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LETTER FROM PASTOR CHAD REYNOLDS

At the end of Sunday morning worship on January 31, Pastor Chad announced to the congregation that he has accepted a call to serve as the senior pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Clinton, South Carolina. The following letters from him and Session further explain his announcement. Session has also provided an initial timeline of events to explain the activities that will take place to conclude Chad's tenure at FPC and move toward his new position.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It is with a swirl of emotions that I write to inform you that I have accepted the call from the Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Clinton, SC, to become their next pastor.

It has been a profound privilege to serve the Lord as one of your pastors since August 2004. My family and I have been blessed to enjoy sweet fellowship in Christ with you, your families, and the church as a whole. Laney and I have cherished raising our children in this church and in the community of Lake Wales. We will miss you all. I pray that my time here as a minister of the Word of God to you has been used by the Spirit to help you grow in the knowledge of the Gospel and in your walk with Christ.

Our move to South Carolina will put us closer to our families, which we are looking forward to during this season of life. We are also hopeful about how Christ may use us to minister to his people in Clinton and to see his Church there grow to the glory of the Father. Though we will part from here with no small measure of personal sadness, we are also excited to see how God will work his good in your lives through this upcoming season of transition and beyond. We trust that the Lord will use this time to strengthen your faith in Christ, to renew your commitment to FPC, and to glorify his name in Lake Wales and beyond.

It is my intention to complete my ministry as your senior pastor on March 31, 2021 (pending your approval at a called congregational meeting on February 21). It is my hope to spend time with as many of you as possible between now and then that I might encourage you in the Lord through the Word and prayer. Know that I have been and will continue to pray for Christ to bless you and for the Spirit to guide us all through this process. I certainly covet your prayers for my family at this time as well.

No doubt, you will have some questions about what lies ahead for FPC. Please read the accompanying letter from the Session, which gives some initial guidance about the transition period that we now enter with faith in Jesus.

In Christ,



Chad

I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. He who plants and he who waters are one, and each will receive his wages according to his labor. For we are God's fellow workers. You are God's field...

-1 Corinthians 3:5-9

LETTER FROM SESSION

Dear Members and Friends of First Presbyterian Church,

On January 26th, at our regularly scheduled session meeting, our senior pastor, Chad Reynolds informed the elders of his acceptance of a call from the Westminster Presbyterian Church (PCA) of Clinton, South Carolina to become their next pastor. While we certainly are disappointed to see an extraordinary family, pastor, and friend leave our church and community, we give thanks to God for Chad and his family's seventeen years of unflinching service to First Presbyterian Church and recognize we have been blessed beyond measure during his tenure.

As we now look to the future, and "what's next," we have provided for you, along with Chad's letter to the congregation, a timeline of events to come as we anticipate Chad's departure. The procedures we will follow to this end are clearly outlined in the ARP *Form of Government*. Be assured that these details will be followed at the appropriate times. Please note the following two important dates. The first will be a called congregational meeting on **Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11:00 am**, for the chief purpose of voting to formally end the pastoral relationship between Chad and FPC. The second date of note will be **Sunday, March 28, 2021**; this will be Chad's final Sunday to preach as our senior pastor. After this date, Mackay Smith will assume the interim duties of staff oversight, preaching and moderator of Session. The Session will be meeting again on February 9 to begin considering processes and timelines for a senior pastor search as well as other related matters. It is our desire to be as open and transparent with information regarding this time of leadership transition. We will be communicating to you through the normal information streams of letters, email, *The Diligent*, church bulletins, and announcements. The elders, Mackay, and Chad are also available to personally answer questions and relate information, too, so do not hesitate to speak to any of us.

Finally, as we move into this new season in the life of our church, we want to encourage you to take part. As Chad and his family move to a new "field" to plant and water, we say farewell with grateful hearts. Likewise, we too will have a fresh opportunity to plant and water new and old "fields" here at home. We are certain that God is working in and through our church, and we look forward with anticipation to the plans he has for us. To God be the Glory!

