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Tell Them!

On a recent 106.9 radio message, the speaker pointed out that dating couples will rarely decide, "We can't stand each other--let's get married." Yet, marriages sometimes slip into those kinds of feelings over time. Annoying or hurtful things that spouses do become difficult to overlook and cause disharmony. How can we recapture those original feelings of love and respect? Wives, think of some of the reasons why you respect your husband. Then TELL him. Husbands, remember some of the reasons why you love your wife? Then TELL her.

This kind of communication really helps restore the focus of why you married each other in the first place! Why does such a simple activity work so well? Because it comes directly from God's Word in Ephesians 5:33 which states, **Each of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.** Try this at home!

Special thanks to Susan Pugh for this encouragement.

In our marriage class on Sunday mornings we will be encouraged to do a similar thing. We will be led to ask our spouses this question: *If there are two things I could change in my life that would make me an easier person to live with, what are those two things?* The author of our book states that our spouses will probably know exactly the two things to mention.

But our author states something very important in the honesty project. He says that the real question is: Are you ready to hear the answer? It is like I used to say to my girls when they would ask me for my opinion. I would always ask them, "are you sure you want my opinion? What I hear you saying is that you are giving me liberty to respond to your question honestly and openly and you will not get upset with me for my answer. Is that what you are asking?" Sometimes they would say "yes, I want your opinion." Other times, however, they would slip away and say, "Maybe later."

This is the case here, we want to tell our spouses how we respect/love them and what two things they could change to make life easier. But, are they ready hear these things? It takes a very mature person to take a compliment without it going to their head or to take criticism without responding negatively. Are we mature enough to do this?



Another thing should be said here and it comes from the authors of our Sunday School material. They tell us that in these kinds of conversations there must be caution! Quoting: *we recommend this step only for couples who are able to share the truth in love – rather than use it as a weapon.* They go on to say, "if there is a high level of tension or deep mistrust in your marriage it is best to take this step in the presence of your pastor or counselor that will provide boundaries that will allow you to speak the truth safely."

It is a valuable asset to have in a marriage two people who can speak openly and honestly with each other and do it with great compassion and love. As we have heard, communication is the center-piece of a good marriage. The caveat is that this communication should be biblical in nature and directed toward improvement not destruction. We can do that.

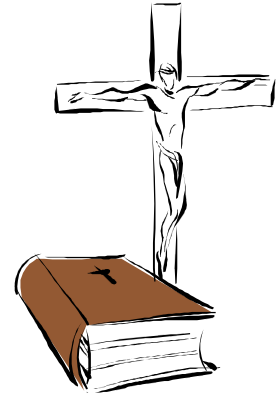
Tell them. Tell your spouse you love them. Tell them how you appreciate them. Tell them how much you respect them and for what reason. Tell them, if they ask what they might change so that the relationship between you will grow. Most importantly remember, tell them these things in love and with great compassion.

In His Service,
Pastor Tim

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

ROUGHING THE PASTOR

I was at my grandson's eighth-grade football game when the referee indicated there was a penalty and stopped play. Apparently, after the ball was thrown, the boy who passed it was tackled, prompting a penalty flag. The announcer from the press box said: "There is a flag on the field. The penalty is roughing the pastor.....I mean, roughing the passer." As soon as he said it, I thought to myself, *God could give that penalty to some churches today!*



It's not that pastors are perfect. If that is what we are looking for, then pastorless churches would be the norm. It's that God calls on us to honor those who lead us spiritually, particularly "those who labor in preaching and teaching" (1 Tim. 5:17 ESV). In my opinion, pasturing is one of the hardest occupations on the planet. We live in a sophisticated, fast-paced, and complex world, and our expectations for "high-performance" pastors often set the bar at unattainable heights.

So, let's switch the focus and become high-performance church members who honor our pastors with words of encouragement and prayer. A supportive note or a "thank you" in the foyer will go a long way to stimulate pastors to serve with joy and efficiency. –Joe Stowell



Lord, help us to appreciate the work that others do, the service given from their hearts, their sacrifice for You.

1 Timothy 5:17

Let the elders who rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the Word and in doctrine.

Taken from "Our Daily Bread" September 2010



Pray For Our Church

Pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests.

