

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service 11:00 A.M.
Worship Service 6:00 P.M.

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Bible Classes 7:00 P.M.

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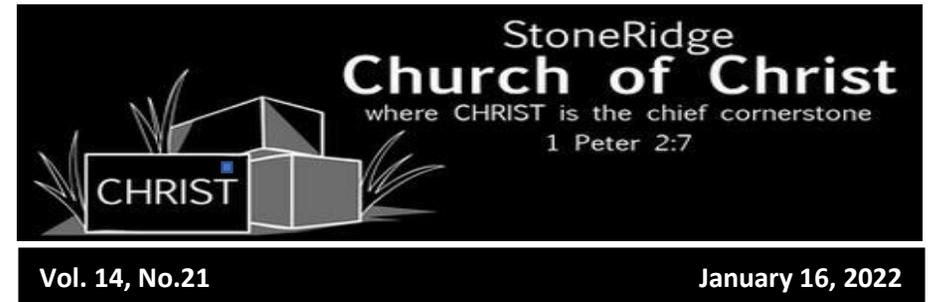
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Tranquility Without Tranquilizers

People are becoming so keyed up and nervous that it is getting more difficult to put them to sleep with a sermon. Christians are to pray *“that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity”* (1 Tim 2:2). To be tranquil means to be calm and serene. Of course, it does not mean that we should have no enthusiasm for the cause of Christ. Nor does it mean we should not be concerned over misfortunes. But it is the manner in which the Christian can live regardless of the circumstances. In prison bonds, Paul could talk about *“a peace that passeth all understanding”* (Phil 4:7). He let nothing “get to him.” He was able to endure because he was not short-sighted. He kept his eye on the *“mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus”* (Phil 3:14).

Neither the world’s problems, nor the individual’s problems can be solved with a pill. Medication won’t substitute for meditation. One may need medicine at times, but too often our maladies may be those that only the Great Physician can cure. Self-control doesn’t come in a bottle. No pill on shot can take the place of self-control – the lack of which causes most problems - 1 Cor 9:27). No pill can cure the guilty conscience or take away sin.

If you have a physical disorder, don’t throw away your medicine. If you have moral and spiritual maladies, see the Great Physician. Do you need tranquility? The Rx is *“Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest...”* (Mt 11:28). If you need help coming to Jesus, feel free to ask any of us. **-db**

New Year's Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
This brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread.

Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend.

The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day filled with joy
And the happiness it brings.

Please give the leaders of our world
A courage born of peace
That they might lead us gently
And all the fighting cease.

Please give to all upon this earth
A heart that's filled with love
A gentle happy way to live
With your blessings from above. -Charlotte Anselmo

I have resolved never to do anything which I should be afraid to do if it were the last hour of my life.

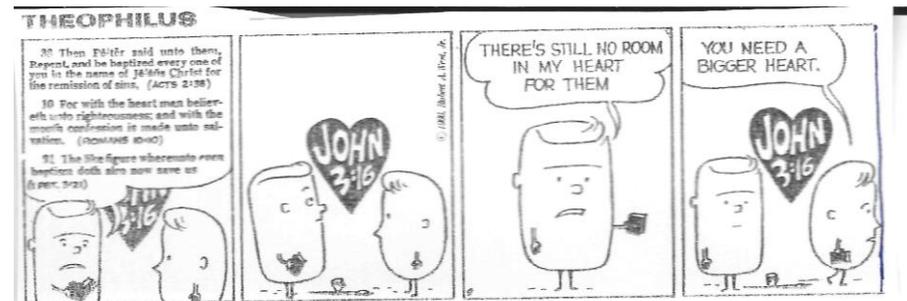
In prosperity men ask too little of God. In adversity, too much.

The public will believe almost anything so long as it is not founded on truth.

News/Notes/Quotes

THE SICK. We have many. At this writing three of our members are in the hospital: **Judy Johnson, Joyce Riley and Jerry Bishop**, who is in ICU.. We also received word that **Rita Cassidy** is in the hospital.. I will list others who have been reported to me: **Jenny Crisler, Mike and Cherilynn McFarland, Virginia Bishop, Ashley Ladyman, Catharine Sullivan, Kyle and Evyn Cassidy, Steve and Kristi Lands, Donna Camp.** There may be others that haven't been reported to the editor. Remember these in prayer.

Madonna Vines continues to recuperate at home from heart procedures... **Herb Starr** also continues wrestle with health issues. We are thankful that he has been able to attend worship recently... The **editor** can now ride in a car and attend services.....**Donald Crisler** continues his treatment for cancer... .Remember our shutins: **Gail Brooks** and **Rita Kieffer** are both at St. Bernard Village...**Shirley Coots** at Lawrence County Nursing Home (hospice car)...**Charles Bradsher** at Craighead County Nursing Home... **Beverly Allen** confined at home.



A pessimist is a person who complains of the noise when opportunity knocks.