

St. Andrew's (JKP) Monthly Newsletter June, 2010

Edification: Oil and water simply don't mix. The disturbing live video feed of the oil spill (deluge) pouring into the Gulf is a stark example. It seems like politics and oil also don't mix too well. There's no shortage of bluster on this debacle from every camp imaginable. But what is a Christian perspective on this tragedy? Is it one of outrage at BP and their so called dereliction of due diligence and their assumed greed? Perhaps outrage at the Federal Government's apparent mishandling of the needed, sometimes freely offered salvage resources? Should it just be one of compassion for the families of those that died in the initial blast, and those who now must live with the incredible damage done to land and livelihood? Oddly enough we haven't seen the typical Hollywood ego-fest (a.k.a. "telethon") to raise money for the suffering, so I'm sure we're all at a loss as to how to feel and how to care....What about the environment itself? Should the loss of natural resources be of concern to us? Is, as the Oracle Al Gore warns us "[Earth in the Balance](#)"? Is there though a moral imperative to this event? Evidently the Obama administration thinks so. There's much moralizing being done in Washington D.C. over this, but it seems more like political gamesmanship than actual moral concern. "[Never let a crisis go to waste](#)". These are the now famous (infamous) words of Obama's Chief of Staff, Rahm Emmanuel. He spoke them with reference to the economic crisis, but this administration seems to apply this principal at every opportunity. But what is a Christian perspective and response to this national crisis?

Events/Information: Our Sunday service is now held at the church building at the corner of RT.18 & RT.301. The meeting time remains the same (10:00a.m.). We're meeting at the building on most Wednesday evenings for painting/cleaning/general sprucing-up. Dates are typically announced at the preceding Sunday services.

"I was once young and now I am old, but not once have I been witness to God's failure to supply my need when first I had given for the furtherance of His work. He has never failed in His promise, so I cannot fail in my service to Him." — WILLIAM CAREY (1761-1834), BAPTIST MISSIONARY TO INDIA

Encourage: In Deuteronomy 20 the Israelites are told that when they harvest trees to create siege works to besiege a city they're only to use trees that are not fruit bearing. Not because these trees are somehow more noble than to be used for such a common purpose. No, this is because fruit bearing trees are "[food for man](#)" therefore those trees are to be left in tact because creation serves man, not the other way around. While there's much to be considered and concerned about in this mess in the Gulf maintaining this proper understanding of the God-ordained role of creation is crucial. By placing a "moratorium" on off-shore drilling the President ensures the loss of jobs, income, industry, etc in that entire region. And in his recent "speech" regarding the spill he reiterated his commitment to "Cap & Trade" to fight "climate change" so as to save the environment. This too, on a much broader scale will prove an incredible detriment to our lives. He's determined that this crisis will not go to waste. He and his ilk would have us slavishly serve the creation even to the destruction of our national economy. I think I've read something like this before - "[\[they\] worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.](#)"

We need to put pressure upon our elected representatives to oppose Obama's idolatrous policies. And on a positive note; the GOP candidate for Ohio Gov. seems like a fairly sound candidate. His name is John Kasich. Check out his website www.kasichforohio.com.