

Bring it Home

MONDAY: What Happened in Nazareth - - During those harried days of bill paying, housecleaning, carpooling, e-mailing, conference calls and cooking the evening meal, do you sometimes pause and ponder, “Does this stuff matter? What really matters? During Jesus’ brief but world-changing ministry, He committed to living the answer to that question. Read Luke 4:14-21. He knew what He was called to do. Who are you and what are you called to do?”

TUESDAY: Jesus’ Priorities - - When police are investigate crime, they often string yellow tape around a crime site to protect it from any disturbance. Jesus did much the same in setting boundaries around His calling to protect it against intrusion or disturbance from less important things. Reread Luke 4:18-19 and pray for an understanding of the call God has set before you, and the gifts, abilities and passions He has given you that help clarify His purpose for you.

WEDNESDAY: What Really Matters - - Jesus was “anointed to preach the Gospel to the poor...to heal and proclaim recovery of sight to the blind...set free those who are oppressed...” Jesus’ commitment to what really matters sent him over the land to share Good News with people everywhere. The passage from Isaiah 61:1-3 provided Jesus with mission (statement) He was to fulfill. He knew what mattered most and focused His life and ministry being about His Father’s business.

THURSDAY: Jesus’ Priorities Challenged - - Read Matthew 4:1-11. In the wilderness Jesus was given several opportunities by Satan to use His power for His own personal gain. But Jesus stayed focused on the calling that necessitated His priorities. We often don’t know who we are until our priorities are challenged. Pray that Jesus would give you strength to meet and overcome challenges to your priorities.

FRIDAY: God’s Design for Ministry - - Read 1 Cor. 12:12-18. Each of us is a member of the Body of Christ; all have a role to fulfill in the Body. Endowed with spiritual gifts in Baptism, God places within us a passion for making a positive impact in life. What excites you? The word “enthusiasm” comes from the Greek “en theos”—with God! Ministry is serving God by serving others “enthusiastically,” with passion. Christ had a passion for all people. What’s in your heart?

SATURDAY: The Community Needs Your Gifts and Passions - - When it all boils down, we are in the world to share who we are with other people. God has given the community of faith all the gifts it needs. Together, it is up to us to share those with each other. Read 1 Corinthians 12:19-26 and Romans 12:4-12. If we do not share our gifts, the whole body suffers. Think for a moment about what you are contributing to the community, and how passionately you serve.

SUNDAY: Our Gifts make Us All Winners - - Read 1 Corinthians 12:27-31. Each of us with our gifts, and passions are winners. We are God’s priceless works of art, carrying God’s signature of excellence. Do you act like a winner? Do your family members know they are winners? Where can your passion and gifts lead you to make an “enthusiastic” contribution to Christ’s Church? Discover greater fulfillment and joy in life, know the “abundant life” by being who God created you to be and live it out passionately!

“Those” People

In my previous message in Connexions last week I focused on the gospel lesson in which Jesus is rejected by His hometown of Nazareth. Jesus had just presented His mission in the form of His reading of Isaiah 61, and in the few minutes afterwards the Nazarenes were “speaking well of Jesus.” But then they reflected that Jesus was just “Joseph’s son” – someone reduced to being someone “they knew back when.”

Jesus, of course, could read hearts and picked right up on their resentment and jealousy, and said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to Me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure Yourself!...Do here in Your hometown the things that we have heard You did at Capernaum.’” In other words, do for your own people what you did for those in Capernaum – **“those” people.**

Jesus then went on to say things that disturbed them. How much did Jesus disturb them? Well, at the end of Christ’s time in Nazareth that day Luke writes that “When they heard all this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. They got up, drove Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl Him off the cliff.” You might say Jesus was not welcome there anymore!

What did Jesus add that really got them so worked up? Well, Jesus, in today’s lesson, pointed out that in the Scriptures (the Old Testament), there were many times when God favored “those people” over the Jews. His examples? Well, when there was a three-year famine, God sent Elijah to get food for a foreign woman in Sidon, outside of Israel, instead of Israelite widows; and when there were many lepers in Israel, Elisha the prophet cleansed Naaman, a Syrian general instead. One gets the feeling that Jesus could “go on and on,” and that’s maybe why the Nazarenes exploded in hatred towards their (former) hometown hero.

Like the Nazarenes, do we get upset when we feel we have been shortchanged by others, or by God? Certainly. We know that Cain felt that God shortchanged him by preferring his brother Abel’s offering to his. We know that Christ’s enemies were outraged that He spent so much quality time with those who were, religiously speaking, “those people” – “Why,” the Pharisees asked the disciples, “does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

On top of that Jesus told stories of how some of “those people” – the Good Samaritan, the Prodigal Son, etc. – showed God’s love in surprising and challenging new ways. One of “those people” – a Roman centurion – displayed in his words and actions such faith that Christ told everyone He had not seen such faith “in all of Israel.”

Christ calls us to “love our enemies” and – if enemies is too strong a word, “love...those people.” We live in a culture that increasingly separates us into our own enclaves; a culture encourages us to look with disdain on “those people.” Disdain should never be a Christian emotion or feeling. Jesus never had disdain for us as we were putting Him on a cross: “Forgive them Lord, for they don’t know what they’re doing.”

