

First Presbyterian Church of Glidden

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One of my closest friends in High School was addicted to smoking. He had his first cigarette when he was twelve (stolen from his step-father's dresser) and was smoking a pack-a-day before his 18th birthday. Many times he resolved to quit. In fact, it was almost a daily occurrence for him. He would smoke a cigarette, look at me and say, "This is the last pack. Never again." And again, the next day, "This is the last pack. Never again." And so on, for months and years.

Addiction is one of those things that messes people up. It's weird to think that a person could want desperately to stop doing something, only to keep on doing it. I don't know anyone who wants to keep smoking. No one wants to drink alcohol until they pass out. Yet people still do it. They do it because they've lost control of themselves. They do the things that they don't want to do, and don't do the things that they do want to do.

That last sentence is actually a quote from the Bible. In Romans chapter 7 Paul says, "For what I am doing, I do not understand; for I am not doing what I would like to do, but I am doing what I hate... For the good that I want to do, I do not do, but I practice the very evil I do not want." I've always remembered these verses because they struck me as incomprehensible when I first read them. So, I read the verse again and again until it made sense. Paul is saying, "I'm stuck doing the things that I don't want to be doing, and I don't know how to change." You could easily hear these words at an Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting, or from the lips of an exasperated smoker. It sounds like Paul is talking about addiction.

But he's not talking about alcohol or cigarettes. He's not talking about anything like that. He's talking about sin. We Presbyterians believe that sin is a lot like addiction. It is something that we rationally do not want to do, yet we keep on doing anyway. We are "addicted" to greed, lust, gluttony, sloth, or pride. We let these things control our behavior, and wish that they didn't.

There is a growing movement in the United States to try to treat addiction at its source – the brain. More and more, doctors are prescribing drugs to prevent your brain from absorbing nicotine or feeling that flush of pleasure from the first glass of wine. I'm not sure how effective such efforts are, but I understand the goal. The goal is to change a person on the inside before you try to change their behavior. This is the same basic philosophy as the Presbyterian doctrine of Election or Predestination. We believe that the only way to break our addiction to sin is to change our hearts first.

Being a good person is an uphill battle when you're still addicted to sin. It's like trying to quit smoking or stop drinking. It takes a huge effort of will. But if you can change the inside (remove the addiction at its source) then it's easy and natural behavior. We believe we are able to respond to God because he first broke our addiction to sin. It wasn't us who turned to God first – that would take a massive amount of willpower. Instead, God reached out to us, changed something in us, and we responded. That is the doctrine of Predestination in a nutshell. God called to us before we ever prayed to him. Obviously, the details get complicated, but that's what we believe.

Blessings,
Pastor Brian

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Meet the Members MTM

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On a beautiful spring morning we traveled to 530 E 4th Street to meet Cal Hughes for an enjoyable conversation. By chance, Cal's son, Craig Hughes, was at Cal's the day we arrived, so it was double the pleasure.

Cal was born to Walter and Lottie Hughes in Logan, Harrison County, Iowa on June 22, 1925. Cal was seventh in this family of 10 children. Cal joined five brothers and four sisters. Tragedy struck early in this family. Cal's father, Walter, died on December 24, 1934, when Cal was only nine years of age. To further complicate life, the depression had a mighty grip on the United States. Two of Cal's older brothers had already left home so this left Cal at a young age to help farm the land. Cal's older brother planted the corn in the spring of 1935 on their rented 160 acre farm and young Cal prepared the soil using a three horse hitch to till the soil.

Economic times were tough during the 1930's decade and little money was available at the Hughes household or other surrounding households. Cal tells the story that his father never owned an automobile during his lifetime. Travel to town, if they ever went to town, was by horse and buggy and never did the family travel together. A buggy doesn't have room for 12 family members.

In 1936 Cal's mother downsized the farming operation and she rented a rural home that was sitting on forty acres. The family only paid rent on the home and the gracious people allowed them to use the land. This sounds good today but in 1936 farmland was not worth much. The place had no running water, no indoor plumbing, no electricity and probably no insulation. But, the forty acres were a Godsend for this mother and family. They farmed the land with horses and grew much of the food they consumed. They grew potatoes, lettuce, cabbage, peas, carrots, beans and other products but did not have any sweet corn. The family grew field corn and when it developed into the milk stage they would pick some ears and roast them to eat corn on the cob. Every family member worked on this farm in order to provide for themselves. The children attended a one-room school that served the rural community.



