

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

A Key to Confidence

Over the years I've learned through a lot of trial and error what helps me to speak with the most confidence.

There are many factors that come into play when it comes to speaking with confidence, but there is only one that I highly esteem: knowledge.

Think about it. What questions do you love to answer? In my experience, I've found that most people love to answer questions regarding subjects in which they are very knowledgeable. Even people who are presumed to be quiet or shy typically enjoy speaking out when they are knowledgeable.

On the other hand, I've witnessed people, myself included, squirm with the greatest discomfort when having to say anything regarding a subject in which they are ignorant.

The Bible teaches us in 1 Peter 3:15,

15 but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

Always being ready to make a defense means that I have to always be ready with answers to questions that people ask me about my great hope, which is to say, my faith in Jesus.

There was a time in my life when I hated for people to ask me about my faith. I wasn't ashamed of my faith, but I had a very hard time telling people why I believed what I believed. Why? Simply put, I didn't know the Bible.

Happily for me, there was a simple, if not entirely easy, solution to my discomfort. I had to get familiar with the Bible. Today, I wouldn't dare boast that I "know the Bible," but I do know my way around the Bible and if I don't know an answer to a question, I know how to find an answer.

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Every once in a while, I hear someone say, regarding any topic, "That's a hard question." Let me encourage you to reject the idea that there are hard questions.

No question is hard that you know the answer to. Does this mean that we can know everything? Of course not. There are many things that are impossible to know. But knowing that some things can't be known is knowledge in and of itself.

Let me encourage you even more. We are not called to the answers to everything; We are called to know why we have put our hope in Jesus and the answer to that is crystal clear.

When you gain knowledge, you'll gain confidence. When you gain confidence, you'll gladly share what you know. What you know, or rather, who you know, has the ability to save lost souls.

Much love!

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SILVER MAPLE CAMP COUPON CODES

We are excited to announce that Silver Maple Camp has opened registration for the summer 2021 sessions.

1st session: July 11-17 Junior session lead by Steve Sears for children ages 9 thru 13.

2nd session: July 18-24 Senior session lead by Matt Carden for teenagers ages 13 thru 18.

3rd session: July 25-31 Youth session lead by John Dunham for children ages 9 thru 18.

***Camper registration is \$210 and your portion is \$105.00. But if you register before June 6th, you can receive a \$25 discount, and your portion will be \$92.50. See Jennifer for your 1/2 price camp codes. **Spots are currently limited**, so register today at www.silvermaplecamp.com.

Please visit <https://silvermaplecamp.com/covid19> for more information on our COVID-19 policy.

if you can be anything

BE KIND

PRAYER LIST

Adda Gatson—sister of Judy Lewis, is in the hospital following a light stroke. Progress is expected to be slow. They are grateful for prayers and ask that you continue to remember her.

Others on the prayer list: Marvin Kline, Joe Brown, Connie Morris, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Shirley Stoner, Melinda Miller, Hailee Moyer

WEDDING SHOWER FOR RAEANN HINES

There is a wedding shower being planned for Raeann Hines on May 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you want to help, please meet down front this morning after morning services or see Lynette Turney. If you want to participate in a group gift, give your money to Brianna Boccanegra or Emily Pierce.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Madi Bradbury—23rd

Bryan Turner—27th

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Sierra Bales—5th

Draecon Lee—9th

John Wartick—19th

Michael Robinson—30th

Tanner Dillon—25th

Helen Norris—30th

Jaden Hines—6th

Randy Albin—16th

Wrigley Jenkins—27th

Whitney Newbery—31st

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

April

Apr 25—Kaylee Jenkins

May

May 02—Helen Norris

May 16—Linda Wartick

May 30—Darlene Cooney

May 09—Lynette Turney

May 23—Kaylee Jenkins

If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

GIVE THANKS TO THE LORD

Don't you love early mornings? They're filled with promise. New day, new dawn, and a new chance to experience God's awesome love. He is pleased when we make a choice to give thanks early in the day. His enduring love never sleeps, so it meets us fresh every morning. Praise Him for that unending love, even before your eyes are fully open! —Selected

After consulting the people, Jehoshaphat appointed men to sing to the Lord and to praise Him for the splendor of his holiness as they went out at the head of the army, saying

*"Give thanks to the Lord,
for His love endures forever."*

—II Chronicles 20:21

The Advanced Lessons, Part 13: Kingdom Promotion
Matthew 20:17-23

Main Points:

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An _____ Request

An Ignorant _____

A _____ for _____

A Heavenly _____

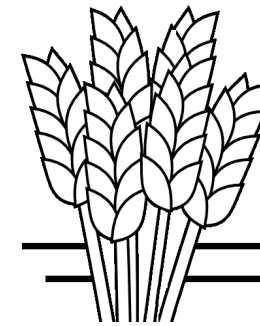
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THOSE WHO SERVE

SUNDAY A.M.	25-Apr 2021	02-May 2021	09-May 2021
Elder in Charge	T. Norris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Opening Prayer	R. Harris	B. Turney	K. Dodds
Song Leader	W. Pierce	A. Shields	A. Shields
Communion Prayer	M. Kline	E. Newberry	T. Norris
Contribution Prayer & Collection	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett	M. Neal P. Dodds	M. Neal P. Dodds
Ushers	J. Rayl J. Willson	A. Hines L. Helton	A. Hines L. Helton
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Deacon in Charge	M. Neal	D. Pierce	D. Pierce
SUNDAY A.M.	16-May 2021	23-May 2021	30-May 2021
Elder in Charge	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Opening Prayer	N. Bradbury	D. Pierce	T. Norris
Song Leader	A. Shields	A. Shields	A. Shields
Communion Prayer	R. Harris	M. Kline	E. Newberry
Contribution Prayer & Collection	M. Neal P. Dodds	M. Neal P. Dodds	M. Neal P. Dodds
Ushers	A. Hines L. Helton	A. Hines L. Helton	A. Hines L. Helton
Closing Prayer	R. Harris	R. Harris	R. Harris
Deacon in Charge	D. Pierce	D. Pierce	D. Pierce

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

April 25, 2021

Call to Worship

Song #608 “He Gave Me a Song”

Song #77 “Glorify Thy Name”

Prayer

Song #71 “As the Deer”

Song “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #957 “This World Is Not My Home”

Closing Prayer

ELDERS

Rex Harris
Ed Newberry

Marvin Kline
Tom Norris

DEACONS

Kevin Dodds
Leroy Lewis
David Pierce

Aaron Hines
Mike Neal
Alan Shields

MINISTER

Wes LeFlore