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In *Love Thy Body* she shows how this very divide is at the heart of so many of today's moral issues. The world around us neglects the core unity of human beings and instead divides us into two-tiered beings. "Christianity holds that body and soul together form an integrated unity—that the human being is an embodied soul. By contrast, personhood theory entails a two-level dualism that sets the body against the person, as though they were two separate things merely stuck together. As a result, it demeans the body as extrinsic to the person—something inferior that can be used for purely pragmatic purposes."

After a thorough introduction that will get you caught up if you have not read Pearcey's previous works, she turns her attention to six key issues, each of which can be explained and combated through a right understanding of the secular worldview that underpins them. In "The Joy of Death" she shows how body/person dualism is behind arguments for abortion and infanticide while in "Dear Valued Constituent" she looks at euthanasia, stem cell research, and even the growing movement toward transhumanism. "Schizoid Sex" shows how the hookup culture so prevalent on campuses today claims to set the body free, but actually diminishes its importance. "The Body Impolitic" and "Transgender, Transreality," turn to homosexuality and transgenderism. The final chapter, "The Goddess of Choice Is Dead," turn from the individual to wider society.

Put together, this is a powerful book that brings Pearcey's unique and uniquely-helpful voice to crucial issues. "We live in a moral wasteland," she says, "where human beings are desperately seeking answers to hard questions about life and sexuality. But there is hope. In the wasteland we can cultivate a garden. We can discover a reality-based morality that expresses a positive, life-affirming view of the human person—one that is more inspiring, more appealing, and more liberating than the secular worldview." Read this book to grow in your ability to do that very thing. Amen, Rick



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Sunday Evenings at 6:30

STATISTICS

Worship 115
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY-9/16/18

Greeters Chuck & Janice McLaughlin
Visitors' Stand Bob & Dixie Williamson
Communion Meditation Jack Stucki
Doug Marlow
Ushers Kent Ballard
Gary Gredzieleski
Brad Stirmell
Rick Polley
Will Bartels
Kirk Polley

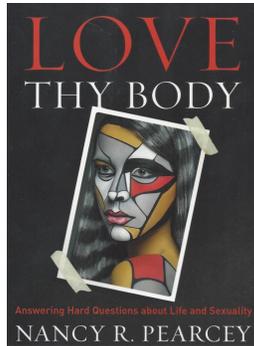
WORSHIP NURSERY

Toddlers Nikki & Grace Hunley
Infants Shannon Higgins
Nicole Moore
Jamella Reese
Sunday School
Toddlers Julie Divjak
Infants Karen Mann
Rebecca Smith



Let Us Pray For...

--Rick Polley and family at the passing of his dad.
--Marilyn Wenneborg and family at the passing of her brother.
--Praise for Rick's good report on his PSA that went from 7 to 0.2 after treatment.



ADULT STUDY BEGINS SUNDAY AT 6:30

(A book review by Tim Challies)

It is always a big deal when Nancy Pearcey releases a new book. It's a special pleasure when that release is timed for the beginning of a new year. Such is the case with *Love Thy Body: Answering Hard Questions about Life and Sexuality*. In this new work she brings her unique voice to some of the most pressing moral issues of our day. "In *Love Thy Body*," she promises, "we will move beyond click-bait headlines and trendy slogans to uncover the worldview that drives the secular ethic. By learning the core principles of this worldview, you will be able to engage intelligently and compassionately on all of today's most controversial moral challenges."

And, indeed, that is exactly what she does and exactly what she delivers. As in all her works, she shows that the prevailing worldview around us is one that involves a two-tiered reality that places theology and morality in the realm of what is private, subjective, and relativistic while placing science in the realm of what is public, objective, and valid for all people. This secular science reigns supreme over all other matters, including faith. This then leads to a fact/value split where values are placed in the first realm and facts in the second. Your values are for you to live by, perhaps, but they have no bearing on the rest of humanity.

(Continued in Rick's column.)



Just typing this information brings a smile to my face as every year I look forward to and enjoy the Christmas musical. Rhonda is excited to get the first practice rolling this Sunday evening at 5:15. You will be getting an introduction to the songs and flow of the musical. Don't forget to bring a snack and of course, a smile! Practice will be over by 6:15 so you can have a quick break before youth groups begin.



To everyone who helped out with the youth group kick off event, I am so thankful for your willingness to serve the kids. Individuals helped me set up for the event, more joined them during the event to fill water guns and monitor the competition, then a good group helped clean up after the event. Thank you for serving the Lord like you do, giving your time for his precious children. Thank you for encouraging me with your service as together we plant seeds for the kingdom. Thank you for being a family I can rely on when organizing an activity of this magnitude for the children. We were created to serve Him, it brings joy to my heart to see that service visible among my brothers and sisters.

Prek - 12th Grades YOUTH GROUPS

What a fun way to kick off our Sunday evening youth groups! Over 40 kids came out last Sunday for the Fortnite dance contest and water gun battle. Kids were running over every square inch of the property with the goal of being the lone survivor. Carly Karhliker and Levi Hunley each won a round of the battle. Good job guys! It was fun watching everyone have a good time.

This year, we are making some changes to our youth group hour by adding some music, playing a group game, having a group lesson, then breaking off into small groups for discussions. We will all be meeting in the auditorium to start the evening. Hope to see you all back on Sunday to experience this new format!

Pre-k through Kindergarten Teacher: Tina Huber

After our praise time, Tina will break off with this group to continue with a few more songs, a possible craft time or puppet show to reinforce the biblical lesson. Tina will make it fun and promises not to forget about bringing a good snack!

Grades 1-5

Teachers: Otto Huber and Rhonda Luzio

The future in-laws have decided to team up again to organize fun, interactive lessons for this age group. When we break to smaller groups, be ready to play a game or possibly make a craft tied to the lesson of the night. For starters, Otto and Rhonda will be addressing friendship and being a witness for our Lord.

Jr. High and High School

Teachers: Mark Huber, Casey & Erica Blakley

Casey and Erica are ready to make some fun memories with you guys! When Casey gets amped up on a little late night coffee, watch out! They will be leading the High School group while I will be with the Jr. High students during our break out time. I am looking forward to going deeper in my relationship with the Lord and I trust you are too!