After a few years the family did gain access to motorized transportation as Cal's older brother purchased a Hupp mobile auto. This automobile was a large vehicle and at that time there were several makes of cars. In 1944 Uncle Sam called on Cal Hughes and he joined the Army. He served in the Infantry and served in Hokkaido, Japan toward the end of WWII. He was discharged in 1946.

When Cal got back home, he began to look for work and hung around the rail station to offer his service where ever he could be used. A train arrived at the station from Nebraska and a young lady disembarked from the train and caught Cal's eye. Her name was Esther Shelton and at this time she attended the Christian Church, pastored by Rev. L. L. Aiken, a name later recognized by Carroll, Iowa. They were married in the Christian Church in Logan by Rev. Tilden E. Lewis.

Cal and Esther rented a farm in the Logan, Iowa area and this was Cal's first experience with electricity in the home. He also traded in horses for a tractor to farm. In 1947 Clinton Hughes was born and in 1953 Craig Hughes was born. Clint passed away in June 6, 1994 of heart failure. Craig lives in Marshall County in Laurel, Iowa. Cal's farming career ended in 1950 when a farm accident crushed him between two wagons and broke his shoulder. Cal worked in a filling station for two years and in 1952 began employment with Boyer Valley Telephone. He worked with the Telephone Company for 27 years, although it changed names to Central Iowa Telephone and later to General Telephone. At the telephone company he dug holes, climbed poles, installed switching gear, and repaired telephone. It became a common occurrence for Esther to have to dig splinters out of his arms and legs due to pole mishaps.

Cal and Esther moved to Glidden in 1962 and, due to health problems, Cal retired from the telephone company in 1979. Unable to climb poles, Cal could still be very productive in building and maintenance projects, so he worked at Mid-States Financial, which later grew into Norwest and then Wells Fargo.

While in Glidden, Esther worked for the Glidden-Ralston School district and then retired after serving 25 years. Esther's health began to deteriorate in the early

1990's. In 1998 she needed nursing home care and after 10 years in a nursing home, she died in 2008. Cal and Esther spent their free time camping and had a memorable trip to Glacier National Park with Cal's sister and husband. They camped often at Lake View, Iowa. Other hobbies include fishing and Cal loved to restore old tractors. He will occasionally go on a tractor ride.

In 2000 Cal opened a coffee shop in his garage where 18-20 people would gather five days a week from 9:00am to 11:00am to visit, brag and drink a cup of coffee. Winter and summer the place was open to all until it finally closed its doors on October 9, 2009. Cal also served as sexton of the Presbyterian Church from 1970 – 1980 and because of his history of hard work, he did an outstanding job.

In 90 years Cal Hughes has witnessed (and been a part of) big changes. From farming with horses to men stepping on the moon, demonstrates the magnitude of his change. A big change from Cal's personal experiences was the development of television. Based on Cal's mother's hardships in her life, she advised her children to "save your money".

Ninety years of work, joy, heartache and memories! It was our joy and privilege to spend 90 minutes visiting with Calvin Hughes and his son about life.

Thank You Received

This is a card received in appreciation of First Presbyterian donation.

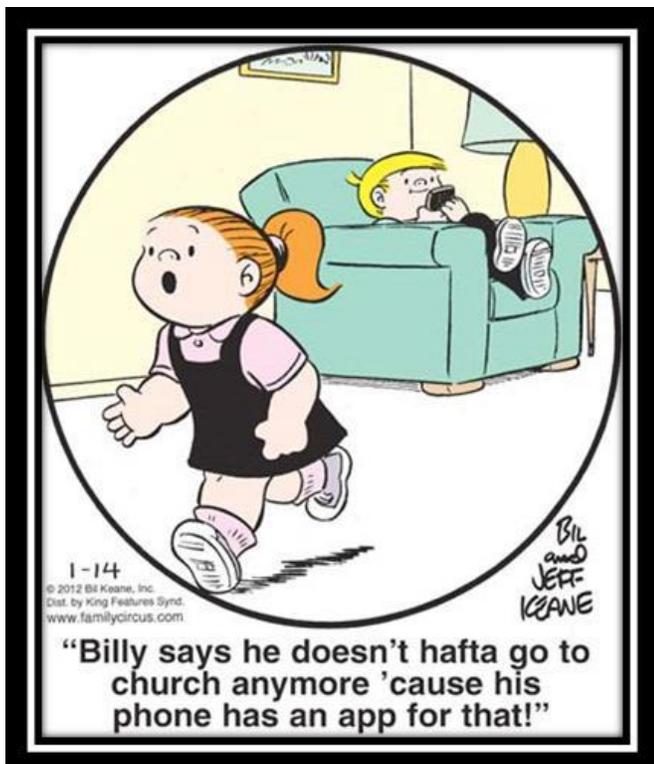
"Words cannot express how thankful we are for the gift of money. We are truly blessed."