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Calendar

• Sunday, February 3

- 9:00 am Worship
- 9:00 am Gloryland
- 11:00 am Worship
- 12:00 pm Lion Dance Rehearsal
- 5:15 pm Sr. High Youth

• Monday, February 4

- 6:30 pm Elders
- 6:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 6:30 pm Yoga
- 7:00 pm Aphasia Support

• Tuesday, February 5

- 5:30 pm Pilates/Sculpt
- 6:00 pm SOCS
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts

• Wednesday, February 6

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study
- 9:15 am WOW
- 5:30 pm CHOW Dinner
- 6:00 pm King's Kids
- 6:00 pm Bible Study
- 6:30 pm Glory Singers
- 7:00 pm King's Chorale
- 7:00 pm Friendship Bible Study

• Thursday, February 7

- 1:30 pm Bible Study
- 5:30 pm Pilates/Sculpt
- 7:00 pm Girl Scouts
- 7:00 pm Sounds of Glory

• Friday, February 8

- 1:00 pm Cardio Dance

Council

Elders

- Dick DeLor (317-816-2230)
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Deacons

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| Jeff Boldt | Brandon Hulse |
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Announcements

1ST SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP - - Who doesn't love Hot Chocolate on a cold February morning?!!! You are invited to Fellowship Hall during the Grace Period (between services) next Sunday, February 3, to enjoy some delicious refreshments and great company!!!! See you there!!

SOCS - - Parents or grandparents with children in college or military are welcome to join us for SOCS (Supporting Our College Kids). We get together for about an hour to share updates, pray for our kids, write notes of support and encouragement and compile a care package full of goodies. We will meet again on Tuesday, February 5 at 6:00 in the Parlor. For more information call Amy Smith at 317-853-6114

WOW - - Women on Wednesday is studying "What Matters Most – a Study on Philippians" by Karen Ehman on Wednesdays from 9:15-11:00. Cost will be \$15 for the book. Contact Donna Frazier (317-696-0236) or Becky Ellis (317-460-4319) if you have any questions.

FEBRUARY SERMON SERIES - - In the winter it's often dreadfully clear what our bodies need the most: warmth. Similarly, in life it's clear that God knows what we all need, and four of those needs are going to be explored in a sermon series this February "What We Need Every Day" based on gospel truths found in Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians.

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| February 2nd and 3rd | We need a heart! |
| February 9th and 10th | We need proof! |
| February 16th and 17th | We need a promise! |
| February 23rd and 24th | We need new life! |

Come to worship during these cold winter months to be strengthened by the Gospel of Jesus Christ. God knows how to calm our fears and warm our hearts in these times of challenge and opportunity; God knows how to fulfill our deepest needs.

Announcements

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - - This Wednesday morning group has resumed. You are welcome to join the study and discussion in the Cross & Crown area from 8:00-9:00.

PASTOR'S BIBLE STUDY - - We resume this study of Luther's Large Catechism on Thursdays from 1:30-2:30 in the Cross & Crown area. All welcome!

HVAC GOAL UPDATE - - Thank you to those who have contributed to our Sanctuary HVAC goal. We are at \$8,265 of our \$29,000 goal which is 28.5%. Installation will be the first week of April but we would like to have all the funds well before that time. Please give as you are able. Thank you!

WORK DAY - - Thanks to all who came to help us do some sprucing up around here Saturday!

LIFE LINE SCREENING - - will offer their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at King of Glory Lutheran Church on 4/1/2019. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis. Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6441 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle or text the word circle to 797979

Prayers

MEMBERS

- Becky DeWitt** *ongoing elbow recovery*
- Lynette Gross** *rehab for brain surgery*
- Camilla London** *breast cancer*
- Judy Naaman** *recovering from knee surgery*
- Wendell Rahn** *recovering from knee surgery*
- Tim Reeb** *upcoming back surgery*
- Connie Schmohe** *alzheimer's disease*

FAMILY & FRIENDS

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| Brent Anderson | Jill Dietz |
| Marlene Eisen | Chris Excell |
| Karen Fethke | Jason Mellema |
| Kaijah Monson | Donald Ruthsatz |
| Tony Sandleben | Pam Sandusky |
| Margie Stone | Ray Strohminger |
| Henry Tomascycki | Sarah Wassmuth |
| Bill Wehrman | Kerry White |

CONDOLENCES

Our deepest sympathies are extended to Mary Krohn on the loss of her mother, Nancy Zachary and to the family of Betty Flohr



Team Leads

- Evangelism**, Jeff Boldt
- Fellowship**, Susan Kraabel
- Finance**, David Baugh
- Lifelong Learning**, Julie Hayden
- Ministry Development**, Brad Johnson
- Mission Support**, Carole Rahn
- Preschool**, Sherri Hunt
- Property**, Bob Tipword
- Risk Management**, Marty Culver
- Stewardship**, Brandon Hulse
- Worship & Music**, Ann Sullivan

Making the **CONNECTIONS** that make the difference