

Time to Shine

I'm overjoyed that we're going to be together again! I can't wait to preach to faces again and not stare into my own face in the selfie mode of an iPhone while preaching!

You've heard me say before that when I preach that I'm not just preaching to you but that I'm preaching to myself as well, but that has never been truer than it has been lately. I have, quite literally, been preaching to myself.

The other night, Kendall was watching one of my sermons on our television after we had put the kids to bed. I was in the room as well. She suddenly said to me, "If you say amen to yourself one more time, I'm turning it off!"

Joking aside, I have been giving a lot of thought to the well-being and the future of the church. This is a great time of opportunity, but many opportunities are passed up because they have the distinct smell of hard work attached to them.

What kind of opportunities? Ministry opportunities. Too many people today look for a church that has a lot of established programs in place when they are choosing where to worship.

I understand that. Having children, I want our church to have a good, established youth ministry. As a man, I want our church to have a good, established men's ministry. As a husband, I want there to be a good, established women's ministry for my wife. As a member of a church that is multi-generational, I want our church to have a good, established fellowship that includes all ages.

I recognize the efforts that many of you have been putting forth for years. I applaud and appreciate you. In all of the ministry areas I've mentioned, I've seen some good things. But as a whole, we can do and be so much more.

Those churches that we admire that have such great programs, we have to realize, those came about from people who were willing to put forth the effort to make them happen. And hear me church – the work of the church is not about talent – it's about hard work.

I want to hear from you. What can we do? How can we do it? Let's make plans and take steps to make great things happen. What is God calling you to do? How can I help you make that happen?

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PRAYER LIST

Lonnie Bennett—was in Wichita earlier this week and they removed all of the "hardware" from his leg. He is in a splint now and ask that we pray the infection does not return in his ankle. His blood work was good & they removed the "pic-line". We need to pray daily that he continues to heal and NO INFECTION.

Kevin Hunt—is in rehab at Center on the Waterfront, 1541 Lindberg Circle, Wichita, KS 67206. He is showing improvement and is wanting to go home.

Gene Deffenbaugh—is doing as well as expected. His healing will be slow and he is in quarantine. Send him cards at Wellington Health and Rehab, 1600 West 8th Street, Wellington, KS 67152

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Beth Brownlee and family on the death of Beth's son David. David passed away in Oklahoma. Keep this family in your prayers.

BABY SHOWER FOR EMILY PIERCE

There is a baby shower planned for Emily Pierce on Sunday, August 30th from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the No. 7 Coffee House. She is registered at Target and Buy Buy Baby. If you have any questions contact Kendall LeFlore.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Karaline Bales—12th

Sailor Francisco—21st

Kendall Brundage—21st

Kevin Dodds—27th

Sherry Kline—27th

CARD OF THANKS

Dear Church Family, words can't express how thankful we are for your prayers, calls, thoughts, cards and visits. Also for the food brought to us. We appreciate it all so much. What a blessing you all are. Thanks again and God Bless You All! The family of Lee Stoner

The world is increasingly evil, and the church is fading into the background. Now is our time to shine. Now is our time to live out our faith. Don't let this world discourage you. Jesus said that one person with faith the size of a mustard seed could move mountains (Matthew 17:20).

Be the one.

Much love,

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SERMON NOTES. . .

Parables Come to Life – Part 6, The Hard Ground of Tradition, Part 2

Matthew 15:10-20

10 After Jesus called the crowd to Him, He said to them, “Hear and understand. 11 It is not what enters into the mouth that defiles the man, but what proceeds out of the mouth, this defiles the man.” 12 Then the disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this statement?” 13 But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father did not plant shall be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit.” 15 Peter said to Him, “Explain the parable to us.” 16 Jesus said, “Are you still lacking in understanding also? 17 Do you not understand that everything that goes into the mouth passes into the stomach, and is eliminated? 18 But the things that proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and those defile the man. 19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, slanders. 20 These are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile the man.”

Three Teachings About Religious Phonies:

They’re easily _____ by the _____.

They’re _____ for _____.

They’ll lead _____ to _____.

Lessons:

Be _____ what you take into your _____.

Be _____.

Understand what _____ a person _____.

Understand what _____ a person _____.

When God _____ you or _____ you,
_____ your _____!

ELDERS

Rex Harris Marvin Kline
Ed Newberry Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds Aaron Hines
Leroy Lewis Mike Neal
David Pierce Alan Shields

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Upward, Downward”*

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Welcome

Prayer

Song *The Great Physician*

Song *Mediator*

Song *A Wonderful Savior*

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song *Take the Name of Jesus with You*

Closing Prayer