Written on the authority of the Session and serving together with you,

David Nelson – Elder

INITIAL TIMELINE OF SENIOR PASTOR TRANSITION

February 9

Called Session Meeting: Session will meet on this night to consider matters related to the current transition, including the upcoming pastoral search process.

February 21

Called Congregational Meeting: Following Sunday morning worship, the purpose of the meeting will be for the congregation to make a formal request to the Florida Presbytery (ARP Church) to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Chad Reynolds and the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales, effective March 31, 2021. The Session may present other matters related to the pastoral transition at the meeting.

March (TBD)

Called Meeting of the Florida Presbytery: The date of this meeting has not been set but will be called for the purpose of formally dissolving the pastoral relationship between Rev. Chad Reynolds and the First Presbyterian Church of Lake Wales with the Florida Presbytery.

March 28

Chad's Final Sunday: This will be Chad's last Sunday to preach as the senior pastor of FPC. Information will be provided in the days to come about a "send off" reception that is in keeping with safe coronavirus related practices.

March 31

Chad's Final Day of Employment: Although Chad will no longer be the pastor of FPC beginning April 1, he will not begin serving as the pastor of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Clinton until May. He will take time in April to rest from work and tend to personal and family matters related to his transition. He covets your prayers during this time.

April 4

Easter Sunday: Rev. Mackay Smith will serve as interim senior pastor to provide leadership to the Session, staff, and congregation through this pastoral transition. He will begin preaching regularly on Easter Sunday.

Discipleship

WHAT IS YOURS IN JESUS

From Pastor Mackay

I love meeting people who are devoted to a craft. Even if they aren't officially "experts" or degree-holders, there is such joy in watching a passion work itself out. Part of that joy is that I always find myself beginning to take an interest in their interest. An example: I have never been much of a board game person, much less the intricate, hours-long fantasy games that are all about dragons and swords and 20-sided dice. However, at a previous church I served, one of our members crafted remarkable figures and intricate sets for playing just these sorts of games. To this day, I have one of his pieces in my office. Looking at it reminds me of that church and his friendship, but it also reminds me of how his passion was contagious. The more he taught me about his craft, the more interested I became.

As Paul opens his letter to the Ephesians, he sets forth for us "every spiritual blessing" which is ours in Jesus. This remarkable list (v. 3-14 is one sentence in Greek!) is like watching an obsession on paper. God has given Paul apostolic insight into the incomprehensible riches we have in Jesus, and he lays out facet after facet of the precious jewel that is ours in Jesus. Do you find yourself flagging in your interest in Christ? Does Jesus as "every spiritual blessing" seem far-fetched to you? Prayerfully observe just the surface of Paul's rapturous love for him, and if you are a Christian, have your appetite whetted.

First, Paul writes that we are **chosen in him before the foundation of the world** (v. 4) and that we have been **predestined for adoption through Jesus Christ in love** (v. 5). Do you despair that Jesus will never be more to you than a distant friend? Any Christian maturing in belief will have seasons where it seems he will never do enough, be enough, or give enough to earn the love of his Savior. Yet, ask yourself, how did you get to the point of following Christ? While God certainly has used your desires and decisions, not to mention the many outward forces that guided you, fundamentally, it was God's sovereign choice that you are made his. Like a helpless baby swept from a destitute orphanage and lawfully and finally christened into a royal family, your

Heavenly Father has made you his child in Jesus. His love for you pre-dated every sin you have ever committed (Rom 5:8), and that sovereign adoption is guaranteed for all eternity (Phil 1:6). In short: God loves you!

