



The PEP Talk

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Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ...

Events

Tuesday, 8/31
NO Study

Saturday, 9/4
7:30 AM @ Church
Men's Prayer

Next meal Sunday
9/5

Prayer Meetings

Though we might fail to notice this in our individualized age, the Bible often assumes that God's people will pray together. What's significant about that fact? A biblical theology of corporate prayer rests on the fact that God's people are called to submit their entire lives—which includes their words—to a covenantal mediator. Every sinful individual needs a man to speak on his or her behalf, whose words we can make our own—a man about whom we can say, "Yes, yes! He speaks for me. I couldn't say it, but he's saying it! O Great King in Heaven, listen *to him, for me.*" If redemption and the life of redemption hung on "my" prayers alone, what hope would any of us have? The prayer of a mediator to which a repenting people—God's people—can attach themselves is a clear provision of God's rich mercy. This makes the declaration that Christ Jesus is interceding for us at the right hand of the Father one of the most precious truths in all the Bible (Rom 8:34).

From the 9Marks Ministries found at <http://sites.silaspartners.com/cc/article/>

Men's Prayer – Saturday, Sept 4, 7:30 AM

New Class to Begin

**A discussion of the Book "Tactics,"
by Gregg Koukl,
will begin on September 12**



Koukl is one of the leading Christian apologists today. If you have ever struggled with knowing how to speak to unbelievers about your faith this book/class will help. If you are interested in getting the book, we can order one for you for about \$10.

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Sunday School

**NO Sunday School Next Week, 9/5
No Bible Study on Tuesday, 8/31**

Letter from the Dingles

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

Five years ago, I quit my job to pursue a calling in Japan. Since then we have moved 7 times, 4 of them internationally. We have experienced sickness, death, birth, heartache, disappointment, and a whole lot of hardship. Yet, in the midst of all of this, our King has been faithful to take care of all of our needs time and time again. We have been Loved beyond measure. Many of you have been the Lord's agents of Love to us. Your faithful prayers, support, and kind words of encouragement these years have sustained us and pointed us back to our Savior. Thank you for ministering the Gospel to us through your Love, prayers and financial support. We can not begin to thank you for all that you have done for us. It was because of you, our partners here in the states, that allowed us to minister to Japanese, Korean, Filipino, & American kids. Thank you for your love for us and the work the Lord had called us to. As of the end of this month we will be ending our work relationship with MTW. Please read the note below that gives details on our financial situation.

Starting next week, I will begin working at Chapelgate Academy as a Bible teacher.

Financial Status

1. Praise the Lord, After 4 years of living on support we have never gone into deficit.
2. It appears that we will finish our time with MTW without going into deficit. As of right now it will be extremely close.
3. You may now stop your giving. Thank you, Thank You, Thank You!!!
4. If you need to stop your E-giving, please call 1-866-373-6133

Thank you Party

We would like to invite all of you that have partnered with us to our house to thank you personally and get a chance to catch up with you. Please email back or call and let us know if it looks like you can come so we can plan accordingly. Saturday Oct 2nd 1:00-4:00 Please feel free to stop by for any period of time. We would LOVE to see you!

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A Final Thought

APOLOGETICS has a questionable reputation among non-aficionados. By definition, apologists *defend* the faith. They *defeat* false ideas. They *destroy* speculations raised up against the knowledge of God.

Those sound like fightin' words to many people: Circle the wagons. Hoist the drawbridge. Fix bayonets. Load weapons. Ready, aim, fire. It's not surprising, then, that believers and unbelievers alike associate apologetics with conflict. Defenders don't dialogue. They fight.

In addition to the image problem, apologists face another barrier. The truth is that effective persuasion in the twenty-first century requires more than having the right answers. It's too easy for postmoderns to ignore our facts, deny our claims, or simply yawn and walk away from the line we have drawn in the sand.

But sometimes they don't walk away. Instead, they stand and fight. We wade into battle only to face a barrage we can't handle. We have ignored one of the first rules of engagement: Never make a frontal assault on a superior force. Caught off balance, we tuck our tails between our legs and retreat— maybe for good.

I'd like to suggest a "more excellent way." Jesus said that when you find yourself as a sheep amidst wolves, be innocent, but shrewd (Matthew 10:16). Even though there is real warfare going on, our engagements should look more like diplomacy than D-Day.

– Gregg Koukl in "Tactics"

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