Ephesians 6:18

Monday - Missionaries

Tuesday - Staff

Wednesday - Youth

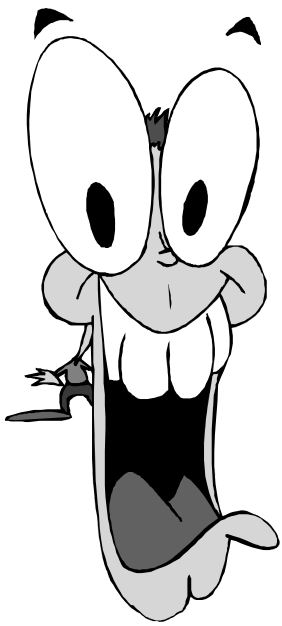
Thursday - Officers

Friday - God's Will For Us

Saturday - Ministry Concerns

Sunday - The Joy of the Lord

***Pray that our church will seek
God's will in all that we do.***



HAVE YOU HEARD???????

Jane Mayhew, Pat Price, Aarene Reese, Judy Watson and Peggy Gray attended the annual First Presbyterial Meeting in Greensboro recently at Christ Community Church and loved Susan Hunt's presentation!!David and Betty Sides, Craig and Susan Pugh, Earl and Harriet Linderman, Mable Brady, Betty Godfrey and Delinda Mauney traveled to visit Mrs. Lucille Billings on her 105th birthday on September 4th. On the way home we stopped in Clemmons and visited with Mrs. Sue Moore. It was a delightful day for us all.....Rachel, Laurel and John Roby each showed their calves and brought home blue ribbons from the Iredell County Fair.....Elena Johnson fell and broke her hip.....Michael Pope had to have a heart catherization recently.....John Roby Gray entered animals in the Alexander County Fair and won Grand Champion Awards for the Holstein and Brown Swiss divisions.....Andy Mayhew got whacked in the mouth with a 6 iron requiring 7 stitches and several damaged teeth.....Jimmy Gray, Amanda and John Roby traveled to Raleigh this past week end, where Jimmy received the Governor's Conservation Award of Sportsman of the Year.....Melderine Pope celebrated her 93rd birthday September 1.....Reid and Peggy Gray saw 4 musical

Elijah Winters caught his first bass and the first bass caught from Jim and Jane Mayhew's pond.....Kortney Hauck had a Sweet 16 party and celebrated with family and friends..... Ruth Foy was recently involved in a Hit and Run accident. Her granddaughter, Lexi backed over her with her Viper (battery-operated car) and fled the scene for fear of being scolded.....David and Kim Brady woke up to a burning truck in their field beside the driveway a few Sunday mornings ago.....



“Birthday Bash” Melderine Pope celebrated her 93rd birthday on September 1 with family and friends at the K&W Cafeteria. Pictured here are: Helen Cashion, Edwina DeChamplain, Melderine, Doris McNeely, Pat Sherrill and Minnie Pope. Near their table eating were Don and Tena Campbell, who happily agreed to take some pictures.

Later that evening Melderine ate with Emily Nash, Reid and Peggy Gray, Betty Godfrey and Edwina DeChamplain at Captain's Galley in Stony Point.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY MISS MELDERINE!!!!

"Becoming a Praying Parent"



"Pour out your heart like water in the presence of the Lord. Lift up your hands to Him for the lives of your children." (Lamentations 2:19)

No matter how young or how old our children are, they need and will greatly benefit from our prayers. When we pray for our children, we are asking God to make His presence a part of their lives and work powerfully in their behalf. The Bible says, "The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much." (James 5:16)

Even if you're not a parent, you can be a friend, teacher, neighbor, guardian, or even a stranger with a heart of compassion for a child. Remember to pray for children who have been baptized in our church, children we encounter in our daily journeys, or those we read about in the newspaper. Prayer is acknowledging and experiencing the presence of God and inviting His presence into our lives and circumstances.

As you read the Word during your devotional times and as you pray for your children with the Holy Spirit's leading, you'll find many Scriptures to include in your prayers. Knowing His promises, His truth, and His heart helps us to pray boldly in faith for our children and others. "Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints." (Ephesians 6:17 & 18)

(from the book, THE POWER OF A PRAYING PARENT by Stormie Omartian)



Sympathy is expressed to Reid, Kenneth and Leon Gray and family in the passing of their sister, Margie Gray Kimberlin.

We also express our sincere sympathy to Rev. Mark McClamrock and family in the passing of his son James, who was killed recently in Iraq.

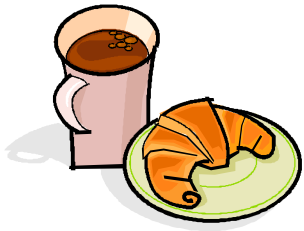


Fund raiser for the Belize Mission Trip

October 16, 2010

6:30 am—until

Located in the Pneu-Mech Parking lot on Old Mountain road across from Food Lion



Coffee and Sausage Biscuits

Furniture

Books



Clothes



Household Items

Toys

Come and check it out. All money raised goes directly into the mission fund for Belize.

