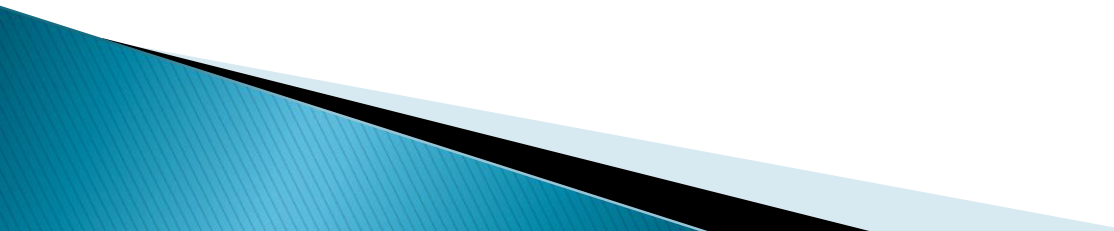


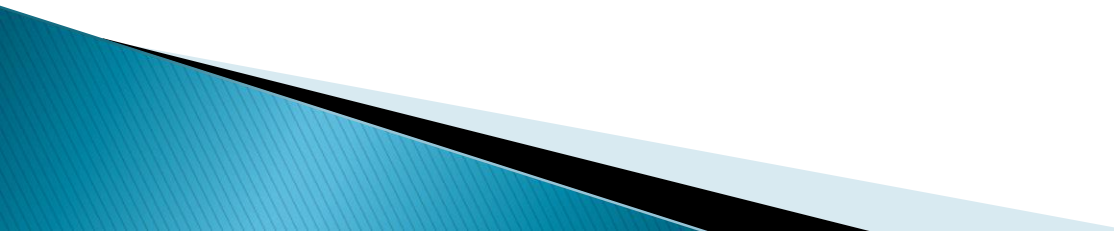
Come Expecting???

Come to Me

Matthew 11:25-30



- ▶ When you came to Jesus what were you expecting?
 - ▶ What are you expecting from Jesus now?
 - ▶ What did we come expecting today?
 - ▶ What are you expecting for the future?

 - ▶ **The degree of disappointment is greater or equal to the degree of expectation!**
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- ▶ **“You can’t have thunder without lightning!”**
- ▶ No, it is not **possible to have thunder without lightning.**
- ▶ **Thunder** starts as a shockwave from the explosively expanding **lightning** channel when a large current causes rapid heating (**Birth – Resurrection**).
- ▶ However, it is **possible** that you might see **lightning** and not hear the **thunder(Pentecost)** because it was too far away. ...

▶ **Thunder is caused by lightning.**

- ▶ Dry Bones Come Alive!

- ▶ During worship – Come to me
 - Matthew 11:25-30 At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the people who are wise and smart. But you have shown them to those who are like little children. 26 Yes, Father, this is what you really wanted. "My Father has given me all things. No one knows the Son, except the Father. And no one knows the Father, except the Son and those whom the Son chooses to tell. 28 "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest. 29 Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives. 30 The teaching that I ask you to accept is easy; the load I give you to carry is light."
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- ▶ Reminder of Expectations!

- ▶ Analogy of lightning and thunder were centered around the promise outpouring of the Holy Spirit!

▶ Life Events

▶ Constant onslaught through daily media!

Breezy 64°/38° A p.m. shower 47°/30° A snow shower 39°/25°

Thoughts on jobs, respect **OPINION • 4A**

Bieber sets mark **SPORTS • 1B**

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Half of adults have at least one shot

By Hope Yen and Jonathan Mattise Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Half of all adults in the U.S. have received at least one COVID-19 shot, the government announced Sunday, marking another milestone in the nation's largest-ever vaccination campaign but leaving more work to do to convince skeptical Americans to roll up their sleeves.

Almost 130 million people 18 or older have received at least one dose of a vaccine, or 50.4% of the total adult population, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported. Almost 84 million adults, or about 32.5% of the population, have been fully vaccinated.

The U.S. cleared the 50% mark just a day after the reported global death toll from the coronavirus topped a staggering 3 million, according to totals compiled by Johns Hopkins University, though the actual number is believed to be significantly higher.

Ohio has just 37.40% of people with at least one vaccine dose. Numbers are lower locally, ranging from a high of 34.82% in Putnam County to a low of 25.82% in Hardin County.

