

## FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

### Not What You Would Think

Isn't it amazing how we can be so wrong about so many important things? Before you get mad at me, consider Jesus' greatest sermon, what we call, the Sermon on the Mount.

He begins the sermon by explaining to us the origins of true happiness and his prescription for happiness is nothing like any human being would ever imagine.

In verses three through eleven of Matthew chapter five, each statement begins with the Greek word *makarios*, which is translated in my Bible as *blessed*, but the better translation is *happy*, and not just any kind of happiness, but supreme happiness, a happiness that cannot be taken away by any of life's circumstances.

We all have an idea in our mind of what it would take for us to be happy. Jesus teaches us that we're wrong.

To summarize everything that Jesus says will bring this supreme form of happiness into your life, here's a list of the who is happiest – the humble, sad, lowly, hungry for righteousness, merciful, pure, peacemakers and those who are persecuted for righteousness sake.

This is the reason I asked, "Isn't it amazing how we can be so wrong about so many important things?" What is my gut reaction when I ask myself, "What would make me happy?" My mind immediately goes to what *I* want, and I should have learned by now – getting what I *think* will make me happy has *never* made me happy. Sure, a short-lived artificial happiness, but not enduring happiness. My idea of happiness always needs a refill and it's never enough.

The humble person doesn't think about what he wants. He first considers what glorifies God and then he thinks about others. The person who is sad because of their sin is happy because they know God and know that God provided a way for them to be saved and this brings great comfort.

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The happy person doesn't hunger and thirst for the things of this world, but hungers and thirsts to know God, to know the Bible and to strive to live out their faith. Jesus says this person is happy because God gives them a satisfaction that they can't find anywhere else.

The happy person doesn't stir up conflict, but strives to keep the peace. They're happy because they are called the children of God. Like father, like sons and daughters.

If you are not happy, go over the list, study it deeply, and determine what it is you are lacking. Money won't make you happy. Stuff won't make you happy. Sex won't make you happy. Power won't make you happy. Substances won't make you happy. Our instincts are wrong.

God wants you to be happy, but happy by his definition, not yours, which is better anyway, because His ways work and ours do not.

This week, Jesus is going to teach us about greatness. You shouldn't be surprised to find out that what people think makes a person great is the exact opposite of what actually makes a person great.

Much love,

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### HOWEVER COLD THE WINTER

Howevꝛ cold thꝛ winter, I find thꝛ golden sun.  
Howevꝛ dark thꝛ night hours, thꝛ dawn is surꝛ to comꝛ.  
Thougꝛ storm clouds oftꝛn gather, thꝛꝛ still is pꝛacꝛ to lend,  
And whꝛn thꝛ storm is ovꝛ, a rainbow 'round thꝛ bend.  
Howevꝛ cold thꝛ winter, thꝛ spring will melt thꝛ snow  
And thꝛn thꝛ May timꝛ flowers will sꝛt thꝛ world aglow  
Thꝛ evꝛ-changing seasons havꝛ so much to impart,  
And somꝛhow eacꝛ in turn it sꝛꝛms lendꝛ laughter to my heart.  
Thꝛ beauty of autumn, thꝛ summer's magiꝛ bliss,  
And eacꝛ Dꝛꝛꝛmber snowflake is likꝛ an angel's kiss.  
Eacꝛ sunrise - evꝛy sunset has so much warmth to bring.  
Howevꝛ cold thꝛ winter, it always ends in spring!  
—Sꝛlꝛtꝛꝛꝛ

## PRAYER LIST

**Leon Shoemaker**—pray for healing as he has a long recovery ahead of him.

**Russell Day**—is at Larksfield Place Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Wichita. The address there is 2828 N Gouverneur St., Wichita, KS 67226

**Shirley Stoner**—is doing good. She is still in a boot with minimal weight, only to balance and light walking. She goes back to the doctor in two weeks. She would love to receive cards and phone calls. Her address is P.O. Box 307, Oxford, KS 67119

**Kendall Brundage**—continue prayers as he continues to recover from a couple of falls.

**Hailee Moyer**—continue prayers for her. She is home and has a long road ahead of her. You can send cards of encouragement to Hailee Moyer, 412 S. F Street, Wellington, KS 67152

**Melinda Miller**—continue prayers for her healing. She still has some radiation treatments ahead of her. Her address is 14 LaCrumbre Close, Tauranga 3110, New Zealand.

## EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We express our deepest sympathy to Ryan Jenkins and his family on the death of his grandfather, Randy Dieker. Please keep his family in your prayers.

## CARDS OF THANKS

Shoulder surgery went as planned. Thanks to all who sent cards and offered prayers on my behalf. Now both shoulders will set off metal detectors at the social security office. Leon Shoemaker.

We want to pass on our thanks to the brethren for the extra support at the end of this month. Very timely and much appreciated. Thank you! Blessings, Chris Miller

## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Levi Turney—17th

Danny Clark—18th

Ashley Colwell—21st

Arlis Day—24th

## CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

### February

Feb 07 Helen Norris

Feb 14 Lynette Turney

Feb 21 Linda Wartick

Feb 28 Kaylee Jenkins

**If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!**

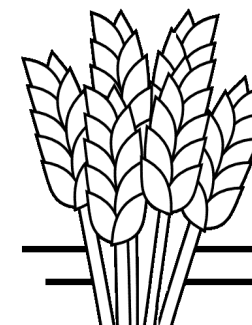
When sadness fills your heart.  
When tears flow in your eyes.  
Always remember three things:  
God is with you. Still with you. Always with you.  
Amen!



The Advanced Lessons, Part 3: Conversion  
**Matthew 18:1-4**

THOSE WHO SERVE			
SUNDAY A.M.	07-Feb 2021	14-Feb 2021	21-Feb 2021
<b>Elder in Charge</b>	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	L. Turney	K. Dodds	T. Norris
<b>Song Leader</b>	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
<b>Contribution Prayer &amp; Collection</b>	A. Shields J. Willson	A. Shields J. Willson	A. Shields J. Willson
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Carroll L. Helton	D. Carroll L. Helton	D. Carroll L. Helton
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	M. Kline	M. Kline	M. Kline
<b>Deacon in Charge</b>	A. Hines	A. Hines	A. Hines
SUNDAY A.M.	28-Feb 2021	07-Mar 2021	14-Mar 2021
<b>Elder in Charge</b>	M. Kline	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	E. Newberry	N. Bradbury	R. Harris
<b>Song Leader</b>	R. Harris	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
<b>Communion Prayer</b>	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
<b>Contribution Prayer &amp; Collection</b>	A. Shields J. Willson	L. Turney K. Dodds	L. Turney K. Dodds
<b>Ushers</b>	D. Carroll L. Helton	A. Hines P. Dodds	A. Hines P. Dodds
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	M. Kline	E. Newberry	E. Newberry
<b>Deacon in Charge</b>	A. Hines	L. Lewis	L. Lewis

**Note concerning COVID-19:** We are now requiring adults to wear masks in services, unless performing a public speaking role in the service or partaking of communion. If you have a medical limitation, we are not asking you to wear a mask and disregard that limitation. We also ask anyone who is subject to quarantine to abide by those recommendations. If you have a cough or are feeling ill, please do not attend services in person. By taking these measures, we believe we can respond to Paul's instructions in Philippians 2, where he wrote—*“do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”*



“Reaching Inward, Outward  
 Upward, Downward”

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

February 7, 2021

Call to Worship

Prayer

Song #869 “We’re Marching to Zion”

Song #870 “Beyond This Land of Parting”

Song #381 “Years I Spent in Vanity”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #930 “Jesus, the Loving Shepherd”

Closing Prayer

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