If you have items you would like to donate for our sale, bring to the church and leave in the Fellowship Hall or call Pastor Tim or a member of the mission team and we will come pick it up.

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IT'S TIME AGAIN

to start making plans for our Mission trip to Belize. Those interested had their first meeting last month and so far we have 13 interested in going. That leaves room for a few more if you would like to think about making the trip.

Yard Work

We will be making contacts to see what our work plans will be while there and how we can help in the school again this year. A VBS is probably on the agenda and hopefully we will have several work projects.

Paint

We will start doing fund raisers soon but would like to spread the word to the church family and community that the Mission Team.

We will be holding a yard sale at the Pneu-Mech parking lot on October 16, 6:30 am until— If you have good yard sale items to donate, contact a member of the Belize Mission Team or put in the Fellowship Hall.

WILL WORK FOR DONATIONS

If you have a "Honey Do List" or a work list of things you would like to have done at your home or work, please contact a member of the mission team. We will be happy to perform work projects around the community for donations to the Mission Fund.

Helping move furniture

We will bid the job for you. Replace roofing, Home construction clean up, yard work, and any repair work. **We are only a phone call away!!!**

Belize Mission Team Members

Tim and Judy Watson
David and Kim Brady
Cindy McNeely
Delinda Mauney
Pat Price

Lori Compton
Todd Goodman
Tommy Morton
Tim Hager
Jeremy Brady

House Cleaning

Window Washing

Do We Worship in What One Day Will Be a Museum?

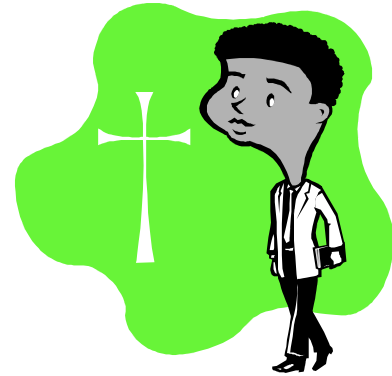
Darrin Patrick author of *Church Planting* writes:

I'm standing in a museum that used to be a church. In 1887, Pastor Henry and his wife Grace planted this church in a one-room schoolhouse just down the road. And in 1888 they were able to build this building. And they passed on their love for this community, because of the gospel, to a generation. And things were going really well. But two generations after this church was planted it died.

You can see the pictures behind me of the faithful members of this congregation. And many of them lie in the graveyard behind the church. This church had a man crisis. It was men who made this church come alive, and it was probably men who caused this church to die.

In churches, when men stop investing in younger men, younger men stop caring. That's probably what happened to this church. And that's definitely what's happening in our churches.

Older gentlemen do not know how to finish well. They don't know how to invest. And so middle-aged men don't know how to stay married. They don't know how to stay connected to the hearts of their children. And so younger men don't even want to be men. And so younger men are prolonging their adolescence:



They're doing this residentially. Guys in their 20's and early 30's, a third of them live with their parents. That's a 100% increase in the last 20 years.

They're doing it professionally. Men 18-42 will change jobs 11 times.

They're doing it recreationally. The average age of video game users is 35 years old.

And when these men finally stop fondling the controller, they fondle themselves. Every second of every day \$3000 is spent on pornography. Every second.

We need better men. Which means we need better pastors. We need pastors who are not boys but are men. Pastors who are not trying to prolong their adolescence but pastors who are trying to be the men that God has called them to be. They are qualified men in their character. They are called men to serve God's church. They are determined men. They are dependent men. They are tough men. They're able to take a punch. They're able to handle circumstances. They're tender men. They're able to love their wives and love their kids and to teach their church to love their community.

See, the men and women who planted this church, they actually believed this stuff. They actually believed that Jesus lived a perfect life, that he died a brutal death, and that he rose again, triumphing over sin and death. They believed it.

And because they believed it happened, they believed it had implications on their life, that their sin could be forgiven, that they could have a new identity, and that they could be sent on mission with this God who was on mission.

But the reality is that most Christians are not on mission. A recent poll said 60% of all Christians felt no obligation whatsoever to share their faith. Now the temptation for us pastors is to beat the sheep with a stat like that in our sermons. But here's the reality, guys: they're simply imitating and following our example. We need a glimpse of the God who is on mission.

My friend Dave was meeting with a consultant who asked him this question: "Dave, why do I have a bigger dream for your church and your city than you do?" I don't know about you, but I don't want anyone to have a bigger dream for my church and my city than me. And I don't want to build a museum. I want to be a part of a movement.

(Any comments please pass them onto Pastor Tim. I would love to hear them!)



