

Sermon Notes

Second-Hand Spirituality

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” (James 4:8)

Some of us have tried to have a daily quiet time and have not been successful. Others of us have a hard time concentrating. And all of us are busy. So rather than spend time with God, listening for His voice, meditating on His word, we'll let others spend time with Him and then benefit from their experience. Let them tell us what God is saying. After all, isn't that why we pay preachers?

If that is your approach, if your spiritual experiences are just secondhand and not your own, I'd like to challenge you with this thought: Do you do that with any other part of your life? You don't have others take your vacations and then tell you about them, do you?

You don't rely on someone else to romance your spouse for you, do you? Does anyone eat your meals on your behalf?

There are certain things no one can do for you. One of them is spending time with God.

You need spiritual nourishment, and nobody can fill up on His word for you. You must consume that yourself. Don't rely on second-hand spirituality, it is no spirituality at all.

Bulletin Digest
Todd Cates (Hollis, OK)

Songs of Summer - Tonight, 7:30 p.m. Last one for the year! Peanut Butter is due TODAY!

TNT - Tuesday - 6:30 PM

Trash Pandas Game - Postponed for Now

YOUTH NEWS AND HAPPENINGS . . .

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His Life Hid in Your Heart

Week 30: Luke 15 Parables

By Chris McCurley

For the next several weeks we'll spend time thinking about the parables of Jesus. There have been entire books written about this teaching style and how effectively Jesus used it to catch people's attention. To many, they were just cute stories to pass the time. But to the right people, the listeners, there were hints at something more— something deeper. And so they became seekers! God is still looking for seekers today as well...

Luke 15 may contain some of the most well-known parables from Jesus' ministry. This week, Chris takes us through five different ways to approach this chapter during our devotionals, and I think you'll find them useful. Spending a few minutes in these familiar passages will be a blessing to you that I hope you

won't neglect.

Some of the ideas from this week include:

- The "Angel of the Gap"
- "Herd mentality"
- Losing your wife in Walmart
- Infamous Lies
- Limburger cheese

I hope I've given you enough of a taste to want to attend the whole feast! Read a little each day, and be blessed; do it everyday, and change your life!

With Love, Adam

“Do not fear. for I am with you: do not be dismayed. for I am your god. I will strengthen you and help you: I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”

(Isaiah 41:10)

Today’s Service

Sunday July 25th, 2021

Song ServiceJonathan Oakley

Song - “Let God Arise”

Elder Welcome Terry Oakley

Song - “Wonderful, Merciful Savior”

Song - “Every time”

Lord’s Supper/Contribution..... Jon Oakley

Song (#869) “We’re Marching to Zion”

Scripture & Prayer Carson May

(2 Kings 18:5-7)

Song (#227) “On Zion’s Glorious Summit”

Message.....Doug Jackson

“How to Make a Spiritual Mess of Our Lives”

(#694) *“Have Thine Own Way”*

Announcements Terry Oakley

Closing Prayer.....Brent May

Join us tonight at 5:00 p.m. for our evening service.

Doug will be bringing the message.

Other Servants

July

Ushers

Dustin Burns & Bradley Strait

Lord’s Supper/Lock Up

Joe Creasy

Audio/Visual

Today/Wed: B. Balentine/J. Creasy

Aug 1st/4th: To be determined

Lord’s Supper Ministry

Jim Goldy & Garry Pannell

Security Team - JULY

Brandon B./Larry H./Matt K.

Deirdre M./Joe M./Wade S.

Greeters:

Jerry/G. Patrick (F) Tyler/L. Johnson (S)

Bus Drivers this Week

Wade Strait (Today) Wade Strait (Wed)

Wed. Song Leader (July 28th)

Joshua Pannell

Wed. Invitation (July 28th)

Frank Mills

Zones On Call - Ladies

#1/#2 - Betty Parks/Susie Strait

#3/#4 - T. Williams/T. Quillen

From Our Elders

Limited Handicapped Spots - We have handicapped spots marked off on either side of the building...but in limited capacity. These are for the handicapped, our elder members, and those who have limited strength and mobility. Please be aware of this while parking on Sundays/Wednesdays.

