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UPCOMING EVENTS

Wednesday, March 2: 6:00pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sundays, Feb. 6-May 1: 3:30-5:30pm GriefShare in the Fellowship Hall



If you would like to add something to the newsletter, please contact before the 20th of the month.



2022

"A Caring Community of Faith"

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Because you are lukewarm I will spit you out of my mouth.

Rev 3: 16

“Why do you want to do this?”

I was at a meeting with other Christians a few weeks ago when this question was asked of each of us. This question was directed at, specifically, why were we interested in working towards the goals of the specific ministry area that had us gathered that day. But it is a question that has stuck with me since that day. If you were to answer this question about any area of your life, how would you answer?

Depending on the area of conversation, your answer might vary. But overall, we don't have that many different things that motivate us. If you follow it up the chain, there are probably two or three main answers that could be given no matter what area of your life this question is referencing.

So, I'll let you define the area, and I'll ask the question. Why are you working towards the goals that you are? To provide for your family? To have a comfortable retirement? To care for

your loved ones in need? To avoid problems? To enjoy life?

While others were answering the question, I had time to think. And I began to realize that this was not a question seeking an answer. Rather it was an invitation to hear the heart of God. So, I stopped trying to think of how to best word my answer and instead listened for the answer God wanted me to live into. That's when it hit me.

“To see lives transformed by Jesus Christ.”

Not only is that the only Godly reason to be involved in that particular ministry area, it is the Godly reason that should motivate every aspect of our lives. Why do you go to church? Read the word? Pray? Seek God? In all ways, why do you seek to live a Christian life? So God will bless you? No, to see lives transformed by Jesus Christ. God has shown me that if I will make that my motivation in life, he takes care of my family, provides for my retirement, cares for those that I love that are in need, and gives me greater enjoyment in life than I could ever imagine.

If I seek the things of this world, I am always lost. But if I seek to do the work of Christ above all else, if I seek first the kingdom of God, God is faithful to not only make those efforts fruitful, but that all other things are added in as well. A mentor recently told me of someone that had commented, “I'm happy just being a mediocre Christian.” I'm sorry, but I just don't believe such a thing exists. Either you follow Christ, completely. Or you don't, but you put on a good show. I am not content to be lukewarm. It is all or nothing for me. That's why I share the gospel. That's why I visit the jails. That's why I speak hope to the hopeless. That's why I speak strength to the weak.

Do you want to see lives transformed for Jesus Christ?

Or are you happy being lukewarm? I am not happy with that, I pray you are not either.

Let's Celebrate!

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Happy St. Patrick's Day!
2022

BIRTHDAYS

MARCH

10 Tyler Stafford
13 Judy Ragland
13 Ron Rakaska
27 Susan Randolph
28 Linda Prill

APRIL

3 Samantha Flanigan
4 Pamela Kilmon
5 Patrick Heinrich
8 Jerry Hawkins
8 Steve Neer
13 Carla Khouri
15 Fred Mattick
18 Andrea Thaxton
23 Angie Johnson
23 Colin Meaker
25 Jan Glover

ANNIVERSARIES

MARCH

22 Patrick & Sandy Heinrich

APRIL

18 Mike & Michelle Spivey

Send a card to those who cannot be with us, birthdays,
anniversaries, thinking of you cards!





MEMORIALS

None for March



**Losing a loved one is hard and learning
how to live without them is harder!**

**We will have a GriefShare class in the
Fellowship Hall on Sundays,
Feb. 6-May 1, 3:30-5:30pm.**



God Speaking to Us About Salvation

We say that God speaks to us through the Bible and that it contains all things necessary for salvation. This authority derives from three sources:

- We hold that the writers of the Bible were inspired by God, that they were filled with God's Spirit as they wrote the truth to the best of their knowledge.
- We hold that God was at work in the process of canonization, during which only the most faithful and useful books were adopted as Scripture.
- We hold that the Holy Spirit works today in our thoughtful study of the Scriptures, especially as we study them together, seeking to relate the old words to life's present realities.

The Bible's authority is, therefore, nothing magical. For example, we do not open the text at random to discover God's will. The authority of Scripture derives from the movement of God's Spirit in times past and in our reading of it today.

Perhaps the Bible is best put to use when we seriously answer these four questions about a given text: (1) What did this passage mean to its original hearers? (2) What part does it play in the Bible's total witness? (3) What does God seem to be saying to my life, my community, my world, through this passage? and (4) What changes should I consider making as a result of my study?

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