



Rockwood Church of Christ

The Proclaimer

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Dealing With Chickens

I loved visiting my Aunt Maureen and my Uncle Tolle Chapman in Nobob, KY when I was a little boy. They always had chickens in their backyard! I would spend hours watching the chickens peck the ground and interact in their little space. My aunt Margaret lived just up the road. She too, had chickens! I liked her chickens even though she had a rooster that spurred me on my leg (I still have that scar). What I noticed with both sets of chickens is this: Both groups worked, moved around, and survived as they learned to deal with one another; and both groups had the same challenge or opportunity, to get through each day to their best of their ability!

It has already been stated in society and will continue to be stated, “We have some extra time to reflect on ourselves due to the quarantine.” We can ponder things like, “Where I have been? Where am I? Where am I going?” Additionally, we can think about relationships in our life and how we can be more Christ-like. As we strive to deal with our current challenge, may we use this time as an opportunity, as we move about in our little spaces, to remember how we can improve interacting with one another. We share so much together such as: a common Father (**Gen. 1:1**), a common family (**1 Tim. 3:15**), salvation (**Titus 2:11-12**), a common hope of reward (**Rev. 2:10**), joint participation (**Phil. 1:5**), and partnership with all members (**Acts 2:38-47**).

We have a partnership with Christ (**1 Cor. 1:5**), we share similar thoughts/goals (**Phil. 4:8**), and we have Communion with Christ (**1 Cor. 10:16**).

We recognize we are encountering some unique challenges. As we move, talk with and interact, may we do so to unite and not divide.

Allen Jones

Don't Be a Mosquito

I have loved living in Alabama for the past two years, but there's one major problem I've run into since moving: the mosquitos. These bugs are a nightmare. The one good thing about the winter is there aren't any of these blood sucking demons.

It honestly seems like there are two kinds of mosquitoes here. You have the ones that are small enough to fit through the screen door, and ones big enough to push it open.

I did some research and found out a few interesting details about mosquitoes. For one, they are attracted to high cholesterol (If you get bit a ton you most likely need to slow down on the burgers). Two, they are attracted to carbon dioxide and can actually smell it from 150 feet away. And three, a mosquito's average lifespan is only about 10-14 days.

You may be wondering why I'm telling you this, but I actually found an interesting connection between mosquitos and a very specific group of people. The more I learned about them, the more they began to resemble negative people. For example, negative people love what isn't good for them, just like carbon monoxide can kill you and cholesterol can stop your heart. Also, negative people can only seem to keep a friend for about 10-14 days.

Paul, in the book of **Philippians**, is urging the church to show humility and to be servant minded like Christ. In **2:1-4**, he says, *“So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.”*

Paul through inspiration uses the word “conceit” (*kenodoxia*). This is defined as “a vain or exaggerated self-evaluation.” A negative mindset under any circumstance is vain and selfish. We must always keep in mind that the people we are negative toward should be treated as more important than ourselves.

There is no room for negative people in the body of Christ. We are commanded to love each other, serve each other and encourage one another. Keeping in mind what Jesus has done for us, live to help your brothers and sisters in Christ.

P.S. Don't be a mosquito.

Carl Pollard