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Sunday Morning Service – June 14th,

11:00 am Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/6585671730?pwd=K1k0QjlzcXBGOUIQN1NoaXpVeTlXdz09>

Meeting ID: 658 567 1730

Password: 4dEx5p

“The Ruler of God’s Creation”

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1: 8-23

Sermons on Audio

The Sunday Morning CHURCH SERMONS for the past year are posted to the Fennell Avenue Church website- [click here](http://www.churchofchristfennellave.com)

<http://www.churchofchristfennellave.com/Sermons.html>

What Drives Your Life

Randy Morrith

All of us are driven by something or someone. A drive is an innate urge to attain a goal or satisfy a need. It is defined as: “a planned effort to achieve something.” To be driven is to be pressed or forced into a decision, activity, course, or direction; and to progress with strong momentum. Motivation, a related term, is the reason or reasons one has for acting or behaving in a particular way. The Cambridge Dictionary defines motivation as: “the general desire or willingness of someone to do something or something that causes willingness.” Related ideas include incentive, stimulus, inspiration impulse, and provocation. Although both words are goal-oriented, their meanings have significant difference. The latter relates to desire; and the former is the actual empowering force. One may be driven to decide or act even though the desire and/or willingness may be somewhat lacking.

Numerous things drive various people. Some drives are good and positive, while others are negative in nature. Regardless of the drive’s nature, one is propelled to decide or act. Two strong drives that often accompany each other are anger and resentment. Anger is a strong feeling of annoyance, displeasure, or hostility. Related concepts include exasperation, irritability, indignation, rage and fury. Resentment is bitter indignation caused by the

perception of having been treated unfairly. Feelings akin to resentment include bitterness, dissatisfaction, discontentment, animosity, and hostility. Normally, one becomes angry; and, if it is not dealt with, resentment is not far behind. Once one becomes resentful, he or she can easily become angrier. One feeds the other; and the feelings intensify.

Anger and resentment are the result of holding on to “hurts” and continuously going over them in our minds rather than releasing our pain by forgiving the one who has offended us. Anger/resentment-driven people often react in one of two ways. They either “clam” up, internalize their anger, and refuse to speak to the other person(s), or they “blow up” and explode their anger onto people who may or may not have anything to do with the situation. Neither reaction is healthy or helpful. (Jas. 1:19, 20)

Resentment always hurts the one who resents more than the one who is resented. (Job 5:2). He or she may or may not be aware of your feelings; and may or may not care. In all probability, the offender has probably forgotten the offence and gone on with life, while the one offended continues to stew in his or her pain perpetuating the past and destroying the prospect of a pleasant and enjoyable future. Those who have hurt us in the past can only continue to hurt us if we hold a grudge or seek an

opportunity to retaliate. (Rom.,12:17-21; 1 Cor. 13:5, 6; Eph. 4:26, 27). If we feel someone has offended us, we need to go to them and attempt to work out the problem; (Matt. 18:15-17) or if we think someone may have ill feelings towards us, we need to attempt to alleviate the situation and reconcile any possible rift. (Matt. 5:23, 24) We need to let the past be the past and move on. (Eph. 4:31, 32; Phil. 3:12-14)

Normally, anger is a negative emotion and leads to sin. Jesus even linked anger, especially unfounded anger, with murder because it results in harsh judgments and verbal abuse which can lead to murder. (Matt. 5:21, 22). However, not all anger is wrong; nor does all anger result in sin. Anger is a natural human emotion to a given situation. Jesus was angry on at least two occasions; one in which it is specifically said He was angry, and the other in which his actions displayed anger and were recognized as a fulfillment of prophecy. (Mk. 11:15-17; Jn. 2:13-17; cf. Ps. 69:9; 4:4) We should never become angry about wrongs and abuse directed against us personally or as a means of getting our own way. However, when we see or hear others, especially God, being disrespected and abused, verbally, physically, socially, or any other way, anger is an appropriate response. Selfish or manipulative anger becomes destructive when it controls us rather than being controlled by us; and can cause great harm. We

need to deal with anger quickly and appropriately before it leads to sin.



