TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Welcome by: Bobby Rader / Opening Prayer by: Jerry Mallernee
Morning Assembly Song Leader: Danny Balch

#2 We Praise Thee, O God
#543 Wonderful Words of Life

Scripture Reading by: Matthew Girard
#214 Have You Seen Jesus My Lord?

Communion Devotional by: Robert Ward
Lord's Supper and Contribution

#3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Sermon: "The Body of Christ"
1 Corinthians 12:12-14

#911 Bring Christ Your Broken Life
#753 Farther Along
Closing Prayer by: Ken Coleman

We will me watching the 3rd season of
The Chosen at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday nights
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

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"Stand Firm in…Liberty"

Galatians 5:1

Disciples Aren't Made on Sunday

This is another article recently published by Jack Wilke. It is actually an excerpt from his book, "Church Reset," which we used in a Bible class here a few years ago. I wanted to print it in this space because it goes hand in hand with our current sermon series on building real community in the church. If you missed that class, consider buying the book and reading it for yourself—it has some excellent insights. BP

There's a reason Jesus picked a select few to train for three years rather than simply preaching sermons to the masses over and over. Sermons and Bible classes have to be one size fits all, but disciple-making requires personalization.

A sermon has to be preached to people of all levels of spiritual maturity and Biblical knowledge. Relational teaching is able to meet people where they are and answer their questions, correct them when needed, and challenge them to grow at their own level and pace.

There are all kinds of quotes from great men of the faith telling us how important the pulpit is and how the church's well-being depends on what is said from the pulpit.

In my experience, though, the kitchen table is just as valuable as the pulpit, if not more so.
If your Christian life felt stagnant and you felt insufficient in your knowledge, which would help you more: one or two sermons or Bible classes, or an hour across the table from a couple of mature Christians who would be able to answer your questions and teach you what you need to know?

Jesus modeled an approach we would do well to emulate.

While He preached messages to the masses (like the Sermon on the Mount), with His disciples He brought them up in their understanding and responsibility as one does a child. He showed them the truth and embodied a loving, serving ministry.

Family News & Notes

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY

Our Sick

Steve Ward is at home and continues with health problems.

Yalonda Jackson, Zannie Stroughter's daughter, has health problems.

Continued Prayers
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Steve Ward, Caitlin Smith, Virginia Cole, Ken Coleman, Joe Edd Stifflemire, Donna Wilson, Jo Ella McKewen, Oscar Cantu, Jennifer Stelly, Ken Coleman, Dr. Hugo Thomas, Veronica Valant

Shut Ins
(Need cards, phone calls & visits)

Jim Smith, Winona Angelle, Catherine Parker, Peggy McIntosh, Lois Watts, Willo Dean Ellis, Debbie Merritt

Our Missionaries

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

Upcoming Activities

Elders, Minister meeting Monday, July 22nd at 5:30 p.m.

We are working a new Friends and Family directory. A copy of the old one has been placed on the bulletin board. Please check your name, address, phone number and email to make sure it is correct.

We will be hosting a school giveaway on Saturday Aug. 3rd. More information to come.

Elders	Deacons	Minister
Ken Coleman	Zach Arthur	Bryant Perkins
Bobby Rader	Daniel Balch	
Don Taylor	Danny Balch	
Robert Ward	Walden David	
	Gus Tristan	

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Then, He did those things alongside them, sending 70 out and teaching them and answering their questions when they returned. Finally, after His resurrection He was ready to send them out on their own.

Leading, then working alongside, and finally sending.

That process took three years of relational teaching, though. In those three years His apostles needed corrections, specifications, and answers to questions. The opportunity to tell Peter "get behind Me Satan" arose because He was spending time with Peter and regularly conversing with him. He set the apostles straight regarding who would be greatest in the kingdom by being around them and listening to their conversations.

Yes, Jesus' ministry was public in many ways, but His most enduring work of training others was done through close relationships with a small group of followers. Similarly, most (if not all) of the strong Christians I know can point to a faithful disciple or two who took the time to build a relationship with them and teach them the faith.

Sermons and Bible classes have value, and we should continue to make use of them. But we must realize that in order to reach the final goal of bringing someone to maturity in Christ, it's going to take more than one size fits all lessons. It's going to take family relationships.