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SENDING HOPE

April Memory Verse

Jesus told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Luke 10:2

From My Heart



to Yours....

The following is an excerpt of a message of J.D. Greear, pastor of Summit Church in Raleigh-Durham, NC and the president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

We see that to be a disciple, Jesus commands us to reproduce spiritually. In Matt 4:19 He says, "And I will make you a fisher of men," just like He had been a fisher of men. His followers, also, would become fishers of men. This is an essential part of being a disciple. It is not something that a few of us do. It is something, according to Jesus, that all of us do. In fact, Jesus says if this is not part of what you do then you're not really my disciple.

And you think, oh, I know you, pastor. You like to over-speak like that and say dramatic things. All right, I'll call your bluff. Here we go. John 15:8, By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit." Watch this. "And so, prove to me, my disciples." How are you gonna prove you're His disciple? You're gonna bear fruit spiritually. You're gonna reproduce spiritually, which means that if you are really His disciple, this is gonna be a part of your life, and if you're not reproducing spiritually, you have good reason to question whether or not you are actually a disciple at all.

You see, Jesus summarized His ministry in Luke 19 by saying the Son of Man, Me, who have come to seek and save the lost. Doesn't that mean that if we are His disciples, that's how you would summarize our lives, too? J.D. is here to seek and save lost? If the dust of my Rabbi is all over me, isn't that what my life will look like? This is the primary thing we do, and it involves every single believer. It's not just something we do in a few departments in the church. It's something that each of you, as followers of Jesus, do. He has called and appointed you! Individually, you. He's called you to go and bring forth fruit.

Robert Coleman, who wrote a book called The Master Plan of Evangelism, which is one of the most important books that I have read. It was in college, and it's one of those books that's probably in the top five of those that formed how I understand ministry and following Jesus. I remember something he said there. When will the church learn this lesson? Preaching to the masses. What we do each weekend, right? Preaching to the masses, although necessary, will never suffice the work of preparing leaders for evangelism. Just means telling other people about Jesus. Nor can occasional prayer meetings and training classes for Christian workers do this job. Individual women and men are God's method.

His plan is not something, it is someone. It's you. You are God's method. You are God's method.

JOIN US FOR EASTER

CELEBRATE OUR SAVIOUR

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

APRIL 14—PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 18—7PM MAUNDY THURSDAY & COMMUNION

@ FBC

APRIL 19—NOON GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE & LUNCH

@ FVUMC

APRIL 21—7AM SUNRISE SERVICE @ FVUMC



DOOR OF HOPE
COUNSELING

Partnered in ministry with FBC

LUNCH-N-LEARN Apr 15 @ Noon

Struggling to cope with life? Marriage need a tune up?

Feeling down, sad all the time? Angry all the time?

Lost a loved one? We are here to help.

Call to schedule an appointment (478-822-0033)

Most insurances accepted.

We want to see you become, by God's grace, a reproducing Christian this year. And we want you this weekend to commit to it. Don't let this intimidate you. Disciple making is simply teaching somebody else to follow Jesus like you follow Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit. Sometimes it means studying the Bible together, and we're gonna introduce to you a number of tools to do that. But even more than that, its simply opening up your life to let other people in.

Maybe most importantly, what I want you to walk away from here with is I want you to identify today your one. Your one. Who is your one? I'm gonna challenge you to have one person this year that with the help of God you're gonna introduce to faith in Jesus Christ. I know you can't control the outcome, so I'm not asking you to put it on you, but I'm saying, will you commit to God and say, "God, will you show me one person this year that I am supposed to reproduce myself in spiritually?"

He cares, I care,
Brother Ed



This past Sunday night I was preaching through the second week of our series titled "Overrated" in Impact. The topic was: We live our lives in a way that says spending time with God is overrated. It seemed to hit home with our students on a pretty serious level and so I wanted to share some of it with the rest of the church.

One of my favorite speakers/authors, Louie Giglio, says it this way: "If you follow the trail, you will find a throne." He elaborates by saying that if you follow the trail of how you spend your money, you'll find a throne. If you follow the trail of how you spend your time, you'll find a throne. Whatever is sitting on these thrones is what you really worship.

When you think about how you spend your money, does it glorify God or you? When you think about how you spend your time, does it glorify God or someone or something else? When I asked the students to tell me things that they needed to spend less money on, I pretty much got the answer of "food". Now I don't know what this says about my maturity level, but if you looked at my bank statement, it would show something similar. I spend way too much money on what I'm going to make myself fatter with.

But when I asked them to tell me things they should spend less time on, everybody gave me a different answer. I got answers that ranged from "Less time with my boyfriend/girlfriend" to "Less time on social media". The reason why this was so awesome is because it showed that we are all different, and yet all the same. We all struggle to give God the amount of our time that he deserves, but what we replace Him with looks different depending on who you're talking to. Also, it's most often not a sinful thing that we are replacing Him with, it's usually something that seems like there's nothing wrong with or even something that seems urgent.

But like the story of Martha and Mary in Luke 10:38-42, we need to make sure that we aren't replacing what's most important in our lives, with what simply seems urgent at the time. Jesus is the only thing in our lives that is eternal. Let's make sure that we keep the main thing, the main thing.

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTOR NEEDED

Want to lead a ministry to reach the children of our community and have an eternal impact on their lives? We need you! We need a director for our VBS this year. If interested please see Ed or Liz.

Tuesdays 6:30pm-8:30pm

Celebrate Recovery

Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-ups & Habits



Fellowship Hall



YOUTH FUNDRAISER

Friday April 5 1pm-5pm

Sat April 6 7:30am-1pm

THE DANIEL PLAN

Glorifying God in the Way We Eat, Move, and Think!

Come and join us and learn to glorify God in the way we eat, move and think!

Wednesdays @ 8:15am

Exercise Days: Monday & Friday @ 8:15am



The Viles family thanks everyone for your condolences, prayers, and meals after the passing of Chris' father. We love and appreciate our church family.

Weekly Calendar

Sunday **Apr 07**

- 9:00 Traditional Service
- 10:00 Sunday School
- 11:00 Contemporary Service
- 5:30 Youth Worship
- 6:00 Small Groups

Wednesday **Apr 10**

- 7:00am Bended Knee Society
- 8:15am Daniel Plan
- 6:00pm Youth/Children Activities
- 6:30pm Prayer Meeting
- 7:35pm Choir Rehearsal

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Thirty-Niner's

SENIOR MINISTRY OF FBC

The Thirty-Niner's April meeting and luncheon will be Thursday, April 18, 2019 at noon. Kay Meyer will be presenting the program and Abba House will be catering the lunch at the cost of \$6/person. Please call the church office (825-5725) by Monday, April 15 to make your reservations. Please pay at the door when you sign in on the day of the meeting.

**GOD IS EVERYWHERE,
SO PRAY ANYWHERE.**

DEACONS
Leading through Serving.

Meeting

April 14 @ 4:30 Church Library

Bended Knee Society



**Wednesdays
7am-8am
Church Library**

**HAVE YOU
JOINED
ONE YET?**



**CONNECT
GROW
SERVE**

Small Groups Sundays @ 6:00pm
Adult Study: "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way"
@ Lucille Parham's (1771 Hwy 49)
Women's Study: Jen Wilkin's The Sermon on the Mount @ FBC
Fellowship Hall upstairs
College/Career – McQueen's home
Daycare is available on Sunday nights from 5 to 8 at the church.



Monday-Thursday
8:30-4:30
Closed for lunch
12:00-12:45
Friday
8:30-2:30