

Newsletter for October 2019

Dear Church Family,

Biblical Christianity is Evangelical. This is the title of our second book in the “Little Book” series following *If Allah Wills*. It may be the most important one. And do you ask “Why?”

I am glad you asked. My answer is that the little piece describes what we are to be about. How easy to get off course, entangled in affairs that are not worth our effort. Of course, I am up on much of what goes on in our crazy world, at least as much as I can. But it all pales into insignificance when I read Jesus saying, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). And if this is not enough, how about John 20:21, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.”

As Charles Haddon Spurgeon, likely the greatest of all Baptist preachers, was fond of saying, “Let us go to the work.” And we are. With confidence I say, “We haven’t seen anything yet.”

Someone in our church family recently told me how much the “Gospel Meditations” meant to him. I write these on Monday, put it up on my blog, kentphilpott.com, and send it out. Many read it, and what it is designed to do is get the passage deeply inside of us. The meditation that appears in the bulletin for September 29 is about the woman taken in adultery. Having to write that meditation forced me to think more deeply about the story than I ever have before. So then, if you desire to become spiritually and biblically “mindful,” wrestle with the meditations that come out each week.

We are hoping to begin men’s and women’s groups, presently being worked on and discussed. My sense is that it is vital to have someone to talk with, someone who will keep confidence, and will walk with us along the way. Looks like we have a man who is ready to head up the men’s version; now for a woman.

Coming up Monday, September 30, I am having the first of two eye surgeries. I am not sure how it will impact me so I am writing this newsletter earlier than I would have, not wanting to take a chance that my sight might be impaired to some degree. Then, coming up, after I save up some money, hearing aids for my ears. Thanks everyone for putting up with me all these years. My brother Bruce and I experienced the very same thing. We had terrible ear infections as little kids, and it tweaked our hearing. Bruce and I both have big voices, but in more recent years my hearing has declined, and I am going for it.

In regard to our Church for Those Without a Church, we are making good progress. We now have three ladies and three gentlemen ready to be partners, which is the key to CWC. Katie and Mary work often on getting us ready to blast off. It can be easily said that we are closer now than ever before. One item for prayer: outreach to the deaf. We had to give up on a source, too costly, and need a way, maybe some software, for closed captioning. More later on. Kent