COMING EVENTS



October 1-3		Senior High Retreat at Bonclarken
October 2	8:00 am	Church Wide Work Day at New Sterling
October 3	5:00 pm	C3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
October 4	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle
October 9		Youth Shepherds—Creeper Bike Trail Ride
October 10	11:00 am	Observance of the Lord's Supper
		Missions Committee Meeting
	5:00 pm	C3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
	7:30 pm	Joint Meeting of Elders and Deacons
October 11	10:30 am	Sterling Silvers
	7:00 pm	Evangelism and Membership Committee
October 12	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Kim Elliott, hostess; Cindy McNeely, facilitator
		Jeanette Hauck and Elizabeth Smith, meal
October 16	6:30 am	Belize Mission Team YARD SALE fundraiser at Pneu-Mech Parking Lot
October 17		MISSION EMPHASIS SUNDAY
	5:00 pm	C3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
	7:30 pm	Session Study Group
October 18-22		Bonsenior at Bonclarken
October 19	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset—Judy Stewart, hostess; Susan Pugh, facilitator
October 20	9:30 am	Mary/Martha Sunrise—Virginia Brady, hostess; Anna Donohoe, facilitator
October 21	7:00 pm	Thirty-One Products Fund Raiser for Belize
October 23	9:00 am	Women's Council Meeting—Peggy Gray, Jeanette Hauck and Delinda Mauney, hostesses
October 24	5:00 pm	C3 Practice
	6:00 pm	Sunday Family Night
		Newsletter Items Due
October 25	7:00 pm	Men's Study Group
	7:00 pm	Property/Maintenance Committee
October 30	6:00 pm	Fall Festival
October 31	7:00 pm	5th Sunday Night Sing







Malachi 3:3 says: 'He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver.'

This verse puzzled some women in a Bible study and they wondered what this statement meant about the character and nature of God.

One of the women offered to find out the process of refining silver and get back to the group at their next Bible Study.

That week, the woman called a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest beyond her curiosity about the process of refining Silver.

As she watched the silversmith, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot; then she thought again about the verse that says: 'He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver.' She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the whole time.

The man answered that yes, he not only had to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on the silver the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed.

The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, 'How do you know when the silver is fully refined?'

He smiled at her and answered, 'Oh, that's easy -- when I see my image in it.'

If today you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has his eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.



Join Us for a Fundraiser Benefiting the Brad Sherrill Family

When: Tuesday, October 5, 2010

(Brad's 36th Birthday!!) Time: 5:00-8:00pm

Where: Statesville Chick-fil-A at 228 Turnersburg Hwy

Simply order, eat, and drop your receipt!!!!

15% of the proceeds will help to support Brad's upcoming cancer treatments!

Brad Sherrill was diagnosed with cancer in August of 2010. Brad and his wife, Elisha, live in Statesville with their three daughters. They are members of Western Avenue Baptist Church. Brad is the principal of *Career Academy and Technical School*. He is currently undergoing treatment and fighting in faith! The Sherrill family is so grateful for your prayers, love, and support during this journey.

Unique Designs, A Paint-Your-Own Pottery Studio, will be on location helping to raise funds for Brad and Elisha. They will offer a 6-inch tile to be painted with a child's handprint. The cost is \$10, with the proceeds being donated to the Sherrill family. Give a hand....help a cancer patient! Brad and Elisha love to visit this studio with their children, and **Unique Designs** wants to give back to them. Please come out to support this family!



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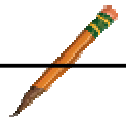
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October Birthdays

1	Lonnie Elliott	13	Maggie Emery
1	Kenneth Gray	13	Lynne Pope
2	Andy Mayhew	14	Jason Brady
3	Judy Watson	14	Paisley Graham
3	Elizabeth Smith	14	Alexandria Buchanan
4	Ed Donohoe	15	Samuel Donnelly
6	Bryan Pope	16	Gray Emery
7	Michael Pope	19	Maude McNeely
7	James Calvin Donnelly	19	Brandy Lackey
9	Andy Gray	21	Bob Shoemaker
9	Kathy Pope	23	Earl Linderman
9	Davey Winters	23	Sheila Warren
10	Linda Pope	23	Tra Watson
11	Harvey Reese, Jr	26	Jared Hauck
11	Amber Snyder	28	Delinda Mauney
12	Bobby Buchanan	29	Dorothy Dancy
12	Jessica Brady	31	Melissa Donnelly



The Youth Council is collecting clean, empty soup cans for a future mission's project. These need to be soup-sized cans (Campbell's Condensed Soup type) and not vegetable size cans. If you use condensed soup and can donate a can or two, please place it in the box in the Friendship Class.