

Glade Weekly News

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Word for the Week

Righteous Path

Psalm 1 (CEB w/ Inclusive Language)

- ¹The truly happy person
doesn't follow wicked advice,
doesn't stand on the road of sinners,
and doesn't sit with the disrespectful.
- ²Instead of doing those things,
these persons love the Lord's Instruction,
and they recite God's Instruction day and night!
- ³They are like a tree replanted by streams of water,
which bears fruit at just the right time
and whose leaves don't fade.
Whatever they do succeeds.
- ⁴That's not true for the wicked!
They are like dust that the wind blows away.
- ⁵And that's why the wicked will have no standing in the court of justice—
neither will sinners
in the assembly of the righteous.
- ⁶The Lord is intimately acquainted
with the way of the righteous,
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The New King James version of verse 1a reads, "Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly [or wicked]." In my childhood, I witnessed the adults of my church congregation use these words time and again as justification for shunning individuals that they deemed as less than holy. Their thoughts were that they needed to steer far away from ungodly people for fear that the unholy people would influence them to stray from God's narrow path. What's more, if any unholy people entered the church and did not almost immediately repent of their worldly ways, they could not be permitted to continue to attend the church because their wickedness may permeate the congregation and run the whole church off the righteous path!

This belief was, in a word, ridiculous. Jesus himself made it a point to not only spend time with the worldly, the unholy, and the wicked, but he went so far as to eat his meals with them and listen to their stories. This psalm, despite its legalistic nature, is not an excuse to completely dismiss anyone that doesn't measure up to a certain standard of holy.

This psalm is a word to be wise in our actions, in our choices, and how we live. It's a blueprint for a faithful and prosperous life, which is one walked long the righteous path to a life filled with joy, fruitfulness, and a relationship with God's Holy Spirit. As we walk on that righteous path, we are to follow Jesus's example and spend time with, feed, and help those less fortunate – whether or not they be worldly and ungodly. To ignore these people in need is to not abide in God's law of love.

It's amazing how the meaning of a verse can change depending on whether you look through the lens of self-serving, individualistic salvation, or the lens of God's unconditional love – the same love that commands us to love all our neighbors and working for their good, not shunning them. *That* is the righteous path!

Kelly Bryant

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Lectionary Readings for the Sixth Sunday in Easter

Psalm 1 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26 1 John 5:9-13 John 17:6-19

In Other Words

Taken from:

Give Me Your Eyes

by **Jason Ingram, Brandon Heath**

<https://youtu.be/P5AkNqLuVgY?si=IbjUptx36G1kyuFl>

There's a man just to her right
 Black suit and a bright red tie
 Too ashamed to tell his wife he's out of work, he's buyin' time
 All those people goin' somewhere, why have I never cared?

I've been there a million times
 A couple million lives
 Just movin' past me by

I swear, I never thought that I was wrong
But I wanna second glance
So give me a second chance
To see the way You've seen the people all along
Give me Your eyes for just one second
Give me Your eyes so I can see
Everything that I keep missing
Give me Your love for humanity
Give me Your arms for the broken-hearted
The ones that are far beyond my reach
Give me Your heart for the ones forgotten
Give me Your eyes so I can see

Announcements and Weekly Events

Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success

The Nursery NEEDS Volunteers

The nursery is set up so whoever works there can view/listen to the worship service. Thus, you can volunteer and still be in “virtual attendance” at worship! If four people volunteer, it would mean one Sunday each month for each volunteer.

Please consider [signing up for the nursery program](https://signup.com/go/ivEyNZK): <https://signup.com/go/ivEyNZK>

Signup to Provide Snacks for After Worship Fellowship

There is a [signup sheet outside the sanctuary](#) to sign up to bring a small snack for the fellowship time following worship each Sunday. It can be cookies, fruit, or other small items. Remember, however, that the first Sunday of each month is “Birthday Celebration” when small cakes are welcome.

Opportunities for this Week

Coffee & Devotion Group Meets on Zoom Wednesday, May 8 at 10:00 am

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRIYTNuRkdPaUNqUT09>

Radical Conversations Meets Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 am

Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. Everyone is invited to suggest topics as well as lead in the discussion of a topic that can be studying a book in the Bible, a religious topic, or we often discuss topics that are “secular” with “religious” significance.

Everyone is welcome to this informal discussion and fellowship group – many who attend do not attend Glade and we enjoy a wide variety of opinions in our discussions each week.

Laundry Love washes clothes on Thursday, May 9 from 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer.

This is a great way to put “Words” into “Actions” of faith and love.

[VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE](#)

On Pentecost, May 19, we will sing one song in Zulu!

On Sunday we had a practice before worship, but here are the words, as well as a recording of the song , , , just in case you want to practice it on your own!

SIYAHAMBA (WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD) ZULU LYRICS

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_am5crjgCCE

We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching, Marching,
We Are Marching, Oh Ohhh,
We Are Marching In The Light Of God.
We Are Marching, Marching,
We Are Marching, Oh Ohhh,
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Si ya ham ba ku kan yen kwen kos
Si ya ham ba ku kan yen kwen kos
Si ya ham ba ku kan ku kan
Si ya ham ba ku kan Oh Ohhh
Si ya ham ba ku kan yen kwen kos
Si ya ham ba ku kan ku kan
Si ya ham ba ku kan Oh
Si ya ham ba ku kan yen kwen kos