TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#470 Victory in Jesus
Welcome by: Bobby Rader
Opening Prayer by: Ken Coleman
#869 We're Marching to Zion
#867 To Canaan's Land I'm On My Way

Scripture Reading by: Matthew Girard
#353 One Day
Communion Devotional by: Robert Ward
Lord's Supper and Contribution

#539 Higher Ground
Sermon: "The First Christians"
Acts 11:19-30

#903 There Is Power in the Blood
#870 Beyond This Land of Parting
Closing Prayer by: Zach Arthur

We will be viewing the series
The Chosen at 5:00 p.m. in the
fellowship room

Other Opportunities For Spiritual Growth

Sunday: 9:00am — Bible Study Classes, 10:00am — Worship, 5:00pm — Worship
Wednesday: 6:30pm — Bible Study Classes

July 10, 2022

"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

How Much is That Preacher in the Window?

Our sermons in Acts, study of 1 Corinthians on Sunday mornings, and Wednesday evening topical series have all been themed around the church this year. One of the things we have talked about a good bit is how to become more of an organic community of believers—a family—like we see portrayed in the New Testament as opposed to the top-down, institutional, producer/consumer model that characterizes so many churches. I ran across this old article this week from a publication called "Pulpit Helps." It is obviously humorous, but it raises some serious points worth reflection in terms of how we think of those on the "producer" side of things and our conception of the church more generally. ***BP***

Good morning, madam, May I help you?

Yes, please, I'd like to buy a minister.

Did you have a particular model in mind?

I've got a description from the Candidate Committee right here. We want a man about 30, well educated, with some experience. Good preacher and teacher. Balanced personality. Serious, but with a sense of humor. Efficient, but not rigid. Good health. Able to identify with all age groups. And, if possible, sings tenor.

Sings tenor?

Yes, we do not have many tenors in our congregation.

I see, well, that's quite a list. How much money did you want to spend?

The committee says $30,000 to $32,500 tops.

Hmm. Well, perhaps we'd better start in the bargain basement.

Tell me, how much is that model in the window?

You mean the one in the Ralph Lauren plaid suit and the gray suede dune boots? That's our Dallas #467. Has a Ph.D. and he sells for $92,500 plus house and utilities.

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Susan McCain is at home and will be seeing a neurosurgeon this week.

Debra Curtiss, Pat Hobbs' sister has been placed on hospice.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Geri Cryer, Steve Ward, Tina Garcia, Oscar Cantu, Caitlin Smith, Virginia Cole, Ka'Leisha Jones, Linda Frank, Ken Coleman, Joe Edd Stifflemire

Shut Ins
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Myrtle Sheffield, Catherine Parker, Peggy McIntosh

Our Missionaries

Aaron & Marisa Bailey in Montepuez, Mozambique , Rod Kyle in the South Pacific

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meeting Monday, July 11th at 5:30 p.m..

We will have a Houston Food Bank truck on Thursday, July 21st at 8:00 a.m.

We will have a Blood Drive on Monday, July 25th from 4-8 p.m. in the fellowship room.

VBS

VBS is July 18-21st from 6-8 p.m. We will have classes for all ages (including adults).

Yard signs for VBS are available in the foyer.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Geri Cryer and her family on the death of her husband, Harold Cryer. He passed away last Saturday.

We extend our sympathy to Virginia Pickard and her family on the death of her husband, Vernon Pickard. He passed away on Tuesday. Visitation is Monday, July 11th from 10-11:00 here at the building with the funeral to follow immediately at 11:00 a.m.

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Wow! That's too rich for our blood. What about that model over there?

Ah, yes. An exceptional buy. Faith #502. He's a little older than 30 but has excellent experience. Aggressive. Good heart. Has a backing of sermons, two of which have been printed in "Christianity Today."

He's not too bad. Can you do something about his bald head? Sister Fulton especially insists that our minister have some hair.

Madam, all our ministers come in a variety of styles.

I'll keep him in mind.

Let me show you our Westminster #801. Now here's a preacher. All his sermons are superbly researched, copious anecdotes and they always have three points. And – he comes with a full set of Calvin's Commentaries at no extra charge. You can get the whole package at an exceptional price of $65,000.

He's wearing awfully thick glasses.

For an extra $1,200 we can put in contact lenses.

I don't know. He might study too much. We don't want a man who's in his office all the time.

Of course. How about that minister over there? Comes from a management background. Trained in business operations. Adept with committees. Gets his work done by 11:30 every morning.

His tag says he's an IBM 486sx.

Madam, you have a discerning eye. Innovative Biblical Methods. This man will positively revitalize your church.

I'm not sure our church wants to be revitalized. Haven't you got something less revolutionary?

I see, you want a minister who can do everything well.

That's it! Haven't you got somebody like that?

I'm thinking. In our back room we have a minister who was traded in last week. Excellent man, but he broke down after three years. If you don't mind a used model we can sell him at a reduced price.

Well, we had hoped for someone brand new. We just redecorated our auditorium and we wanted a new minister to go with it.

Of course. I understand. But with a little exterior work and a fresh suit, this man will look like he just came out of the box. No one will ever know. Let me bring him out and you can look him over….