That choice brought forth the death and resurrection of Jesus, which the Spirit has applied to Christians to show them their **redemption and forgiveness, accomplished by the lavish grace of God** (v. 7). It is remarkable to know that God loves you, but do you worry that your besetting sins will eventually sink the ship? Here is the truth: by Jesus' blood, God counts you as righteous! His sovereign choice of you, a sinner, has also enacted a final solution to your sin problem. When Jesus died on the cross, he died for you! His death did not set the table that hopefully, one day, you might sit down and eat. No, in that moment of cosmic justice, he paid your penalty, and you were declared innocent. Sin no longer dictates your identity. You are forgiven and free to live in the obedient joy of salvation! So, what do you do now? Our world is awash in crises of identity and hopelessness. Nothing our culture offers as a life-path can satisfy. We are not ultimately meant to be famous, rich, safe, or prestigious. When football players win the championship, why do they wake up the next day obsessed only with the next one (and why do their post-playing lives exhibit such emptiness)? That goal falls far short of our purpose. But, what has God done? He has **made known to us the mystery of his will** (v. 9). This mystery, which Paul tackles more fully in Ch. 3, refers most directly to God's plan of creating a worldwide church in Jesus, comprised of Jews and Gentiles. Yet, in this church built upon Christ, Christians have an insight into what we are here to do and be. Can you fathom this? We know our purpose! We even have it hinted to us in Ch. 1 that we would be **holy and blameless before him** (v. 4). Our purpose is to grow in holiness before God (1 Thess. 4:3). This doesn't answer all the questions about the direction of our lives and the specific callings we follow, but 99% of the battle is knowing the ultimate direction. If you know where your reservation for dinner is, in a sense, the route you take to get there doesn't matter. You know where you're going. Salvation in Jesus provides us the most foundational compass for all of life.

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Finally, more than we can fathom is **an inheritance** in Jesus (v. 11). What is this inheritance? Well, what sort of inheritance would excite you? What is the most you can imagine? We may think of inheriting the fortune of one of the world's richest people. But, as we've already hinted, here's the thing: there's always more. Even if one could presumably have *all things*, there would still be a gaping void larger than the universe: the void of peace, purpose, and contentment. Could our inheritance in Jesus exceed the riches of Zuckerberg and Bezos and Gates? Yes! Paul puts it to the Corinthians quite simply: our inheritance in Jesus is *all things* (1 Cor. 3:21-22). Everything. Period. God, creation, peace, holiness; you name it. As all things will belong to Jesus, everything worth having will belong to us as co-heirs (Eph. 3:6). All the things truly worth having not only *will* be ours but are already ours. We have received the Holy Spirit as a down payment (Eph. 1:14).

You cannot imagine more than the riches you have in Jesus. So, with the God-wrought passion of Paul on display, let's again examine our hearts toward Christ. Objectively speaking, there is absolutely nothing worth having that we do not already have and will one day receive visibly in Jesus. He has secured for his adopted brethren all things, and chief among them, his very self. If we, then, are blasé toward Christ, the problem must lie in us. So, let us awaken our own passions for Jesus. Let us learn from the Spirit speaking through the Word about the glories of Christ. Let us press on to know Jesus, our Lord. ■



EKKLESIA

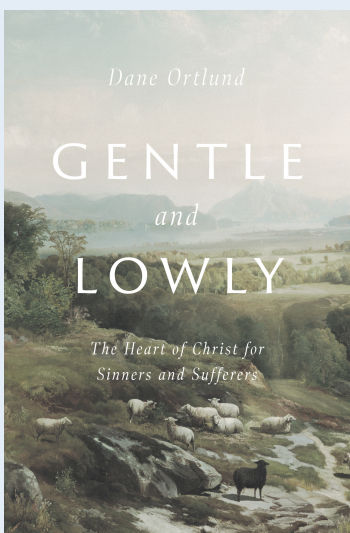
Our Wednesday night discipleship program continues this month. Sign up weekly for our 6 p.m. fellowship meal, followed by classes for all ages. Adult Bible Study continues in Isaiah in the fellowship hall and through Zoom. Find the link to Zoom for the Adult Bible Study on the Discipleship & Ekklesia web page under the FPC Ministries on our church website at fpclw.org.

NEW PODCASTS!

