



UPCOMING EVENTS

09/13 Small Groups Begin (bring a dessert and/or drink)
 09/20 SNL in Seymour

Building a positive attitude in the face of adversity

Point 1: When David saw Goliath, he had a _____. He could have said, "Wow! Look at how big he is! I need to run away." Or he could have said, "Wow! Look at how big he is! I can't miss!" His _____ allowed God to use him as an example to us.

Point 2: When God told _____ His plan to _____ the earth, _____ could have said, "Wow! I have to do all that work all by myself?" But instead his attitude said, "Wow! I _____ the _____ to be the one to do the work in God's plan"

Point 3: When _____ found himself in prison, he could have become discouraged and given up following God. Instead, he remained _____ at the darkest moments of his life and later reflected that it was God at work even though he could not see it in the _____.

Point 4: When _____ came, He could have simply looked and found us unworthy and chosen not to come; to suffer; to die. But instead, He chose to take the attitude of loving Savior, full of _____ and _____ and instead of asking, "Why me?" simply took _____ punishment to restore me through God's grace.

Notes and Scriptures

Attendance

Bible Class (9:30)	69
Worship A.M (10:30).....	104
Worship P.M (5:00)	40
Wednesday (6:30).....	39

2015 Budget: \$3,650
 Contribution: \$2,816.62

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Welcome

September 13, 2015

Announcements

- #480 Blessed Assurance (1,3)
- #608 He Gave Me a Song (1,3)
- #452 Standing on the Promises (1,4)

Opening Prayer

#763 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee (all)

Communion Focus

Communion

#991 This Is My Father's World (1)

Offering

#453 Love Lifted Me (1,3)

Scripture Reading

Genesis 45:4-8

Sermon

- #947 Jesus Is Tenderly Calling (1,4)
- #738 Take the Name of Jesus With You (1,4)

Closing Prayer

Small Groups Begin Tonight

Why Churches Should Rethink their Preacher's Salary

The job a preacher does and the money he takes home seems pretty cut-and-dry to most church members, "Our preacher 'ministers' to this congregation – he visits the sick, he counsels, he evangelizes, he preaches, he teaches, he writes bulletin articles, and does whatever else we ask of him – and we pay him to do those things for us." That's the way most Christians think of their preacher and the "salary" they pay him. But is that really the way we should think about it? Personally, I don't think so. Here are some things to consider...

1. Stop Thinking Your Preacher Does It for the Pay

Most church members think their preacher does the things he does because they pay him to do it. I believe this is an upside-down way of thinking about the situation. It's so much healthier to think of it like this, "The preacher has committed his life to the proclamation of the gospel and we support him financially in that effort." He doesn't do it because you give him money; you give him money because he does it.

The apostle Paul surrendered his right to collect financial support from most of the congregations with whom he worked, but he affirmed that congregations should support those who work spreading the gospel (1 Corinthians 9). The church ought to support as many preachers, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries that we are able to support. When men want to devote their lives to the proclamation of the gospel, we ought to consider it our privilege and joy to support such men.

2. Stop Thinking Your Preacher Does It For You

Most church members think of their preacher as "the minister" (servant) of the congregation. They consider it his job to do the counseling, visiting, evangelizing, teaching, etc. And whether we want to admit it or not, much of this stems from the fact that we don't want to do this work, or don't think we have the time, so we have hired it out.

We say things like, "I don't know how and I don't have time to go to the hospital and visit all those sick people or have Bible studies with lost people; that's what we pay the minister for." But we couldn't be more wrong for this way of thinking.

There is absolutely NO biblical precedent for hiring someone to do the work we should be doing. In fact, one of the tasks of the evangelist is to "equip" the members to do "the work of ministry" (Ephesians 4:11-12). You don't support a preacher so you can relieve yourself of work; you support a preacher, in part, to help equip and motivate you to do the work you ought to be doing. Of course he helps to equip the congregation through setting a good example of service, but if he ever starts doing your work *for* you, he is enabling you rather than equipping you. And many preachers need to stop enabling the congregation and start equipping the congregation.