Only Water In the Auditorium - Adults, please limit drinks in our auditorium to water only, no sodas, etc. Children, toddlers and babies can bring milk, juice, etc., but in bottles or non spillable sippy or drink cups. Thank you for helping to maintain the longevity of our seating and carpets.

JR YOUTH UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Kid’s Day - TOMORROW - 10 - 12 p.m.
(at the building) K - 6th grade!

(Sat) July 31st - Back to School Bash
At Jon/Emily Oakley’s home. More to come!!!

*“Truth Does Not Hurt . . .
Unless it Ought To”*

SICK

Linda Balentine - (heart/stents, more surgery upcoming) 3720 Cloverdale Road, Flo.,

Benjamin Behel - (son of Sue, bladder cancer/procedure at Vanderbilt this Thursday) prayers

Vonda Gresham Brown - (niece of J. Crow/C. Garrett, cancer) prayer for healing/complications from it

Winnie Cummings - (mom of Debra Taylor, hospice) Mitchell Hollingsworth

Dot Darby - (weak, been in rehab/early Alzheimer's)

Jonell Darby - (weak, at d'ters) 113 Charing Cross

Gloria Danley - (car wreck, cracked sternum) home

Leota Hariman - (eye cancer spread to bones/back)

Mitzi Jackson - (heart procedure/stents) home

Macie-Hope Johnson - (eye surgery on 30th) home

Jim Lancaster - (cancer, not doing well) prayers

Sheree Lavender - (d'ter of E. Phelps, breast cancer)

Amy Lee - (broke ankle/ 2nd surg.) Glenwood

Howard May - (heart/was in hospital) at home

Virginia May - (fractured vertebra/surgery) at home

Ann Oakley - (broke leg, at home) 315 Sherborne Ct., Florence, AL 35633

Joshua Pannell - (was in hospital, A-fib) at home

Betty Parks - (surgery/staph/infection in spine) 201 Westview Dr., 35633

Earline Phelps - (back prob.) 905 Co. Rd 24, 35633

Don Pollard - (brother-in-law of C. Watkins, health issues/pneumonia) 1502 Duntreath, Flo., 35630

Poncho Rivera - (kidney transplant, was in hospital/pneumonia) now at home

Linda Summer - (mom of Emily Sharp) NAMC

Celeste Wills - (cancer spread to bones/muscles)

Bella Winters - (heart transplant) recovering at home

“For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal declares the

Announcements . . .

Peanut Butter DUE TODAY! Our teens will turn in at Songs of Summer tonight!

Montreat Services - for today that were on calendar--have been cancelled due to scheduling conflict.

Church Safety Meeting TODAY - 4:00 pm - all that are interested in helping with this and for training and planning. (See Jimmy Marks or Andy Griffith for more info).

Elders Meet on Mondays - 6:30 p.m. Elders will meet on Wednesdays on an as-needed basis.

Ladies’ Morning Coffee Break - Tuesday morning, 9:30 a.m., at the home of Amanda Lee (Last one for summer)

Wednesday Summer Series - Summer Series continues this Wednesday. Frank Mills will be here (Psalm 46)

Golf Scramble - a date has been set for August 21st at Blackberry Trail. A sign up list is on the front pew!

Preschool Registration - is open for the fall semester. There are only a few spots left. (age 18 months - 4 years) Please contact Kayla Burns.

Ladies’ Day/Conference - upcoming, December 4th, here at Petersville. If you would like to help in the planning--please see Julie Fulmer.

Thank You For Your Help - In addition to contribution last week--our membership gave an additional \$5,128.50 toward some immediate mission needs. Thank you!