

### **Avoid Simplification...Sometimes**

I know already that it's a losing battle to try to get you to avoid simplification, but hear me out. In some ways, simplification is a good thing.

For instance, we have key rings for simplification. Imagine having all of your keys on completely separate key chains. And who would have ever believed that we now use telephones for simplification? As a matter of fact, the least use I have for my phone is making phone calls! We use our phones as Bibles, books and magazines, flashlights, alarm clocks, to pay bills, to shop for anything, as GPS, as day planners, to answer any random question we come up with, to identify the name of a song that's currently playing, to watch movies, television shows and sports, as cameras, as video cameras, as music storage devices, to send text messages and if worse comes to worst, we can actually use them to talk audibly to other human beings.

I'm not saying that I like them, because they certainly have their faults, I'm simply stating that the modern cell phone is a terribly efficient device designed with more functionality than anything else I can think of.

We like simplification. Simplification is a good thing when it comes to things. However, simplification is not a good thing when it comes to people or other complex issues.

I'm actually saying all of this to ask something of you. I'm asking for you to be patient with me. If you will be, I think we'll all be very blessed. I'm asking for your patience because this week I had the idea that I would deliver a sermon – meaning *one* sermon – about the topic of justice. What a fool I can be.

I've been doing research for a while now, and thought I was prepared to put a sermon together, but the more I tried, the harder it became. What was my problem? I was trying to simplify a very complex issue. For instance, I'm not sure how many definitions of justice I read before I figured out that what I defined as justice is nothing like the varying definitions out there, which are far too many.

I'm not giving credit to all of those definitions. I only care about God's definition of justice...which is what, exactly? It's not that simple. The word justice is in the New American Standard Bible 138 times, but that doesn't account for all of the times the shorter forms, "just" or "justly" are used and even if we had all of those accounts, which is in the hundreds, the theme of justice runs throughout the entire Bible as a major theme.

The good news? It's a theme worth pursuing! It's been a stressful, but wonderful study and I can't wait to share with you, "Part I," of what will be a much  
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### **PRAYER LIST**

**Hailee Moyer**—daughter of Maria Moyer and granddaughter of Marsha Dugan, was in a bad car accident and needs prayers for healing. She will need many surgeries to repair a lot of damage. Hailee attended our youth group on and off over the last several years. She graduated this year.

**Lonnie Bennett**—prayers for healing.

**Jim Crisler**—is doing better, continue prayers for him.

**Jim DeJarnett**—is recovering nicely after orthoscopic surgery on his knee.

**Violet Clay**—sister of Leroy Lewis—is in Dodge City at a rehab facility.

**Don Duscher**—is dealing with cancer and heart problems and has been diagnosed with Covid.

### **HAYRIDE AT THE BRADBURY'S**

There is a hayride planned for Sunday, Oct. 25 at Nathan & Sarah Bradbury's home from 3:30 to 6:30ish. A meal will be provided. Nathan & Sarah's address is 553 E 90th St. S (directly across from the Rome CO-OP).

### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

Pam Rayl—19th	Annie LeFlore—20th	Sharron Willey—20th
Arlis Day—21st	Joshua Sandoval—27th	Doug Brown—28th

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

Vickie Ricke—2nd	Sunnye Robinson—2nd	Marvin Kline—8th
Baylee Newberry—8th	Rahlee Colwell—10th	Brenda Kline—13th
Brandon Turney—14th	Caroline LeFlore—15th	Julia LeFlore—15th
Landon Bales—16th	MaKenna Bales—16th	Jim DeJarnett—16th
Pat Brundage—27th	Konnor Clark—30th	

### **CHILDRENS CHURCH**

October 18—Darlene Cooney

October 25—Linda Wartick

### **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We are in need of volunteers for Children's Church. If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney.

needed understanding of God's justice at a time in human history when most people have no idea what true justice entails.

Thank you for your love and your grace for me. Thank you especially for the encouragement that you've given this new preacher as I struggle to rightly divide God's word.

Much love,

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**Those Who Serve  
October 2020**

	10/4	10/11	10/18	10/25
<b>Elder in Charge:</b>	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline
<b>Opening Prayer:</b>	L. Turney	J. DeJarnett	A. Shields	L. Lewis
<b>Song Leader:</b>	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
<b>Communion Prayers:</b>	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
<b>Contribution Prayer &amp; Collection:</b>	K. Dodds M. Neal	K. Dodds M. Neal	K. Dodds M. Neal	K. Dodds M. Neal
<b>Ushers:</b>	J. Willson N. Bradbury	J. Willson N. Bradbury	J. Willson N. Bradbury	J. Willson N. Bradbury
<b>Closing Prayer:</b>	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
<b>Deacon in Charge:</b>	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal

**Note concerning COVID-19:** During this month we are asking all public non-speaking participants to wear a face covering while performing their duties. This applies to ushers and to the men collecting our contribution. If you are unable to fulfill your assignment for any reason, please call the Deacon in Charge.

**ELDERS**

Rex Harris      Marvin Kline  
Ed Newberry    Tom Norris

**DEACONS**

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

**MINISTER**

Wes LeFlore



*“Reaching Inward, Outward  
Upward, Downward”*

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**October 18, 2020**

Welcome

Prayer

Song #546      “Til the Storm Passes By”

Song #96        “I Stand in Awe”

Song #147      “I Stand Amazed”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #763      “O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

Closing Prayer