Below is the link for the worship Services provided by the Strathmore Blvd Church of Christ. The Link can also be found on the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ Facebook Page (Cut and paste into your browser or [Click Here](#))

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCX_eiaOaX9-7cSZLS_u0DGw/videos?disable_polymer=1



[Tintern Church of Christ](#)

Attached is the link to the sermon from Noel Walker at Tintern Church of Christ

[Click Here](#)

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgauWefOeBn7LzlikgmWuYw>

Wednesday Evening Service

June 17th, 7:00 pm

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Birthdays

Dan P.....June 21

Edith V A.....June 26

Victoria V A.....June 30

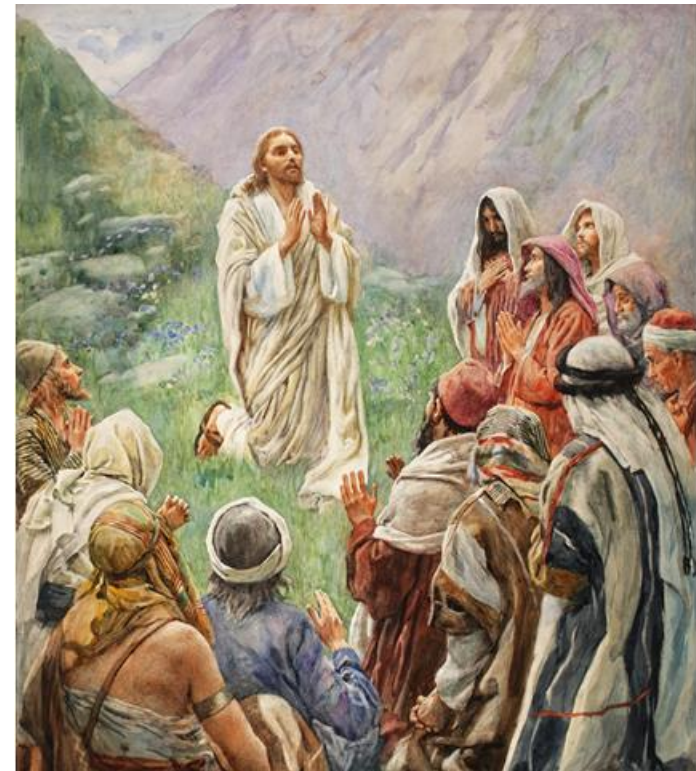


The May 2020 issue of the Gospel Herald is now available. It can be located at Gospelherald.org

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The Lord's Prayer

Harold Copping

Prayer List:

- Julie V. mother is on a waiting list to go to a Long-Term care home. Please keep her in your prayers
- Brian and Julie V. daughter Victoria was recently diagnosed with type-1 diabetes. She is fine, we took her to McMaster Hospital yesterday to see the specialists. Right now, she is starting her treatment plan, but it will take a few weeks before her treatment is 'fine tuned' but she will be going through some adjustment, really the whole family is adjusting
- The Covid-19 situation worldwide, and that it can be contained
- Pray for the strength and growth of our Church
- Prayers for the children attending City Kidz
- Isabel T, remember in your prayers
- Sue Jones is asking for prayers for her niece's father Andrew Heron and his wife Mae and their family. Andrew has begun chemo treatments. Mae is in a longterm care home for Alzheimer's. Because of Covid-19 - No one can visit. Their daughter is Bev Boden, Brian and Mary's daughter in law. Please pray for this family.
- A friend of Dinah B, "Kley Anne M. and her husband Rael" have been diagnosed with Covid-19 – both are in the hospital
- Please pray for those who have lost their jobs as a rest of the Pandemic.
- Also pray to resolve the turmoil going on in the U.S. this past week.



If you still would like to donate to the [*Neighbour to Neighbour Food Bank*](#), you can bring your donations to our house and we will take it in. Just let us know when you are coming and you can leave your donation on our porch.

Chris & Dianne Gardner

[2019 Corporation Meeting for the Fennell Avenue Church of Christ](#)

Due to the Covid-19 Isolation, we were unable to have the Annual Corporation Meeting. We shall reschedule once we are able to return to the Church Building.

