

The Covenanter

Silverhill Covenant Church

“To work for God, God’s people, and to win souls for His Kingdom”

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Being Creative

Dr. Paul Tournier is known as a physician counselor. He lives in a small town outside Geneva, Switzerland. He calls himself simply a country doctor. He is also a prolific writer and his many books have contributed greatly to the fields of psychotherapy, psychology, and psychiatry. He brings together his Christian faith and psychology in the healing of persons. William Barclay wrote of him, “...a man who is skilled in medicine and wise toward God.”

Dr. Tournier has an interesting way of facing the trials and hardships of life. He says of trials, “if anything is certain, it is that every one of life’s trial’s, if only it breaks the hard crust of our physical and mental habits, creates like the plowing of a field, an empty space where a seed can be sown.” He calls his approach to facing life’s trials *Creative Suffering*, and speaks of it in a book by that name. Creative suffering almost sounds like a contradiction. It certainly doesn’t sound very nice.

He tells how each of us can turn a moment of sorrow or distress into the means for impelling our lives toward new sensitivity, enlightenment, and fruitfulness. He reveals that a proper inner attitude and personal response can help our suffering contribute to development, maturity, and fulfillment. An encounter with bereavement, loss, and deprivation brings the need for, and room in our lives for, a creative response. When we face the negativity of hurt and grief we can find the positive potential for healthy spiritual growth. Tournier reminds us that, “the lives of sufferers demand permanent courage, a constant expenditure of courage; and since courage belongs in the spiritual economy, the more one spends it, the more one has. It is like a current flowing through them and producing joy, the joy of victory over one’s fate.”

The Apostle Paul wrote, “we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him.” (Romans 8: 28 NIV) Even in trials there is an opportunity for good to come out of it, creative suffering.

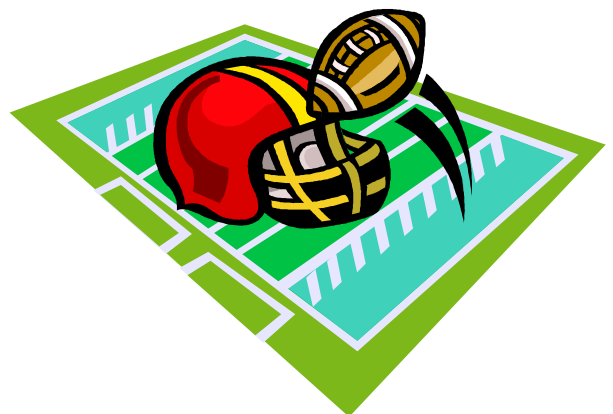
The Language of Music

Music is nature’s high-water mark. It is when the brook is full and goes with strong pulsing current toward the sea that it sings sweet music. When the writer of the book of Job gave us the noblest idea of beauty and harmony in the universe, he declared that in creation’s dawn ‘the morning stars sang together.’ When God gave the most glorious prelude to the birth of Jesus, angels sang together on the plains of Bethlehem.

The composers and writers of the endless hymns and anthems we sing in our worship services are inspired by the Word of God. This music can lift the heart of the weary and give a special beauty to life when things look dreary.

The choir leads the hymn singing each Sunday and sings the anthems that help enrich our lives.

There is room for you in the choir. Come help us fill the sanctuary with beautiful music!



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Recipe of the Month

Hawaiian French Toast

3 eggs, separated 1 T. honey
 ½ t. vanilla 1 t. orange zest
 ½ t. rum extract 1 T. water
 1 8 oz. can crushed pineapple with juice
 1 3 oz. can mandarin orange segments, drained
 3 T. honey
 1 c. maple syrup
 1 pound loaf Hawaiian sweet bread, thickly sliced

In a shallow bowl, whisk together egg yolks, egg white, vanilla, rum extract, orange zest, water and 1 tablespoon honey. Coat bread slices in egg mixture; set aside. In a small saucepan, combine crushed pineapple, mandarin oranges, honey and maple syrup. Simmer over medium-low heat for 3 minutes. Heat a lightly oiled griddle or frying pan over medium high heat. Fry bread slices until brown on both sides. Serve hot with warm fruit sauce.

Easiest Pie Ever

1 9 inch prepared graham cracker crust
 1 pint sour cream
 1 16 ounce can fruit cocktail, drained
 1/3 c. white sugar

Stir together sour cream, fruit cocktail, and sugar. Pour filling into pie crust. Bake at 350 degrees for 35 minutes. Refrigerate after baking until cool and firm.

More Biblical Survey Questions

1. The tax collector who wrote one of the four gospels? _____
2. The gospel writer who was a physician was _____.
3. The writer of Revelation was _____.
4. _____ wrote most of the New Testament.
5. The first apostle killed for his faith was _____.
6. "By grace are ye saved through faith" can be found in what New Testament book?
7. The disciple who betrayed Christ was _____.
8. In what city were the followers of Christ first called Christians? _____
9. In what city were Paul & Silas released from jail by an earthquake?

10. I & II Corinthians were written by _____.
11. _____ baptized Jesus in the Jordan River.
12. The two New Testament books that record the birth of Christ are _____ & _____.
13. Saul whose name was changed to _____, was converted on the road to _____.
14. _____ had been dead four days before Jesus raised him from the grave.
15. In what New Testament book is found the Great Commission which reads, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son and of the Holy Spirit? _____
16. In what book can be found the story of Nicodemus coming to Jesus for spiritual advice? _____
17. How many days did Jesus remain on the earth after his resurrection? _____
18. The man who was chosen to take Judas' place among the twelve disciples was _____.
19. _____ and _____ died because they lied to the Holy Spirit.
20. The first Gentile convert was _____.

To be continued next month...



Honestly!

A small boy ran hurriedly up to a stranger. "Have you lost a dollar bill?" the boy asked. "Why, yes, I believe I have!" said the man, feeling his pockets. "Have you found one?"

"Oh, no. I just wanted to find out how many have been lost today. Yours makes thirty-seven."