The country's vaccination rate, at 61.6 doses administered per 100 people, currently falls behind Israel, which leads

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FOP: Tasing was justified

By Sam Shriver sshriver@limanews.com

release Sunday to shed some light on what they



TODAY Night snow: 2-4" 45°/29° WED A snow shower 40°/24° THU Cold 49°/34°

Indians' Bieber continues **SPORTS • 1B**

Sister Tuesday Family Day **BR** Kid's Boney \$0.99 Regular Boney \$1.50 Only at THE CAFE @ THE LIMA

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LPD chief seeks outside investigators

By J Swygart jswygart@limanews.com

LIMA — Lima Police Chief Kevin Martin has reached out to the Montgomery County Sheriff's Office to conduct a probe into an incident at a local fast food restaurant that culminated with one individual being Tased by police.

On Monday, Martin, in response to a press release one day earlier from the president of Fraternal Order of Police Lima Lodge No. 21, said he will seek experts "who do not work for the Lima Police Department and who are not members of FOP Lodge 21 to conduct the investigation on behalf of our community. This is being done to better ensure our community will understand the results of the investigation are valid, regardless of what it may reveal."

Jury considers case vs. ex-cop

Floyd's death called 'murder,' not policing

By Amy Forliti, Stephen Groves and Tammy Webber Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — The murder case against former Officer Derek Chauvin in the death of George Floyd went to the jury Monday in a city on edge against another round of unrest like the one that erupted last year over the harrowing video of Chauvin with his knee on the Black man's neck.

The jury of six white people and six people who are Black or multiracial began deliberating after nearly a full day of closing arguments in which prosecutors argued that Chauvin squeezed the life out of Floyd last May in a way that even a child knew was wrong.

The defense contended that the now-fired white officer acted reasonably and that the 46-year-old Floyd died of a heart

See JURY



Court TV via AP. Post-As his attorney began speaking, former Minneapolis police Officer Derek Chauvin removed his COVID-19 mask in front of the jury for one of the very few times during the trial.

The jury of six white

Raking in the experience

TUE A snow shower 40°/24° WED Cold 49°/32° THU Warmer 58°/44°

Push for hall partners **NEWS • 4A**

More local towns lost to history **REMINISCE • 1B**

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Chauvin guilty on all counts

By Amy Forliti, Stephen Groves, Tammy Webber and Steve Karmowski Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Former Minneapolis Officer Derek Chauvin was convicted Tuesday of

younger brother Philonise said at a joyous family news conference where tears streamed down his face as he likened Floyd to the 1955 Mississippi lynching victim Emmett Till, except that this time there were cameras

third-degree murder and second-degree manslaughter.

