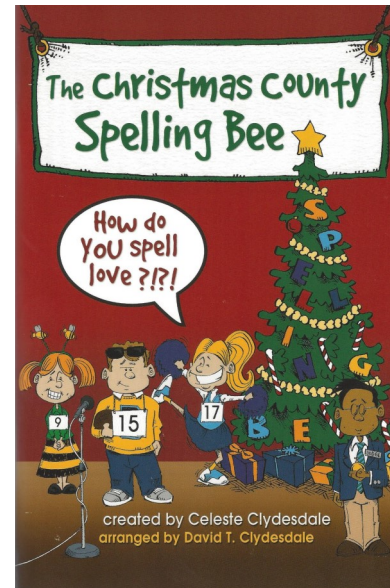
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K-5th Grade

We had such a great time at the Pumpkin Creek Farms last year, I thought we would do it again! We will be leaving after Sunday School on October 15th and will return to the church at 3:30pm. The cost of admission is \$5 and we will be stopping for a fast food lunch along the way.

If case you didn't go last year, activities there include a haystack mountain, petting zoo, corn maze, crazy corn bins, hay rides, petal tractors, pumpkin patch, barrel train rides and more! A sign up sheet is posted on the bulletin board for all who are interested!



Thank you to all the kids who came out to be a part of the Christmas musical! Based on your reactions and a quick review of the play, it looks like it will be fantastic! This week, practice will begin at 5:15 pm and don't forget a snack to enjoy before Youth Groups. Also, make sure to bring your script!



LSCA Family Night Out

Everyone is invited out to the camp on Friday, October 20th from 6:30pm-8:00pm for a free family night of activities. There will be a bonfire and hot dogs close by to cook to your perfection. Hayrides around the property will be available and all will gather to sing some good ole campfire songs. Hope you take advantage of some quality family time at the camp!



Jr & Sr High

We always have such a fun time playing games during our downtime at either Believe or CIY, so let's get together for a couple hours solely devoted to games! And munching on candy of course...

On Saturday, October 21st, we will have the fellowship hall open to all who want to participate in playing games. There will be a good variety, you will surely find one can enjoy. Invite your friends! Let's get loud and fill the room with laughter as we spend some time together here at the church!



Jr. High School

A sign up sheet is posted for this over-night conference at LCU beginning the evening of October 27 through the afternoon of the 28th. Please be giving it some thought to whether you can attend as I will need to register us soon. The cost is \$20 per student plus spending money for dinner on Friday.