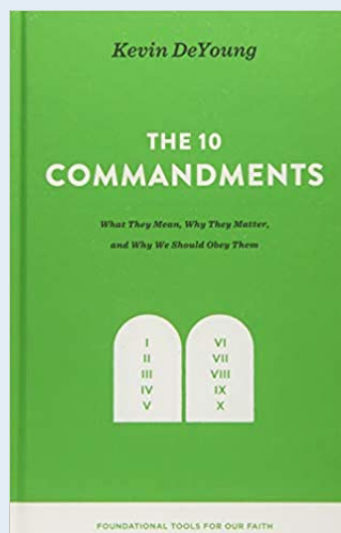
The FPC Discipleship Podcasts continue this semester with two concurrent series. *Bring the Books!* features Dane Ortland's 2020 release, *Gentle and Lowly: the Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers*, and *Nourished and Knit Together* continues with a monthly discussion especially for our adult small group leaders. Find links to the podcasts on the Discipleship & Ekklesia web page under the FPC Ministries on our church website at fpclw.org.

BOOK NOOK

Two new resources are currently available in the Book Nook, located in the church parlor:



Gentle and Lowly: The Heart of Christ for Sinners and Sufferers by Dane Ortland is the *Bring the Books!* selection for spring 2020. Available for a suggested donation of \$18.



The Ten Commandments: What They Mean, Why They Matter, and Why We Should Obey Them, by Kevin DeYoung. This book parallels our current sermon series through the Ten Commandments and will be a helpful resource to you. Available for a suggested donation of \$13.

Music Ministry

POWERFUL INFLUENCES

From Vince Treadway

In the music world, there are certain names that stand out: Bach, Beethoven, Brahms, Chopin, Debussy, Gershwin, and so many more! Have you ever thought about who influenced them? Who helped make them what they are and perhaps provided a "tipping point" for them to pursue music in a more profound way? Have you ever thought about who you are influencing? You might think, "Oh, I'm not so important that I am going to have a significant influence on anyone." But you never know how the Lord may use you through a word or an action or an example to help direct someone on the right path.

Probably most people who enjoy classical music know the name Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), right? He was best known for his organ works, but he also wrote many wonderful choral works and instrumental music as well. His amazing mind for writing complex harmonic structures and making it all come out so beautifully is well known by all who study and perform his compositions. Yet, who influenced Bach? Probably many people had an influence on Bach, but one that I would like to point out is a lesser-known composer by the name of Dietrich Buxtehude (c. 1637-1707). It is not known exactly when or where Buxtehude was born, because there are no documents verifying his birth. The only document that exists contemporary to him was his death certificate, which recognized Denmark as his native country. It is thought that he lived approximately 70 years. Buxtehude's father was a musician and schoolmaster, and was organist at several churches, including Marienkirche, located in Helsingborg (now Halsingborg, Sweden).

Buxtehude's (Dietrich) career culminated in his position as organist and choirmaster at Marienkirche for nearly 40 years. During that time, Buxtehude became known broadly for his

innovative organ improvisations that were virtuosic and thrilling. His organ works included something never before heard of - pedal solos! J. S. Bach heard about Buxtehude's amazing organ compositions and improvisations and made it his business to hear him; almost to his own peril! Bach asked permission from his employer for a four-week leave of absence to hear Buxtehude, and the leave was granted. However, Bach overstayed his leave by weeks and was severely reprimanded by his employer upon his return. Bach's organ music was never the same after that experience. His organ compositions became much more complex and gave the same attention to the pedals as to the manuals!

Bach "took the ball and ran with it," so to speak, and outperformed anything that Buxtehude did in the best sense. I have had several influential musicians in my life as well; a choir director in high school, several piano teachers, several organ teachers, and many who simply offered words of encouragement. I can tell you that their words of encouragement and kindness, and yes, even sometimes stern rebukes, all positively affected me and helped guide me as a musician.

love joy
peace
patience
kindness
goodness
faithfulness
gentleness
Self-control

I want to remind you all that you are God's creation and, as such, are extremely valuable and significant. I would also like to ask you to consider how you influence those around you, because you do! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you, and make it your goal to study God's Word and know all about the attributes that God wants us to exhibit: love, peace, joy, kindness, patience, encouragement, and more. Recognize that your life and testimony will influence those around you and craft it for the glory of God. I will close with these Scripture verses: "Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad; for a tree is known by its fruit" (Matt. 12:33). "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, kindness, goodness, faithfulness." ■

