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“Of Reviews and Memoirs: Redux”

A couple of weeks ago I presented a sermon in worship in which I used “Four-Word Reviews” and “Six-Word Memoirs” as a vehicle to talk about the message of the day. Just to review for those who were there, and to help those who were not to understand what I’m talking about, here is a quick description of each.

“Four Word Reviews” is a website founded in 1999 by Benjamin Clews that invites reviews on popular movies from anyone who wants to write them. The only rule is the review has to be “four words or less.” A couple of the examples I used include:

- Star Wars – “When Hairy met Solo”
- Kramer vs. Kramer – “I bet Kramer wins”
- Titanic – “Everything including kitchen sinks.”

“Six-word memoirs” are similar in intent but different in content. These sometimes clever / sometimes poignant epitaphs try to summarize in a few words something significant about a person’s life or experience. Again, a few examples:

- Not quite what I was planning.**
- Never really finished anything, except cake.**
- You repeat what you don’t repair.**

The story in the scripture that Sunday had to do with the so-called “Syrophenician Woman,” who (as told in Mark 7:24-30) risks ridicule and her safety to approach Jesus and ask for healing of her sick daughter. After a little banter back and forth between her and Jesus, he is impressed with her faith and persistence. Her daughter is healed. I finished the sermon by requesting the congregation’s members to write their own “4-Word Reviews” or “Six-Word Memoirs” to the story. Several have been shared with me in the time since, but two in particular stood out to me.

Ed Urban flagged me down right after the service and simply said: “Faith is always rewarded.” Some of us might be tempted to argue the sentiment, or at least add a footnote that says (in 4 words of course) – “but not always quickly.” Be that as it may, I think Ed came up with a pretty good response that, on the whole, I have no problem endorsing as a Pastor. Yes, when we stand firm in faith, that faith is rewarded.

Then, Diane Merriman said to me as we crossed paths at church the next week, “Open the doors, see the people.” Again, she said it without introduction or explanation and it took me a moment to realize she was giving me a “six-word memoir.” Slow though I might be to catch on, it did dawn on me what she was saying. But I wanted to hear more. She went on to explain that her memoir was grounded in the old hand exercise we all learned as children at church: “See the church, see the steeple, open the door and see all the people.” Then she described how overwhelmed she was with the warmth, the interest, and care that the people of Linwood showed to her when she came to visit the first time years ago. If I might paraphrase her comments a bit, she went on to say, “Linwood has so much to share and give when we open the doors and see the people.”

I hear Diane’s memoir both as a statement of affirmation and one of challenge for the future. Will our faith be rewarded? Will we continue to open the doors and see the people and the needs in our neighborhood and continue to serve and find new ways to respond to those needs?

I will finish this note the same way I ended the sermon that day:

“Only time will tell” and “Only you can write the memoir”

I don’t know about you, but I am anxious to see what we write.

Pastor Frank

Thoughts & Prayers

Health Issues:

Martha Etheridge, Marilyn Henegen, Doretta Terry, Sharon Williams, Mark Johnson, Deeann List, Joan Woodruff



Prayers have been asked for:

Jerry & Sue Meyers, Brian Slowinski, Aaron Cepeda, Ariel Horne, Toby Parson, Lorrain Smith, Tiffany Tuttle, Janie Ball, Art Gale, Tia Winters, Jake Marshall, Timothy Rogers, Jessie Patton, Sheila Patton, Candy Brown Wiley, Becky Spudic, Bonnie White, Billy Creech, Ariyana Burnett, Austin Shewmaker, Beth Purkerson Murry, Dan Bernd, Sandy Nelson, Rob Welch, Megan Clouse

We join with God's loving concerns for those facing life's difficult times:

Kennedy Rogers, Janet Lawrence, Deb Sullivan, Michael Buchanan, Bob Spudic, Norma Hibber, James Fuson, the Sparks family, Tom & Nancy Horstman, Billie and Faye



The Book Nook

Whatever the weather does this October, a good sit-and-read is always enjoyable!

We have several books by Debbie Macomber:

Morning Comes Softly tells of a shy Louisiana librarian, Mary Warner who answers a personal ad from a rancher in Montana. *A Girl's Guide to Moving On* is about Nicole and her mother-in-law Leanne who are both starting over after leaving troubled marriages.

I Left My Heart tells about Elizabeth Wainwright (an East Coast heiress in disguise) who takes a job waitressing at Fisherman's Wharf Café.

Susanna's Garden tells of Susanna Nelson who regrets the paths not taken.

Love Letters celebrates the power of love in a love letter to mend her broken heart.

Joan Woodruff
Church Librarian

Adult Sunday School Class



Ed Urban continues to lead the class on a journey through the book of **Psalms**, adding insight and commentary as we go.

We meet for 30 minutes on Sunday mornings at 9:25 in the library. Stop by the parlor and bring your coffee and snack along to class.

Top Ways You Can Help Linwood Today!

- Pray! Prayer for our congregation, our building, our ministers, our members, our volunteers and our guests!
- Participate. Come to service each week and worship with our family. We are back in our beautifully remodeled sanctuary and the choir sounds awesome.
- Consider making a one-time donation via the Givelify website: www.givelify.com. (Linwood link: <https://giv.li/8u3vbh>). This is a secure payment option for electronic giving. You will need to create an account to send a donation.
- Set up Linwood on your online banking account at most major banks. (You do not need an account number). Please use the church address and phone number. 4424 E. Michigan Street Indianapolis, IN 46201 (317) 357-8771.
- Donate to the Rummage Room. We need your winter coats, boots, hats, scarves and gloves. The need for these items never goes away and the temperature will be dropping soon.
- Shop at Kroger?? Use your Kroger shoppers' card to have a portion of your shopping total donated back to Linwood. Our organization code is: YS979. Ask people you know who shop at Kroger to set up their donations too!
- Visit the Linwood Christian Church Facebook page or website (<https://www.linwoodchristian.org>) and look for the Donate now button.
- Bring groceries and plastic bags to donate to the food pantry. We use several hundred bags each week for our guests and neighbors.
- Share this list with your family and friends and know that you are deeply loved and prayed for each day from your Linwood family.



Stewardship and Finance

From the Pews:

New Member – Alma Roque

Be sure to come to church Sunday, September 22nd to join in the Baptism Service for our newest member, Alma Roque.

Bell Choir is back in the “Swing” of Things!!

Each year, the Bell Choir learns new tunes to play. But did you know, they also have different bells to play with each new hymn? Some “ringers” play as many as 4 different bells in one song. This requires a lot of PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE and it has to be TOTALLY coordinated with the entire Bell Choir. Be sure to be in the pews to hear them play.

What a FiSH Story!

Be sure to ask Carson Harding to show you his CATCH while vacationing in Hawaii.

Special Events Coming Up

September 22 BAPTISM SERVICE during Worship

September 28 POP-UP PANTRY 10-noon
Neighborhood Food Pantry in the Linwood Parking Lot. Open to all.

Cancelled September 29 Installation of Rev. Frank Everett
Regional Office needed to rescheduled for later in the year.

October-November-December RUMMAGE ROOM Mystery Dates
One week each month, there will be a \$5 Bag Sale from the Hardgoods Room (Knickknacks/Household/etc.). You just have to keep shopping with us to find out which week it is!! Get your Christmas shopping done early.

Email us at: linwoodcc@sbcglobal.net Or mail to:
With Subject: Lindy Linwood Christian Church – Attn: Lindy
Entries for next Lindy: October 14, 4p 4424 E Michigan Street
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Your Lindy Crew

Temptation in the Garden of Eden