Romayne & Darlene Wenck

Glidden, Iowa

These people suffered a house fire that took their home and all belonging within their home. The church included this family on our mission emphasis for February.

Bible Banter



Cruising with the Mariners

In the Presbyterian Church, USA, there is a couple's group entitled The Mariners which had its beginning in 1927 at the Calvary Presbyterian church in Wilmington, California, Their goal then and now is:

- To encourage Christian faith and practice in every home
- To interest those outside the church in uniting with the Church
- To provide opportunity for Christian fellowship
- To develop leadership skills
- To serve and support the Church in its ministry

In looking through the Glidden Church archives we found an old scrapbook of the Glidden

Mariner's organization dated from 1956 to 1971. The Glidden Mariners were organized on October 27, 1955. The organization was formed using nautical terms to describe its mission, its values and its leadership. There are over 6000 Mariners' organizations throughout the United States, with local, regional, state and national levels.

The Glidden organizational meeting was conducted by Rev. Harrison Becker, with input from Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Bowie of Lake City, Iowa, who were pursers of the National Mariners. At the first meeting the following leaders were selected:

Our terms

- Owen & Marge Overholt – Skippers
President
- Ed & Doris Walkup – First Mates
Vice President
- Paul & Marian Junker – Logkeepers
Secretary
- Bill & Mary Morehouse – Pursers
Treasurers

Like many organizations the first item of business was to arrange a Christmas party held in December of 1955. Members and their children were invited to attend. Fifty two adults and fifty four children attended the party. Lloyd and Beverly Riedesel, along with John and Adeline Riedesel were in charge of the program. Chefs for this

party were Dale and Coleen Linn, Ed and Doris Walkup, along with Dr. Bob and Virginia Wagner.

Mariners were made up of young couples and it seemed each month a new baby was recorded in the scrapbook. Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Tracy welcomed Lee Ann, Corliss and Delores Leonard welcomed a son, Mike, Mr. and Mrs. William Hall welcomed a son, William Louis and Carl and Mary Clausen welcomed two daughters, five year old Peggie and six year old Lennie. And the cycle continued.

The scrapbook records March 1, 1956 as the day Don and Loretta Hansen moved to town and in 1957 David and Mary Haselton moved to Minnesota.

Throughout the life of Mariners, they followed guiding principles which were:

- Christ Our Pilot
- The Bible Our Compass
- The Church Our Anchor

These principle were followed by Mariner's organizations throughout the United States.

The Glidden Mariners were a very active group within the church and throughout the US. It seemed from the clippings in the scrapbook they were always on a cruise to somewhere. They cruised to Carnavon, Fairfield, Manning, Ames, Kearney, Nebraska; Des Moines, Okoboji and many other places. Beyond cruising they were prone to party. Halloween, Christmas, New Year's or any other season of the year found these folks having a good time with their Mariner mates or with other Mariner organizations.

The Glidden Mariners also had a very serious side as they built shelves for the church, laid tile in the lower level of the church and supported a very grateful Rev. J. C. Miller of McIntosh, Georgia. The Glidden Mariners would support his pastorate by sending him money. He used some of this money to help feed his family because his church in Georgia was so poor they could hardly feed themselves in 1959. They also helped other churches interested in starting a Mariner group. This was a charitable group.

Pastors at Glidden who helped with Mariners during the life of this scrapbook were:

Rev. Harrison Becker

Rev. Duane Heap
Rev. Ray Heglin
Rev. Andy Bosman

Many familiar names other than the ones already mentioned were:

Doyle & Marge Conner
Earl & Eva Hartwigsen
Bob & Nadine Lindsay
Jim & Joan Conner
Lloyd & Dorothy Wheeler
Dick & Thelma Moorhouse
Ralph & Norman Conner
Joe & Pam Herman
Gerden & Vi Graves
Cal & Esther Hughes

"For everything there is a season and a time for every matter under heaven", Ecclesiastics 3.