THE VISION STATEMENT OF OUR YOUTH MINISTRY

From Shane Miller

Vision Statement of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Wales Youth Ministry: The youth ministry of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Wales seeks to disciple high school and middle school students and their families by educating, engaging, and equipping them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

In my last article, I wrote about the necessity of understanding the ‘what’ and the ‘why’ of an undertaking prior to the actual undertaking itself takes place. What is a Church youth ministry and why does it exist? What is its overall function in the church? How does it relate to other important church ministries? These questions are absolutely essential for us to ask as discipling young people is a big deal, a huge priority for First Pres.

Youth ministry is one of those things that everyone tackles differently. When it comes to the above questions, I’m sure if a poll was taken, we would all have a variety of different answers. When it comes to the youth ministry of a church, we might see the purpose of the ministry itself to be a space in which our young people can have a good time, having fun with peers and destressing after a long week of school. We might think the youth ministry is a place where morality is prioritized above all else, youth leaders producing students who model good behavior to the surrounding community. Perhaps we might even prioritize youth ministry for nostalgic purposes. We want our children to have the same experience we had in youth group growing up.

As a youth director, though, when it comes to creating a purpose for the youth ministry, the driving question behind everything I do has to be: what is God’s will for this ministry? As someone who is going to have to give an account for the young people of this church before Jesus on the last day, this is a question that is constantly on my mind (James 3:1). In the Scriptures, we see the Lord desiring young people of his covenant community to be instructed in His word and gospel (Deut. 6:4-9, 20-25). Furthermore, as we search God’s word, we see that He has a strong

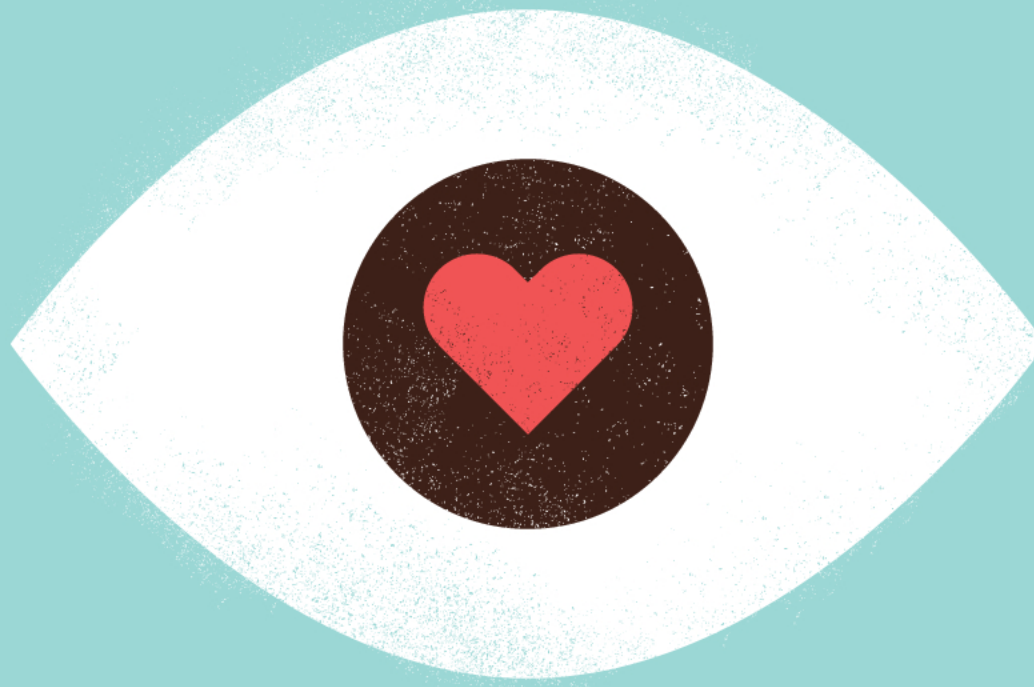
desire for the young people of our community not to perish but to come to a trust in the gospel of Christ and to practice repentance. (2 Peter 3:9) As our young people are part of the “all flesh” who will “not [be] justified by the works of the law, but by faith in Jesus Christ,” (Gal. 2:16) God desires that they would find eternal happiness through the redemption found in his Son.

