

FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

Overwhelmed by Grace

This week was an especially difficult week of study for me. I truly felt all of the limitations of an unseasoned minister. What do I mean?

I attempted to do something that I rarely ever attempt – a topical sermon! I don't understand how so many other preachers do it. Not only did I attempt to do a topical sermon, I attempted to put together a topical sermon about the implications of the resurrection of Jesus!

I pulled it off, kind of. I did tons of research and formulated an outline that had four major points. That's not so bad. The trouble I ran into was that each major point that I developed had no less than five sub-points, which, could have all been major points themselves.

I actually finished a sermon outline complete with PowerPoint presentation that included twenty-four points. Because I worked so long and so hard on it, I tried to convince myself to preach it. In the end, I couldn't do it. I could've preached that sermon for three hours.

During one of the Apostle Paul's sermons, do you remember the young man that fell out of the window and died? (Acts 20:9) His name was Eutychus. He fell three stories to his death. Why? The NIV Bible says that the young man fell into *a deep sleep as Paul talked on and on.*

Looking at my outline, that's all I could think of.

So, what did I do? I thanked God for the great time in study that I spent with Him this week. I thanked Him for the depth of knowledge that I gained. I thanked Him for the multitude of wonderful realities that are ours to enjoy because Jesus rose from the dead. I encourage you to go on a similar journey of exploration through your Bible. I assure you; you will be overwhelmed by grace.

I then took a deep breath, chose a text with three wonderful verses regarding the resurrection and I started over.

Thank you for your patience with me. In the words of Jon Anderson, "I'm just an old chuck of coal, but I'm gonna be a diamond someday!"

Much love!

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MANY FLOWERS...ONE BOUQUET...

"So, we, being many, are one body in Christ."

Romans 12:5

Every flower has its own personality. A uniquely beautiful shape, color, and texture. When you gather these "personalities" together and arrange them in a bouquet, they create a wonderful harmony of beauty and fragrance.

God created you just as beautiful and unique as any flower. There is no one else like you. He has designed you with a unique combination of gifts and talents, strengths and life experiences. But He never designed you to stand alone. You are an important and valuable "flower" in His bouquet.

When you allow the Master Gardener to take the single "stem" of your life and place it in the beautiful bouquet of the Body of Christ, something extraordinary happens. God's church needs the shape, color, and texture that only you can give. Perhaps you fit best in the nursery or in a Sunday school class teaching. Perhaps you enjoy cooking meals for those in need or ministering in prayer.

As you come together with other believers in worship and service, God creates a fragrance of love and kindness that can be poured out abundantly on the world!

—Selected

IT'S GARDENING TIME AGAIN!

First plant five rows of peas:

Presence, Preparation

Promptness, Purity & Perseverance

Next, plant three rows of squash:

Squash gossip, Squash criticism, Squash indifference

Then, plant four rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful, Let us be unselfish and loyal

Let us be true to our obligations, Let us love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for Bible study, worship, and special events

Turn up with a smile

Turn up with reverence and submission

Turn up with the willingness to work.

—Selected

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

April

Apr 04—Sara Bradbury

Apr 11—Lynette Turney

Apr 18—Linda Wartick

Apr 25—Kaylee Jenkins

If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

PRAYER LIST

Marvin Kline—is home healing. Keep him in your prayers.

Others on the prayer list: Bob Brownlee, Connie Morris, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Shirley Stoner, Melinda Miller, Hailee Moyer

CARD OF THANKS

We want to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and visits after Bob's fall. We appreciate every one of you. Love Bob & Beth Brownlee

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 Turney or Emily Pierce.

WOMEN WALKING WITH GOD CONFERENCE

WWWG will be held April 16-17 at the Hartman Arena in Park City. You can register at www.womenwalkingwithgod.org. You can attend this year's conference onsite at Hartman Arena or virtual. The theme this year is "Arise."

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Teylin Wartick—4th

Ricky Bocanegra—5th

Jim Willson—5th

Lynette Turney—8th

Loretta DeJarnett—9th

Mack Colwell—9th

Alan Shields—15th

Brian Turney—16th

Journei Bales—18th

Addison Jenkins—19th

Jane Cole—19th

Jason Newberry—19th

Madi Bradbury—23rd

Tanner Dillon—25th

Bryan Turner—27th

Helen Norris—30th

BECAUSE

Because He emptied Himself of all but love...you can be filled.

Because His body was broken...your life can be whole.

Because His blood was shed...your sins can be forgiven.

Because He submitted to injustice...you can forgive.

Because He finished His Father's work...your life has worth.

Because He was forsaken...you will never be alone.

Because He was buried...you can be raised.

Because He lives...you don't have to be afraid.

Because He was raised...you can be strong.

Because He reached down to you...

you don't have to work your way up to Him.

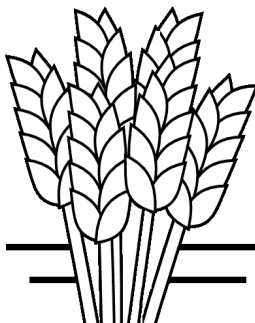
Because His promises are always true...you can have hope!

—Borrowed



THOSE WHO SERVE			
SUNDAY A.M.	04-Apr 2021	11-Apr 2021	18-Apr 2021
Elder in Charge	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Opening Prayer	D. Pierce	M. Neal	L. Lewis
Song Leader	W. Pierce	W. Pierce	W. Pierce
Communion Prayer	E. Newberry	T. Norris	R. Harris
Contribution Prayer & Collection	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett	N. Bradbury J. DeJarnett
Ushers	J. Rayl J. Willson	J. Rayl J. Willson	J. Rayl J. Willson
Closing Prayer	T. Norris	T. Norris	T. Norris
Deacon in Charge	M. Neal	M. Neal	M. Neal
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	E. Newberry
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

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 4, 2021

Call to Worship

Song #121 “Come, Let Us All Unite to Sing”

Song #480 “Blessed Assurance”

Prayer

Song #464 “Because He Lives”

Song #344 “Low in the Grave He Lay”

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #346 “He Lives”

Closing Prayer

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			