

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

I Will Build My Church

In the text of Matthew 16:13-20, there is some confusion that must be sorted out, but what we must not do in the midst of sorting out the confusion is miss the point.

The key of the text is the words of Jesus as He proclaims in verse 18, ***I will build My church.***

He says, “I,” and “My.” He takes possession of His “church,” which we’ve been taught is the Greek word *ekklesia*, meaning simply, “an assembly of people.”

So we understand His church to be His assembly of people. This assembly is also referred to as His body. No wonder He takes it so personally! Romans 12:5 says that ***...we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.***

His assembled people, or, His church, make up His body. What a wonderful reality; To know that we are actually part of His body. As part of His body, we all serve different purposes. I Corinthians 12:18 says, ***God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired.***

Don’t worry about your placement in the body, instead rejoice that God ***desired*** to place you at all! Let all who are part of Christ’s body boast, as Paul boasts, the words of the Lord from Jeremiah 9:24, ***“...let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me...”***

The church is also referred to as Jesus’ bride. In Ephesians 5, beginning in verse 22, it sounds at first like Paul is giving a marriage seminar, until in verse 32 he says, ***This mystery is great; but I am speaking with reference to Christ and the church.***

In referencing right conduct between husbands and wives, which is a good teaching, he reveals a better, deeper teaching. He teaches right conduct between Jesus as the groom and the church as His bride. In that text Paul teaches, ***Christ loved the***
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church and gave Himself up for her (vs 25), so that He might sanctify her...and present to Himself the church... holy and blameless (vs 26 & 27), and that He nourishes and cherishes...the church (vs 29).

This is Christ building His church. He loves His church. He works to make His church holy and blameless. He nourishes, or gives His church what it needs when it needs it. He cherishes His church.

Not buildings, but people. Not impersonal, but part of His body. Not temporary, but an infinite union of Jesus and His people.

As we continue to study the verses of Matthew 16:13-20, don’t miss the most beautiful of points. Jesus said, ***I will build My church*** and that’s you and me and all who would put their faith in Him.

Much love to you all!

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WHAT GOD HATH PROMISED

God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways
all our lives through.

God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.

God hath not promised
we shall not know,
Toil and temptation,
trouble and woe.

He hath not told us
we should not bear
Many a burden
many a care.

But God hath promised strength for each day, rest for the laborer, light for the way, grace for the trials, help from above, unfailing sympathy, undying love. —Selected

PRAYER LIST

Gene Deffenbaugh—has tested positive for Covid and is in isolation. His blood pressure and oxygen levels are not good. Please pray for his strength.

Kevin Hunt—son of Carol Norris, continues to have health issues and has been moved to ICU at St. Joseph Hospital in Wichita. Please keep Kevin as well as Carol in your prayers.

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.

Melinda Miller—wife of Chris Miller, was diagnosed with breast cancer. She had some good results from tests. She will be having another surgery on December 2 to remove some precancerous spots. She would appreciate prayers on her behalf. Her address is Melinda Miller, 14 LaCrumbre Close, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand. Remember there is extra postage for cards sent out of the US.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to the family of Bobbi Easterly. She is the grandmother to Chelsea, Cassi, Chayse, Candi and Chloe. Bobbi passed away Friday. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Mike Kelley—8th Richard Wartick—8th Ella Mae Watson—11th
Lila Francisco—14th Craig Bradbury—15th Aaron Hines—15th
Bobbi Newberry—16th John Rayl—17th Victoria Sandoval—17th

CHILDREN’S CHURCH SCHEDULE

December

Dec 06 Sarah Bradbury
Dec 13 Lynette Turney
Dec 20 Linda Wartick
Dec 27 Kaylee Jenkins

January

Jan 03 Jill DeJarnett
Jan 10 Lynette Turney
Jan 17 Linda Wartick
Jan 24 Kaylee Jenkins
Jan 31 Darlene Cooney

February

Feb 07 **NEED A VOLUNTEER**
Feb 14 Lynette Turney
Feb 21 Linda Wartick
Feb 28 Kaylee Jenkins

See Sarah or Darlene if you can help!



**Royal Revelations, Part IV: Jesus
Reveals Church Authority**
Matthew 16:19-20

You =

Keys =

Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven =

Bind =

Loose =

We _____ and _____ heaven with _____.

By the authority of God's Word, tell _____ when they are _____.

By the authority of God's Word, tell _____ when they are _____.

"I WILL BUILD MY CHURCH"

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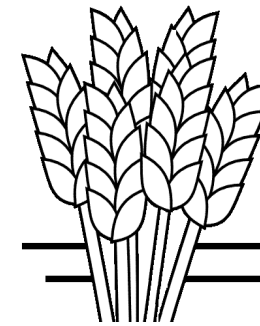
Notes:

THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY A.M.	6-Dec	13-Dec	20-Dec
Elder in Charge	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Opening Prayer	M. Neal	L. Lewis	A. Shields
Song Leader	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
Communion Prayer	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
Contribution Prayer & Collection	A. Hines J. DeJarnett	A. Hines J. DeJarnett	A. Hines J. DeJarnett
Ushers	J. Willson L. Turney	J. Willson L. Turney	J. Willson L. Turney
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Deacon in Charge	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields
SUNDAY A.M.	27-Dec		
Elder in Charge	E. Newberry		
Opening Prayer	W. Pierce		
Song Leader	D. Pierce		
Communion Prayer	R. Harris		
Contribution Prayer & Collection	A. Hines J. DeJarnett		
Ushers	J. Willson L. Turney		
Closing Prayer	T. Norris		
Deacon in Charge	A. Shields		

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		DEACONS	
Rex Harris	Marvin Kline	Kevin Dodds	Aaron Hines
Ed Newberry	Tom Norris	Leroy Lewis	Mike Neal
		David Pierce	Alan Shields
MINISTER			
Wes LeFlore			



*"Reaching Inward, Outward
Upward, Downward"*

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

December 6, 2020

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #18 "Faithful Love"

Song #227 "On Zion's Glorious Summit"

Song #334 "'Tis Midnight, and on Olive's Brow"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #453 "Love Lifted Me"

Closing Prayer

Every Sunday during the sermon we offer Children's Church to boys and girls ages 3 years through 2nd grade. They will meet in the study for stories, crafts and learning about Jesus.