Sadly, as sociologists study young people who have graduated from a lifetime of youth group, a stunning 35%, when asked to summarize what it means to be a Christian, use definitions that don’t even include the name of Jesus. In fact, a majority of students thought that being a Christian simply meant to “love others.” While a life of love ought to be a commitment of the Christian and is certainly a fundamental teaching of Christ, sociologists tell us many graduated students did not actually have a simple knowledge of the gospel of Jesus nor an understanding of how it applied to their lives. (If you want to read more for yourself, pick up the book I’m citing, *Sticky Faith: Youth Worker Edition* by Dr. Kara Powell)

This is why our vision statement is: “The youth ministry of First Presbyterian Church in Lake Wales seeks to disciple high school and middle school students and their families **by educating, engaging, and equipping them with the gospel of Jesus Christ.**” The vision statement helps the youth leader (and our church as a whole) look at a youth event and answer the question: “Did I do what I needed to do? Did I educate our students in the gospel? Did I engage them relationally in a gospel-centered way? Did I display how the gospel applies to their lives?” In other words, our main priority for the students whether it be a Sunday morning or a Wednesday night, or a hang out during the week, is to make the gospel of Jesus known and evident. If we accomplished this one thing, we did our job.

While the next several youth articles will focus on unpacking the specific goals of our youth ministry, I want to end this article by explaining the ways in which we are attempting to fulfill the vision statement of our ministry. One way in which we are attempting to get the gospel into

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the heads of our students is catechizing. We have a small catechism we go through almost every Wednesday. (Try approaching a student and asking them what the word 'gospel' means or what the good news of the gospel is.) Secondly, teaching is a priority. On Sunday and Wednesday, we dig into God's word, always going back to the simple gospel of Jesus Christ. Thirdly, small groups are a huge priority of this ministry. In small groups, students learn how to interact with the gospel themselves while also growing in gospel-centered relationships with leaders and each other.

Please be in prayer with me for our youth ministry and our church, that we can keep our focus on what is truly important when it comes to discipling our students. Pray that we might fulfill our vision for this ministry well. And ultimately, pray that the gospel that our students are hearing is one that they would receive by grace through faith in Christ.

Children's Ministry

REMEMBERING THE SABBATH

From Kelly Harrington

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

-Exodus 20:8-11

Having created the world and everything in it, God rested on the seventh day. He ordained rest. He modeled ceasing from work and productivity, resting in the existence of his perfect, complete work, and embracing the holiness of his creation. In God's divine design, his children were but a day old, and their first day was a day of rest. After six days of work, the seventh day was the day God claimed for holy rest, which meant his children were to rest before beginning their work.

It has taken me a very long time to deepen my consideration of keeping the Sabbath holy. In my whole life, there are possibly only tens of times I have not participated in some form of Christian worship on Sunday; that is to say, I've not missed much church in the five decades of my life. And yet, I have discovered that I failed on most of those occasions to keep the sabbath "wholly" holy.

Over the past year and a half, God has been turning my heart toward him through this particular commandment. To me, the irony is that it seems to be the simplest of the commands for a Christian, right? Not so. So far, I have found the lessons to be very complex and penetrating the depths in my heart where selfishness and pride hold on tight to my personality.

For most of my life, Sabbath-keeping was synonymous with "going to church on Sunday," and once that rather enjoyable chore was over, the rest of the day was mine to do

with what I wanted. Typically, that meant taking a nap after lunch before beginning to tackle a very ordinary and long list of things to get ready for the coming week. A perfect Sunday for me for many years was completing the three "L"s (laundry done, lunches prepped, and lesson plans completed) before falling into bed around midnight, ready for Monday morning to come around just a few hours later.

