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Contact: Jim Wickey  
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**Monday 7:00 p.m.**

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776 Union City Road, Coldwater  
Contact: Scott Carpenter  
(517) 278-3376

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Contact: Sharon McMeen  
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Week of November 12, 2017

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*As mentioned above, these are not new nor unique lies that face youth. The baby boomer generations may not have had the gadgetry that today's youth have, however; they were able to create a virtual world of self importance and self gratification. We need only to look at recent headlines to see how far this self-world has taken us from God's intended design. How close are we to these times described in [2 Timothy 3:1-5](#)?*

- I. When self importance is encouraged and given opportunity to grow the results are what we see in the headlines. Most recently it has been sexual harassment by men in politics, the entertainment world and the media. All by men in authority. It was not too long ago abuse by priests were in the headlines. As a group how pervasive do you believe is the problem?
- II. As the stories unfold, it has come to light that harassment has gone on for decades. A culture had been created in an environment of self importance. The system rewarded self importance when it produced success and had been willing to overlook abuse. In light of recent stories lets consider other areas. The Black Lives Matter Movement has risen for the same reason. For decades police were successful to curve crime at the expense of many innocent black men by using racial profiling. Their success allowed police abuse to be overlooked. However, with both sexual and racial harassment having been tolerated for decades those oppressed have grown tired of the abuse. Perceived success that both produce no longer was good enough to overlook the abuse. Do both forms of harassment stem from the same problem of self importance of those in authority? What does the scriptures say about exulting self? ([Proverbs 8:13; 16:18-19; Jeremiah 21:12-14](#)). Read [Isaiah 14:12-15](#) for the most famous case of self exhortation. What happened to King David? ([2 Samuel 11](#)). What consequence did God bring to David's sin? ([2 Samuel 10:11-13](#)). Was it judgment, mercy or both?

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