

Alleluia

Dove

A Weekly Publication of the
ALLELUIA COMMUNITY
Augusta, Georgia



Vol. 43, No. 27

August 22, 2016

What is Jesus Saying to Us About Being an Alternate Society?

By Bob Nestor



The following article is a response to one of the questions asked of our pastors at the Pastoral Care Retreat.

God has been speaking to us quite a bit recently about this area. In the early days of Alleluia, Jesus told us to be in the world but not of it. He was calling us to live in a society but to be biblically as a light on a mountaintop or the leaven in a bowl of flour. We are called to make a difference wherever God places us. I remember when I was working; it was a very secular environment. People knew I was a Christian, and I let my light shine. Whenever we had some event that included food, they would always ask me to say grace before we ate. They did not use profanity or tell rude jokes in my presence.

We are called to be a light to lead the way to Jesus. As a body of believers, we together make up that alternate society that takes a different path from the world. People need to be able to see that in the way we do things together, as we gather for such events as the 4th of July, All Saints (Halloween) and many other secular

events. We also celebrate weddings and funerals differently from the world. In all of these events, we make Jesus the center of our celebrations.

This whole idea of an alternate society is nowhere lived out better than in our school. We try to impart in the education of our children the life of a Christian. The curriculum has the necessary items to assist our children to be successful in the world, but it contains much, much more. It teaches them to love God and love their neighbor. It shows the way to live a full and abundant life in the Lord. It equips them with the tools to be strong in their faith and how to stand up against the evils of the devil and his minions. I think this is why so many of our children have chosen a life for Christ in both the secular and religious area. At both home and school, they have been supported in their choices to live a Godly life.

For a group our size, the number of vocations that have come out of the community has been incredible. This is a sure sign of good fruit. But equally, there are a large number of second and third generation singles and

families that live a Godly life both in and out of community. Jesus has truly blessed us with great fruit in the lives of our children and grandchildren!

We have chosen to live a different way than the world in the way we use our money, do our entertainment and relate to one another. God has called us in our Rule of Life and Covenant to live the highest standards of morality for both ourselves and our children. That definitely plays out in the shows we watch and the way we dress. We surely stand out in contrast to the people around us.

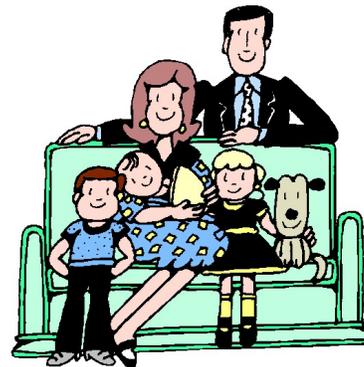
How does the Lord want us to live this out today? I believe I have already been writing about this in the earlier part of this question. One of the things we are choosing to do is to address our parents and children in two upcoming forums this Fall on how we want to attack the burning questions being put to our youth today.

One forum will be on world view and the other will deal with addiction. Both of these are all around us in our society. There is a world view

(Continued on page 2 - ALTERNATE SOCIETY)

The Thirty Days of September: Spending Time Together

The Pastoral Team



It is that time again when we realize that those lazy days of summer are over, and we have to begin to get ourselves back into the routine of school, work and life in community. This year we are reading the book, *Their Name is Today: Reclaiming Childhood in a Hostile World*. We wrote about the book in the August 8th Dove article. Please refer to it if you need to refresh your memory. Shortly we will be sending out materials for use by the children up to age 10. For the middle and high school students, we are putting together a program to be used in the classroom that is tied into the book we are doing for our retreat, *The Renewed Mind*. There will be a power point program using the questions at the end of each chapter of the book for discussion by the teacher and students.

We are encouraging everyone to read the book by Johann Arnold however, as mentioned earlier. If you are not able to do so, please make sure that this is done under headship. This

can be a very rewarding experience for the entire family and everyone will be blessed by the process. This is a wonderful book regarding childhood and families sharing life together. In our modern world, it is extremely evident that the family is under great spiritual attack. If Satan can break up families, he can break down the fabric of our society. We are encouraging our Support Group Heads to discuss the book and the various chapters and the principles the author talks about regarding the rearing of children. We would like all to participate in this, as well as other disciplines for the month of September.

In the past, we have had a variety of things we suggested people do during the 30 days. Regardless, of your state in life, e.g. married, single, working or retired, you should be praying about what the Lord is calling you to do in September. Please talk this over with your head and make an agreement to do something. Here are a few of the suggestions we have made over

the years:

1. Walks around the Village or your block with spouse or family. Be careful in FV since the City of Augusta is working on fixing broken or cracked areas.
2. Make an agreement within your household to invite community members outside your SG for a meal together.
3. Make it a point to schedule a Lord's Day/Sabbath meal on at least one of the four Saturdays.
4. Get up earlier and take an extra fifteen minutes of prayer each day.
5. Turn off all media and spend time playing board games with friends or family.
6. Do a service project for one of your neighbors, maybe cut their grass or fix something in the house. Do this for the widows or some of our single ladies.
7. Take a drive after church on Sunday and treat the family to something special.
8. Do something kind for your spouse. This could be as simple as doing the dishes, walking the dog, washing the car, or helping with the laundry.
9. Start a Bible study either on your own or with a group of friends.
10. Do all of the above and have the best 30 days you ever had in your entire life.

Be an Alternate Society

(Continued from page 1 - ALTERNATE SOCIETY)

that the homosexual life style is fine; that "this is the way people are born and they cannot help what God has made them." This is a pernicious lie that pervades our culture today. Also, many of our young have heard in society that "smoking dope is okay and it is no different than having a beer." We want to address these lies that exist in the culture we live in. We want to have a very alternate view and to think the way God's Word would have us to do. Jesus wants us to know the truth in these areas. He does not want

us to have our heads in the ground and ignore what is going on all around us. He wants us to be prepared to have an answer for when family or friends approach us and say we are bigoted or intolerant because we say that homosexuality is wrong and against God's laws. Jesus is definitely telling us that we must live by the Word of God and that is so contrary to the way of the world which is presently under the dominion of Satan and his evil forces.

