



# The Vision

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, MARTINSVILLE**

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**August 9, 2020**

## *Manna for Meditation*

### **Silent**

Poet: Edgar A Guest

I did not argue with the man,  
It seemed a waste of words.  
He gave to chance the wondrous plan  
That gave sweet song to birds.

He gave to force the wisdom wise  
That shaped the honeybee,  
And made the useful butterflies  
So beautiful to see.

And as we walked 'neath splendid trees  
Which cast a friendly shade,  
He said: "Such miracles as these  
By accident were made."

Too well I know what accident  
And chance and force disclose  
To think blind fury could invent  
The beauty of a rose.

I let him talk and answered not.  
I merely thought it odd  
That he could view a garden plot  
And not believe in God.  
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*Your fellowship today is important to us.  
Please fill out the attendance pads at the  
end of each pew.*



## Servants

In His Service

**August 16, 2020**

USHER

SOUND SYSTEM 10:30 AM-Chuck Richardson

DEACON-Steve Bowman

NURSERY-

Small Talk-Jacquie Woodard

Junior Church-

*(The previous week's attendance and financial status)*

ATTENDANCE

SS-0      8:30 Worship-0      9:30 Worship-49

FINANCIAL NOTES

Monthly Need \$11,070.16

Worship Service      Sunday School

August 2      \$1,945.00

Covid-19 supplies-\$1.00, Deacon's Fund-\$70.00, Ice-\$2.00, Zumba-\$400.00

Operating Fund

\$1,945.00

Total Receipts (Aug)      \$2,418.00

Weekly Need      \$2,700.18

## The Loner Christian

The Loner Christian is alive in Christ and enjoys fellowship with God. His life is full of blessings but the Loner Christian is keeping his blessings to himself.

Jesus said He came so that we "may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10) Christianity is a faith that should be lived through both our words and our actions.

Jesus told Peter in John 21:17 that if he loved Him he would care for His followers. We're all blessed with some sort of gift. Some are good at encouraging, some are able to teach, some love to pray, others have the gift of compassion. There are many different types of gifts but what they all have in common is the gifts God gives us are designed to serve others. This stands in sharp contrast to the world which put its emphasis on serving yourself.

## **REMEMBER**

As you give school supplies this year, it is not only the giving, but the remembering of that youth during the year. Remember them on their birthdays, holidays. Also, every day in prayer.

### **Care does not mean manipulation or control.**

"To live a fruitful (fecundity) life, we need an environment that keeps us from being afraid and allows the weak, vulnerable fruits within us to grow in strength.

### **Care does not mean manipulation or control.**

A seed will never grow if we pull it out of the ground daily to check its progress; likewise, the fruits of our own and others' lives will never mature if we want to control every stage of their development.

### **Care does not mean manipulation or control.**

Products need constant maintenance in order to prevent breakdown. Fruits, on the other hand, ask only for the rich soil, water, air, and sunlight of a caring environment in order to flourish.

### **Care does not mean manipulation or control.**

Jesus cared deeply for the people He met. He did not control or dominate them, but through His words and actions offered them an opportunity to search for new directions and make new choices.

### **Care does not mean manipulation or control."**

--Henry J.M. Nouwen

## **SPECIAL**

Continue collecting and saving your Rural King Receipts through August 15<sup>th</sup>. Give them to Ken so that he can enter them into Rural King's site. They will give 10% of everything spent during last week and this to the church.

Thank you



### **PAYER REQUESTS:**

#### **Church Family:**

Jack and Dona Clark, Brian Etchison, Tom Holman, Maggie Jordan, Bob & Catherine Etter, Mary Jennison, Pam Thacker, Patty Volz, Grant Collinworth, Betty Williamson, Josh Owen, Larry & Peggy Martin, Susan Polk, Dixie Carter, Bob Jennings, Tom Brown, Harper Elliot, Dianna Jennings, Dee Dee Kaufman & Evelyn Denney

#### **Community: Pray for America,** our community,

The leaders, our school boards, youth and teachers as school is about to begin for another year.

For the remaining summer months, children and families facing crisis, and those in need in our community.

**Military Personnel:** Dan Koong, Michael Pitz, Clint Plake, Daniel Hill, all military personnel serving at home and abroad.

**Country** People Affected by the COVID-19 Virus, Situations in the country and abroad,

the President & cabinet, political leaders, military personnel, our nation, police and firemen, the US economy and those unemployed, tornadoes and fire victims.

**World:** Peace, Middle Eastern conflict, global financial situation, people affected by the storms and fires, and those serving on the mission field.