3. Stop Thinking Your Preacher Belongs to You

When a congregation thinks of their preacher as their employee, they misunderstand the situation. The preacher does not work for the congregation. He does not work for the elders. He works for the Lord. Paul calls preachers, "the Lord's servant" (2 Timothy 2:24); and that's what a preacher is, the Lord's servant. Not *our* servant. Of course the preacher and his work are under the oversight of the local elders. The elders shepherd the preacher, helping him to balance the work he does specifically for the local church and the work he does for the Kingdom. One preacher and his eldership may decide that his work needs to focus primarily – or even exclusively – on the local work; while another preacher and his eldership may decide to focus his skills and abilities more on spreading the Gospel throughout the world.

It's a shame when a congregation believes their preacher belongs to them and they are resentful about the time he spends preaching and teaching other places. They ought to realize it is because of their financial support that he is able to preach the gospel in places that couldn't afford to support him, or perhaps any preacher, full-time.

4. Let Your Preacher Be a Member of Your Congregation

When congregations think of their preacher as an employee who belongs to them, they often fail to treat him as a fellow-member of the congregation. Our preachers need to be able to fellowship, learn, confess their sins and struggles, be encouraged, be counseled, and have all the benefits we enjoy as members of a church family. But we often deny them those blessings because we treat them as our employees.

Consider some of these questions:

Is your preacher always teaching a Bible class, or do you let him be a student sometimes?

Do you expect your preacher to always be the one to teach, counsel, and encourage you, or do you sometimes offer him your listening ear?

Does your preacher feel like a member of your congregation or an employee of your congregation?

Conclusion

The bottom-line is this; we have to stop thinking that the money we give to our preachers makes them indebted to us. Instead, we ought to consider it our privilege to be able to support men who faithfully and diligently proclaim the gospel message in our congregation and elsewhere. We ought to encourage them any way we can in the work they do.

Personally, I am so very thankful that the congregation with whom I work supports me in spreading the gospel, while allowing me to be a member of the congregation. I couldn't ask for a better congregation. I hope other congregations will treat their preachers the same way.

By *Wes McAdams*



Upcoming Events

- 13 Small Groups begin**
 - 15 Ladies Bible Class**
 - 17 Men's Bible Class**
 - 20 Monthly Fellowship Meal**
 - 20 Grace Care Center (2:00)**
 - 23 Elders & Deacons Meeting**
 - 26 Church Workday**
 - 28 Son\$hine House**
- Saturday Mornings @ 9 Ladies' Breakfast
@ Stewart's Sweet Stop**

The family of Charles "Square" Jackson wish to express their sincere thanks for all the thoughts & prayers, food and flowers, visits, words of kindness & encouragement, and all the kind deeds done by members of the Church of Christ in Henrietta. Thank you so much.

Birthdays

- 12 Mike Spikes**
- 13 Chandler Walker**
- 14 Rodney Waggoner**
- 19 Bill Wood
- 20 Lynn Salmon
- 22 Tera Holland
- 27 Becky Spikes
- 27 J.O. Sheppard
- 28 Jan Landis
- 29 Kaci Williams
- 29 Jimmy Anderson

Anniversaries

- 19 Jimmy & Kay Anderson
- 20 Nick & Emily Bell
- 22 Chandler & Rachel Walker
- 22 Tray & Sophie Perry

We will be having a special contribution this Sunday morning following our regular contribution. Funds collected will go towards making up for lost contributions over the summer and to help Cassandra Webb with her medical bills. Please put where you would like your donations to go in the Memo section of your check.



Marsha Finley, Tera Holland's sister, has two masses on her liver that could be life threatening metastatic ocular melanoma. Please pray they are benign. They will find out more next week.

Judy Webb's Mom and sister are in the hospital following strokes.

Continue to Remember: *Mary Hawn, Stephanie Ayala, Beth Landis & unborn baby, Nils Donnell, Ken Rabon, Mary Taylor, Kirby Whitley, Jennie Waggoner, Brownie Pickens, Wan & Sue Callaway, Khristie Beaird, Nikki Freeze, Alyene Williams, Alastair & Linda Ferrie, Karla Brinkley, April Taylor, Chris Davis*

Our Shut-Ins at Grace Care Center: *Jerry Greene, Lillian Wines, Bill Wood.*