God has given us his Word. He wants it to be our way of life.



The Thirty Days of September Meal Plan Suggestions

The following Meal Plan for September is a reprint from the 1991 Thirty Days and is offered as an aid in making family life flow easier.

Notes on Menus

—Mondays are soup days.

—Sunday's meal is always something to make ahead and bake or microwave when needed. Even rice and veggies can be made ahead, refrigerated in serving bowl and heated in the microwave.

— * Recipes can be found on attached sheet.

—(pg....) Recipes found in Alleluia Cook Book.

—Hummingbird Cake is totally awesome. A "Southern Living" recipe — very special.

—Mariachis are anything you want to put in a flour tortilla — eggs, bacon, sausage, refried beans, cheese, hash browns, salsa, and/or any combination. Really good!

—Make grocery lists from the menu and just delete things already on hand from the list.

—There are 8 chicken, 7 ground beef, 5 beef, 3 turkey, 5 pork, 3 no-meat, and 2 fish optional meals on this menu.

—Use leftover ham for Ham and Potato Casserole. Leftover turkey for Turkey Wild Rice Soup and Turkey Noodle Soup.

—Buy one large roast on sale (i.e. sirloin tip vs. stew beef and cut it up for stews, pepper steak, pot roast, and shish-ka-bob.

—Wild rice is expensive. Go in with someone so you don't have to buy more than you need.

—Breakfast Menu: We eat cold cereal or bagels or toast on school mornings, plus juice.

—Snacks after school: We rotate between the following: popcorn, leftover cake/brownies, fruit, Raman noodles, flour tortillas and cheese, cookies, crackers, pudding, Jello, chips and salsa and lots to drink when it's hot.

MENUS

September 1

Chicken Fajitas, guacamole, refried beans, nacho chips

September 2

Krupko Potato Soup*, beer bread*

September 3

Taco Salad, ice cream and peaches

September 4

Sherry Stew w/ egg noodles*
sauteed cabbage, biscuits w/jelly or honey

September 5

Stir-fry chicken and veggies (pg. 71), Egg rolls

September 6

Chili Surprise, raw carrot and celery sticks

September 7

Turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, Jello salad or cranberry sauce peas, rolls, Hershey Bar Pie*

September 8

Lasagna, salad, garlic bread or leftover turkey

September 9

Turkey wild Rice Soup*, crescent rolls

September 10

Beef Stew, green beans, biscuits or homemade bread

September 11

"Mrs. Roses Chicken" (pg. 68), or baked white fish, broiled new potatoes *, broccoli

September 12

"Mauiccea" Ziti*, cabbage salad (pg. 23), French bread

September 13

Glazed baked ham with pineapple slices, au gratin potatoes, lima beans

September 14

Shish-ka-bob, baked potatoes, spinach salad, bread, hummingbird cake

September 15

Chicken Enchiladas*, Mexican rice (pg. 20), carrot sticks

(Continued on page 4 - MENUS)

Meal Plan Suggestions

(Continued from page 3 - MENUS)

September 16

Red Bean and Rice Soup, corn bread

September 17

Fettucini Milano (pg. 77), or fish green salad, crusty French bread

September 18

Pot roast with potatoes and carrots, spinach, peaches

September 19

Baked chicken, spaghetti tossed w/ sauteed garlic, butter and olive oil, marinated cucumbers and tomatoes

September 20

Grilled pork chops – or grilled shrimp, potatoes in the rough (pg. 19), green bean casserole (pg. 13), baked apples

September 21

Cheeseburgers w/ fixings, baked beans, Tater Tots or Fr. fries, homemade blizzards or ice cream sundaes

September 22

Chicken Divan (Better Homes & Gardens, pg. 171), Rice, peas, Pears

September 23

Vegetable Soup, cheese biscuits, peanut butter cookies

September 24

Pepper steak*, stir fried vegetables, fried rice

September 25

Omelets and bagels or Mariachis* and flour tortillas

September 26

Crockpot BBQ sandwiches, potato salad, cole slaw

September 27

Grilled chicken, rice pilaf, broiled tomatoes, broccoli casserole (pg. 14)

September 28

Spaghetti casserole with peppero-ni, Italian salad, bread and wine

September 29

Potato & Ham Casserole*, green beans with almonds, fruit salad

September 30

Chicken (or turkey) noodle soup, biscuits, apple pie or pound cake w/ strawberries (pg. 97)

SCHOOL DAY IDEAS

School Day Breakfasts:

M: cold cereal, toast, banana
T: scrambled eggs with cheese, grits, toast
W: hot cereal, muffins, juice
Th: sausage biscuits, grits, juice
F: cold cereal, toast, juice

School Lunches:

M: meat sand., chips, snack cake, raisins
T: yogurt, banana, popcorn, snack cake
W: PB&J sand., carrot sticks, snack cake
T: hard boiled eggs, carrot sticks, crackers, snack cake
F: cheese slices, meat slices, crackers, apple, snack cake

After School Snacks:

M: popcorn, Koolaid
T: homemade cookies, chocolate milk
W: toast or bagels with jelly
T: popcorn, Koolaid
F: popsicles

Helpful Hints:

1. Buy plastic ice cubes to use in insulated lunch bags for cold lunch needs.
2. Slice carrots and store in Tupperware container filled with water. Then they are ready for week's needs.
3. Make extra breakfast muffins for after school snacks.
4. Remember to select things from the four food groups every day.