God's command to keep his Sabbath holy holds in it so much more than I ever earned working relentlessly on my own. Clearly, there is no eternal value in folded laundry, packed lunches, and a full lesson-plan book; what is clear is the sin of my own pride for getting things done. My own business blotted out God's design for a whole day of rest in preparation for the work week ahead. I regularly missed his call to cease working, rest in his presence, embrace the entire Sabbath day, and yield to the movement of the Holy Spirit.

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Today, Sundays have a very different rhythm in our home. In fact, better Sabbath-keeping has influenced the flow of the whole week. Beginning mid-week, Monty and I apply a dose of intentionality to the upcoming Sabbath day and discuss what activities we think we should include in the day. Worship, small group meetings, gathering with friends and family (mostly on Zoom, these days), and saving space for rest, reading, and room for the Holy Spirit to prompt us to serve others are several considerations for the day. To avoid the pitfall of productive housework on Sunday, we plan projects and chores for the end of the week and intentionally take less time to rest on Saturday. Our ceasing is at supper time on Saturday evening, followed with intentional resting that evening. This is a significant shift for us! We used to collapse on Saturdays and then spend time with friends on Saturday night, which pushed all of the unfinished work to Sunday. That's how we ended up where we were before - wash, rinse, and repeat every week!

So far, the blessings of better Sabbath-keeping are growing too many to count. Everything necessary gets done, and we have at least as much energy through the week as we had before and look forward to the coming weekend with anticipation of spending Sunday in worship, fellowship, and rest. We are far from accomplished in our Sabbath-keeping but find we are growing in new ways in our faith in Jesus Christ and in ministry to others.

I can best describe our experience as how many new Christians experience giving tithes and offerings for the first time. In keeping God's commandments, we profoundly understand that God's commandments are for our benefit! We are the recipients of the blessings of



keeping his commandments! He gave them to us because he loves us! When we give to the Lord what is his, it is often hard to remember any loss or sacrifice from what has been given. "... give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you" (Luke 6:38). God honors the love we show him in keeping his commands, no less than any other command is remembering the Sabbath – the whole day. Consider, with me, how we might grow together in remembering the Sabbath and keeping the Lord's Day holy. ■

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MILESTONE CELEBRATIONS

Church Family

BIRTHDAYS

February 1, David Noriega
February 2, Lee Turnquist
February 3, Micah Sebring
February 4, Laureen Beck
February 4, Katy-Grace Hixenbaugh
February 6, Mickey Miller
February 6, Ethan Sebring
February 6, Mason Sealey
February 6, Norma Schaffer
February 9, Ann Cone
February 9, Max Keen
February 10, Carl McCollum
February 10, Randy Portwood
February 10, Phyllis Aemisegger
February 11, Albert Ballance
February 11, Lori Loveless
February 12, Julie Friend
February 12, Adele Black
February 12, Janet Thullbery
February 13, Roger Campbell
February 14, Grace Sealey
February 15, Albie Stuart
February 15, Cal DenBesten
February 15, Maddie Lippert
February 16, Miriam Rockness
February 17, Ansel Buhrman
February 17, Gerald Lippert
February 17, Vince Treadway
February 18, Stuart Whidden
February 20, Sophia Lewis
February 20, Jim Smith
February 21, Susan Alexander
February 23, Faith Jackson
February 24, Sharon Bevis
February 25, Laney Reynolds
February 27, Brenda Wise
February 29, Leigh Ann Wynn

ANNIVERSARIES

February 6, Monty & Kelly Harrington
February 15, Joe & Caroline Swanson
February 29, Joel & Bryah Knepper





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2023

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2022

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 John Matteson
 Vince Treadway

2024

Daniel Hunt
 David Nelson

DEACONS

2021

David Caldwell
 Michael Kahler
 Carl McCollum
 Tony Thomas

2023

Susan Coyne
 Bob Hulen
 Michael Matteson

2022

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 Aaron Nelson
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