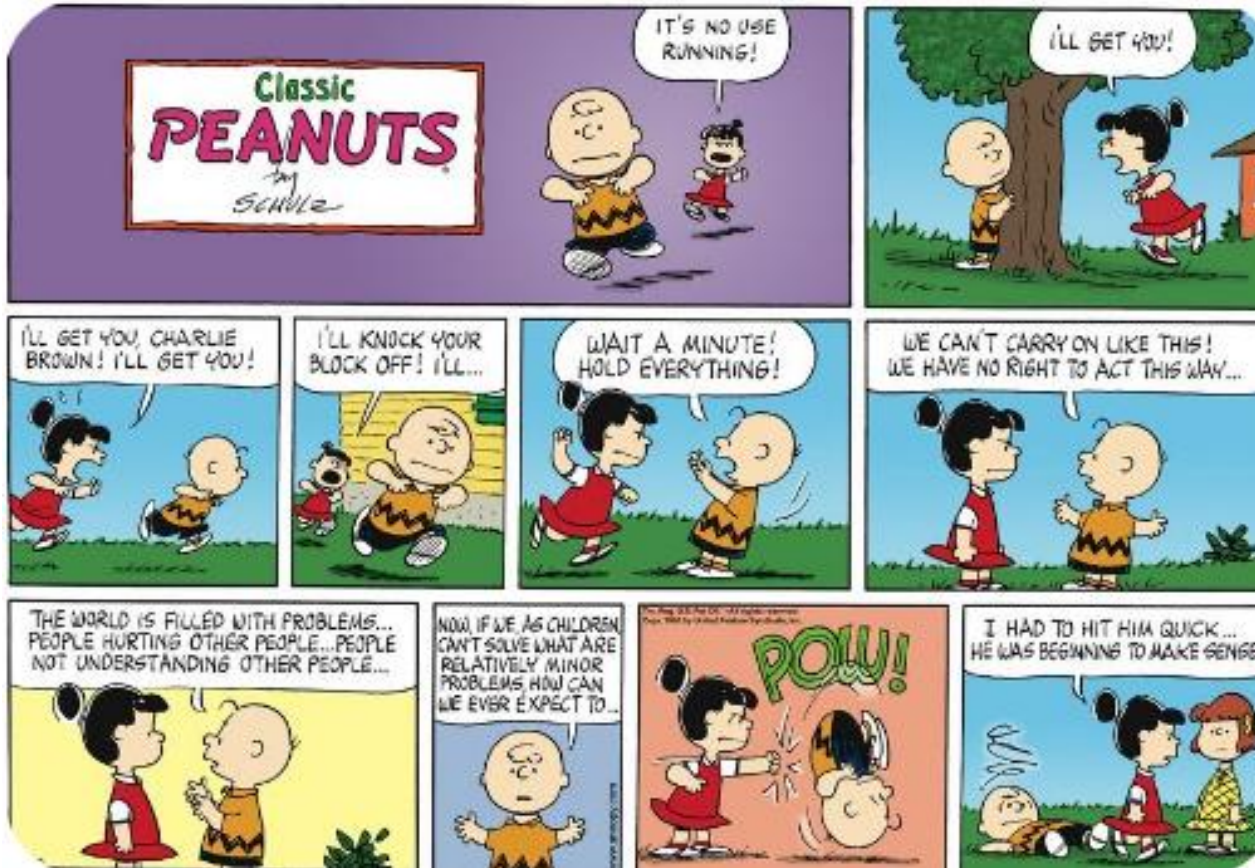
His face was obscured by a COVID-19 mask, and little reaction could be seen beyond his eyes darting around the courtroom. His bail was immediately



▶ COME TO ME – COME EXPECTING

1. Young Child

2.



3. Moses and the Israelites wandering!

▶ Context of “Come to Me”

- Matthew 11:16-19 "What can I say about the people of this time? What are they like? They are like children sitting in the marketplace, who call out to each other, 17 'We played music for you, but you did not dance; we sang a sad song, but you did not cry.' 18 John came and did not eat or drink like other people. So people say, 'He has a demon.' 19 The Son of Man came, eating and drinking, and people say, 'Look at him! He eats too much and drinks too much wine, and he is a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved to be right by what it does." NCV
- Have you ever thrown your hands in the air? You just can't win; Jesus seems to be saying when you look to society for acceptance, approval or answers. You just can't win!
- Jesus commended those with a child-like grasp of his message saying; "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants."

- ▶ Wearing down and wearing out!

 - ▶ Constant assault!

 - ▶ "Come to me, all of you who are tired and have heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

 - ▶ Burdens:
 - Covid Burdens
 - Mask or no Mask
 - Repercussions either way!
 - Shootings
 - Wrong actions or statement - you are done
 - On and on - It is not just one thing it is a myriad of STUFF!!
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| Financial Burdens |
| Vaccination or No vac. |

- ▶ Jesus is saying in our language, come to me all who are struggling with life in any way and those of you who have burdens that you cannot carry alone, and I will help you with your struggles and burdens.
- ▶ Jesus knew that all people have a difficult path to follow in life.
- ▶ Do we really want directions? Do we want to know what God knows?



But we must turn and trust Jesus with our burdens.

Little child, holds out their hands or lifts up their arms – you pick them up and hold them!

This is my addition or admonition – **Come Expecting – Come Holy Spirit!**

Can we let go?

Jesus is challenging us to learn from Him! Living the shared life of Christ with him and with one another!

Everyone in this room needs someone to share with.



- ▶ We are called together as the body of Christ, not as an isolated island, but as a living working body which shares with each other, the hurts, the heartaches, the problems of life.
 - ▶ Lord we see the storm! The lightning is everywhere!
 - ▶ We are longing for your thunder!!!
 - ▶ The Battle is the Lord's
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