FROM THE PREACHERS DESK

The Bold

At the end of Matthew chapter twenty, there are a couple of blind men who Matthew tells us in vs 30,

...cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!"

I think it's too easy to quickly pass over a story like this. We reason that, yes, they cried out for Jesus to help them, but wouldn't anybody who was blind do the same?

Ah! That's the question. Sure they had a great need, but does everyone that recognizes they have a great need cry out to Jesus? The obvious answer is, no, they do not.

But these men did. Our English language robs us of what this actually looked like. When it says they "cried out" it means they were continually crying out. Not a one-time cry, but a continuous one.

And the Greek word for "cried out" is *krazo*, a very strong verb meaning "to scream."

We know that it must have been terribly obnoxious because the next verse says,

31 The crowd sternly told them to be quiet, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!"

The crowd tried to get these desperate men to put a sock in it. It was obnoxious. It was undignified. It was desperate. It was embarrassing. It was just what the Lord appreciated.

Don't get me wrong. I'm not saying that the Lord appreciates obnoxiousness; I'm saying that the Lord appreciates it when people are willing to go to desperate measures to get close to Him.

Their desperate plan worked and a couple verses later we're told,

(continued)

Do you recognize that you have a great need? What are you willing to do to get closer to Jesus? Would you be undignified? Would you be embarrassed? Or do you care too much about what other people would think?

Be bold for Jesus.

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

CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Mav

May 09—Lynette Turney May 16—Linda Wartick May 23—Kaylee Jenkins May 30—Darlene Cooney

June

June 06—Volunteer Needed June 13—Lynette Turney
June 20—Linda Wartick June 27—Volunteer Needed
If you can volunteer, see Darlene Cooney!

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

If you feel like you're losing everything, remember that trees lose their leaves every year and they still stand tall and wait for better days to come.

PRAYER LIST: Larry Helton, Joe Brown, Connie Morris, Russell Day, Kendall Brundage, Shirley Stoner, Melinda Miller, Hailee Moyer

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

We received word that Francis Gardner passed away. Francis was the wife of former minister Albert Gardner. Please keep this family in your prayers

COLLEGE GRADUATION

Ethan Shields will be graduating from Kansas University on May 16th at 2:30 p.m. He will be receiving a bachelors degree in Vocal Performance.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION PARTY

There is going to be a graduation party for Emma Dillon and Journei Bales on Saturday May 15th from 3:30 to 7:00 at the Slate Creek Lodge, 403 South West Street, Wellington. Emma is graduating from Hutchinson High School and Journei is graduating from Wellington High School.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

Americus Pourner, friend of Parker Dodds graduated from South Haven High School Saturday, May 8.

WEDDING SHOWER FOR RAEANN HINES

There is a wedding shower for Raeann Hines on May 15 at 10:00 a.m. If you want to participate in a group gift, give your money to Brianna Bocanegra or Emily Pierce.

PAINTING PARTY!

We need painters to help us spruce up the Children's Bible classrooms. If you are interested please see Wes or Kendall, or just show up ready to go on Sunday, May 16 at 1:00 p.m. We will feed you pizza for dinner!

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Draecon Lee—9th
John Wartick—19th
Michael Robinson—30th
Whitney Newbery—31st

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

David Carroll—4th
Wade Pierce—8th
James Moore—12th
Starla Turner—18th
Judy Lewis—23rd
Kaitlin Francisco—27th

Piper Dodds—5th Ethan Shields—9th

Sawyer Richmond—13th Natalie Colwell—19th David Pierce—24th Bob Brownlee—30th

Kaitlin Francisco—27th

³⁴ Moved with compassion, Jesus touched their eyes; and immediately they regained their sight and followed Him.

The Advanced Lessons, Part 15: Compassion Matthew 20:29-34 His Compassion Is Made Of: The Following The Blind Men The Faith Jesus The ____ Servant The _____ Question Request The _____ Lord The Lord The Lord _____ To Be The

MASKS & COVID-19: We are no longer requesting that all adults wear masks in services. The Elders have considered the lower rates of Covid-19 infections locally, and the availability of the Covid vaccines for all ages. With these factors in mind, the decision of wearing a mask will now be left to each individual. Anyone is welcome to wear a mask for personal protection or to protect others as you see fit. We will still continue some precautions related to social distancing in our worship services. As requested previously, if you have a cough or are feeling ill, please do not attend services in person. We will continue to have recorded lessons available online.

| THOSE WHO SERVE | | | | | |
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| SUNDAY A.M. | 09-May 2021 | 16-May 2021 | 23-May 2021 | | |
| Elder in Charge | R. Harris | R. Harris | R. Harris | | |
| Opening Prayer | K. Dodds | N. Bradbury | D. Pierce | | |
| Song Leader | A. Shields | A. Shields | A. Shields | | |
| Communion Prayer | T. Norris | R. Harris | M. Kline | | |
| Contribution Prayer | M. Neal | M. Neal | M. Neal | | |
| & Collection | P. Dodds | P. Dodds | P. Dodds | | |
| Ushers | A. Hines | A. Hines | A. Hines | | |
| | L. Helton | L. Helton | L. Helton | | |
| Closing Prayer | R. Harris | R. Harris | R. Harris | | |
| Deacon in Charge | D. Pierce | D. Pierce | D. Pierce | | |
| SUNDAY A.M. | 30-May 2021 | 06-June 2021 | 13-June 2021 | | |
| Elder in Charge | R. Harris | M. Kline | M. Kline | | |
| Opening Prayer | T. Norris | L. Lewis | E. Newberry | | |
| Song Leader | A. Shields | T. Norris | T. Norris | | |
| Communion Prayer | E. Newberry | T. Norris | R. Harris | | |
| Contribution Prayer | M. Neal | A. Hines | A. Hines | | |
| & Collection | P. Dodds | L. Turney | L. Turney | | |
| Ushers | A. Hines | J. DeJarnett | J. DeJarnett | | |
| | L. Helton | D. Carroll | D. Carroll | | |
| Closing Prayer | R. Harris | M. Kline | M. Kline | | |
| Deacon in Charge | D. Pierce | A. Shields | A. Shields | | |



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ORDER OF WORSHIP

May 9, 2021

Call to Worship

Song #716 "Sing to Me of Heaven"

Song #483 "Is It for Me?"

Prayer

Song #315 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Communion Prayers

Contribution Prayer

Contribution Collection

Lesson

Song #882 "No Tears in Heaven"

Closing Prayer

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