The time for the Mariners organization was coming to an end with the once young couples, now getting older and only limited young couples in the church to keep the boat afloat. In the early 1970's the boat sailed into dry dock at the Presbyterian Church in Glidden, Iowa. It was a great cruise that lasted nearly 20 years.

Quotes of the Month

"We must live in all kinds of days, both high days and low days, in simple dependence upon Christ as the branch on the vine. This is the supreme experience" ~Vance Havner

"Make a plan now to keep a daily appointment with God. The enemy is going to tell you to set it aside, but you must carve out the time. If you're too busy to meet with the Lord, friend, then you are simply too busy" ~Chalres Swindoll

Our walk counts far more than our talk, always!"
~George Mueller

Committees for 2015

On February 19, 2015 the Session met and organized committees for the 2015 year. They are as follows:

Christian Education

Marlys Conner, Chairperson
Diane Thelin
Shirley Seaman

Parish Life

Diane Thelin, Chairperson
Lora Reeve
Jane Burdine
Lindsey Cose
Judy Reeve

Building & Grounds

Ron Burdine, Chairperson
Mitch Jensen
Matt Conner
Keith Danner
Mark Conner

Worship Committee

Linda McClellan, Chairperson
Marge Middaugh
Rhonda Conner

Pastoral/Nominating/Personnel

Lindsey Cose, Chairperson
Jane Burdine
Mark Conner

Finance/Stewardship

Wayne Seaman, Chairperson
Mark Conner
Suzy Danner
Jennifer Flemmig
Rhonda Schroeder

Pastor Brian will serve as ex-officio on each committee. Jen Flemmig will serve as the Clerk of the Session. Lindsey Cose will serve as publisher of the newsletter.

If anyone wants to volunteer to be on a committee please contact Pastor Brian or the committee chair

Stewardship Emphasis for April

Easter Sunday, the first Sunday in April, will be the day when we present our “fish-banks” for the One Great Hour of Sharing. The One Great Hour of Sharing goes to support Presbyterian humanitarian efforts – Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Self-Development of Peoples Program. All are ministries run by the Presbyterian Church.

Later in April, we will collect donations to rent garden plots for needy families in Glidden. In a bid to promote access to healthy food (as well as a bit of hard work) we pay the city to rent garden plots for interested families that meet the income qualifications for heat assistance. Recipients of this gift will still have to purchase seeds and tend the garden plots on their own. This is one of the many ways that we communicate our love for our neighbors in Glidden, and our desire to see them thrive.

Financial Guidance

Will I have enough money for retirement?

How much money will I need when I retire?

How can I avoid taxes throughout life and estate taxes at death?

These are questions being asked by all age groups and now there is an organization that can help with these answers and it is provided at no cost to the client. Seven or eight years ago St. Anthony Foundation employed a national firm to help individuals with these questions. All information is confidential.

Thompson & Associates and its employee, Doug Olson, have been employed by St. Anthony Foundation to help people answer some of these difficult questions. Thompson & Associates do not charge any fee, to clients, for their services. They do not sell insurance or other products. They will not act as your attorney. They simply help you establish your goals and objectives and develop a comprehensive plan. This firm helps plan approximately one billion dollars in estates each year.

You and I can take advantage of their expertise merely calling Trish Roberts at the St. Anthony Foundation. Trish will be able to answer any questions you might have about the service and, if desired, she can set up an appointment with Thompson personnel.

Thompson and Associate personnel can help individuals answer tough question about financial planning, tax implication, charitable giving, and estate planning. If you have financial questions, this is a great place to look for help.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

-2nd-Mark and Marlys Conner

Anniversary

-3rd-Erica Bowman

-5th-Brad Mueggenberg

-18th-Suzy Danner

-18th-Keith Danner

-21st-Pastor Brian

-29th-Mark Conner



Announcements:

*No Sunday School on Easter Sunday, April 5th

*Presbyterian Women meet on Wednesday, April 8th, at 11:30am at Hunan's

*Pastor Brian will be on vacation from April 6th to April 20th

-On Sunday, April 12th we will be worshipping at the Methodist Church at 10:00am

-Sunday, April 19th will be a normal service at the Presbyterian Church

-Pastor Lorinda will be available to cover any pastoral emergencies

*April 17th is Glidden Presbyterian Church's 145th birthday (We'll celebrate on Sunday the 26th)

*Session meets on Wednesday, April 22nd, at 5:30pm

*April 26th is the last Sunday of Sunday School

*Bible Study meets on Wednesday, April 29th, at 10:00am