



Pastor David's Weekly Devotional

“Picture a large manufacturing plant in your town or city that produces shoes. The management has invested great sums of money and many man-hours into the plant to produce the finest shoes possible. Money has been spent on salaries for the employees, machinery for shoe making, and materials from which the shoes are to be made. The plant is now in operation with hundreds of workers scurrying to and fro. Machines are running full blast, and activity is at a maximum.

One day the president asks the production manager, ‘How many shoes have we produced so far?’

‘None,’ the manager answers.

‘None?’ the president exclaims. ‘How long have we been in operation?’

‘Two years.’

‘Two years? And still no shoes?’

‘That’s right,’ the manager says, ‘No shoes, but we are really busy. In fact, we have been so busy that we are all nearly tired out. We’ve been very active at our jobs.’

Undoubtedly, the president of that shoe manufacturing plant would probably be very concerned, fire somebody, or at least try to find out what the problem was. If we now put a cross on top of that building and transform it into the church on the corner – your church – we might find much activity going on. Men and women are working hard. The budget is higher this year than ever before. The objective, however, is to produce disciples. Has all that money and man-hours in your church gone into the production of disciples for Jesus Christ?”

Even though I read that story many years ago, it has always stuck in my mind and stalked my heart. It has served as a welcome but convicting reminder of the priority of the church. As a pastor, my heart is often weighed down with the awesome privilege and responsibility of shepherding God’s flock. One of the last things I want to do as a pastor is lead a church into the commotion of religious activity instead of a passion for Christ-like obedience. A church that is not committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ is a church that is not obeying Christ’s Great Commission – no matter how active it may be in other “religious” things. A faithful church is a church that makes disciples of Jesus Christ.

Before His ascension into heaven, Jesus gave His disciples an explicit commission. While appearing to the disciples in Galilee, Jesus said, “*All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age*” (Matt.28:18-20). Just moments before His ascension, Luke records in Acts 1:8 that Christ again commissioned His disciples by saying, “*...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*”

Neither of these exhortations are difficult to understand. Nor do they require some great level of physical ability, intellectual brilliance, psychological insight or social status. To put it plainly, all that is required for the Christian to fulfill the Lord’s Great Commission is a faithful and humble obedience to the commands of Christ. Making disciples of Jesus Christ should be the natural and irrepressible desire of every true disciple of Jesus Christ.

Together in and for Christ,
Pastor David

Scripture Readings for the Week (Monday – Sunday ~ Week #22):

Exodus 33-36; 1 Kings 1-4; Psalms 63-65; Proverbs 1 Jeremiah 47-52; Luke 7-8; Galatians 1-3

Recommended Reading:

“The Gospel and Personal Evangelism” by Mark Dever

Calendar of
Events:

Offices Closed

May 28

VBS Meeting

June 3

Men's Breakfast

June 9

Looking Ahead....

Family Camp

June 28-July 1st

Church Picnic

July 8

For prayer requests,
email Amy Woodruff
at prayer@sbcnb.org
or call 541-404-0547

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Growth & Study.....

Men's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "The Difficult Doctrine of the Love of God" by D.A. Carson
w/Jeff Etzel

Wednesdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Book of Ecclesiastes"
*Begins June 13th
w/Pastor David

8:15-9:30pm "Zechariah"
w/Pastor Josh

Thursdays ~

6:30-7:30am "Galatians ~ No Other Gospel"
w/Pastor Tim

Fridays ~

6:30-7:30am "Jesus Among Secular Gods"
*Begins June 15th
w/Pastor David

Young Adults

Thursdays ~

7:00-9:00pm At Skyline
w/Pastor Tim 541-756-3311

Women's Group Studies

Mondays ~

6:30pm "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"
w/Renee Middleton (541-297-2500)

Tuesdays ~

6:30-7:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Loy Huntzinger (360-607-0022)

8:30am *On break for the summer*
w/Beth Wallstrom (541-404-0112)

9:00am "Live Out His Love"
w/Lois-Elaine Rencehausen (541-267-3106)

1:00-2:15pm "Romans"
w/Barb Young (541-404-6242)

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Wednesdays ~

9:00-10:30am "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

10:00am "Experiencing God's Peace"
w/Jeanette Murphy (541-266-7575)

6:30-8:00pm "Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians"
w/Amy Woodruff (541-404-0547)

Connect & Encourage.....

VBS Information Meeting ~ June 3rd, After 2nd Service

This meeting is for current VBS volunteers and for those still considering joining us in this amazing ministry. Helpers are still needed at VBS and to prep crafts, decorations, etc. Contact Loy at 360-607-0022 or the church office for details.

Men's Breakfast ~ June 9th, 8:30am

Walking in the truth. Men, that is what we do as we follow Christ in our marriages, with our children, in our jobs, etc. That is our life. Join us at 8:30am, as we continue to learn together to walk in the truth!

Children's Ministries.....

Save the date:

June 25 – 28 9am to Noon

Vacation Bible School

Open to children 3 years old (potty-trained) through 5th Grade

VBS Meeting – June 3rd, Noon

July 30 - August 3

Big G Summer Camp

Open to students entering 4th through 9th grade.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Summer Sunday School Teachers and Helpers (this is our greatest area of need)
- 2nd Service Nursery Helpers (once a month)
- 1st & 2nd grade Sunday School Teacher (twice a month during second service)
- Awana helpers (Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8 pm – Summers off)
- Vacation Bible School Pre-School Director and Co-Director and leaders and helpers for other areas of VBS.

See Loy for more information. Training available.



Youth Ministries.....

Youth Group ~

High School youth group ~ Sunday nights 6 to 8pm.

Junior High youth group ~ Wednesday nights 6:30 to 8pm.