

THE CROSS ROAD



From the Pastor:

CLEAR !!

It was difficult to believe that I was getting ready to take off? My Father and I had discussed the matter for several weeks. Alas (with misgiving and not eager anticipation) the day was upon me. Looking back, I wish I had a better attitude because it was a wonderful opportunity for me. BUT, at the moment the last place I wanted to be was in the pilot's seat of that Piper Cub airplane.

"This list is the "check list", my instructor began. "Go through it each time we fly. Then you will know that everything is OK." I thought to myself "that's easy for you to say. I have no

idea what all these dials and buttons are. Besides, I don't want to yell out CLEAR! before starting the engine. What if someone I know hears me? They'll think I'm an idiot. But I said out loud to John, "OK."

Soon, we were taxiing toward the runway. I listened as I heard John contact the control tower in some strange language I did not recognize. Perhaps it was pig Latin? I saw my Dad waving from the fence. Why wasn't he in the plane is this is so much fun?

"Now, push in the throttle and let's take off. Remember the wheel will not turn the tires. To do that you must use your feet on the pedals. Right foot right and left foot left. Got it? (so many directions too fast) Don't pull back on the wheel until our ground speed reaches 60. OK, now pull back on the wheel." I could feel us lift off and upward: up, up, up, up we went in our Piper Cub. The tree line disappeared and the highway below became a path for an ant. What was I doing up here? Worse yet, how was I

going to get back down to earth?

I could see the landing field, but what was I to do? “Keep the plane’s wings level. See this dial? Don’t let this line(John pointed) fall below that stationary bar.” I thought to myself, “Ugh, what did you say? But answered to him, “OK.” “Now turn the wheel slowly to the left and then level the plane. We will fly parallel to the runway and then make a final left turn bringing us back to the beginning. OK, ease up on the power a little at a time, let out the flaps, and settle the plane down, and down, and down----touch down.” WHAT! I made it? I’m still in one piece, and so is the plane.

To be honest, though, I was not really the one who made it. Had John not been in the plane guiding me, I would still be calling out CLEAR! to this very day.

How many times in our Christian journey have we set out to fly and realize our misgivings and short comings.

Yet, if we are faithful, we discover that God has always been there with us as promised. Much to our surprise God brings us home with an experience unmatched in character. I’ll Fly Away

Grace and peace,
Pastor Gary

The next **Deacon’s Meeting** is August 12 at 8:30 A.M. Please speak with any Deacon prior to their meeting if you have any questions or concerns.

The **Men’s lunch** will continue meeting during the summer on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:15 P.M. July 17, and August 21, 2018



What do you know about this picture?

Do you know?

According to Hebrews, what is the definition of faith:

_____? (Chapter 11)

Why is the Apostle Paul not ashamed of the Gospel?

Romans (1:16) _____

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Thank you to all those who make our Fellowship times so special!!

Remember, Gail offers a **youth Christian education class** during the worship service. So when inviting people to the service; tell them about this option.

On July 22, the Fournier's will take us on a trip to Israel. The land of the Bible will come to life as we explore with them their journey to various sites.

There will be a special ABC Regional Offering collected on **August 5**.

Mark your calendar. **On July 29** we will host our Regional Minister, Rev. Dale Edwards. He will bring the sermon message that day which will be followed by a Potluck Lunch. Our singing group plans to present that day. Not to be left out, the congregation will join in as well.

Although not until November 11; the Christian Education Committee will present **Teen Challenge**. See advertisement above with more information to follow.



FFWBC is organizing a singing group. If you would like to join please see either Mark Fournier or Pastor Gary. We will practice Sunday July 15, 22, and 29 at 9:30 A.M. morning after our fellowship time.

You may have noticed that there is a **Welcome Center** at the top of the back stairs. On it there is information about FFWBC. If you happen to see a visitor; please offer them some of the information.



If you are visiting with us today; please know you are welcome. Please join us for fellowship time.

GOD BLESS!!

FFWBC telephone is 927-4150