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Worship.....10:30 a.m.
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Ladies Class.....10:00 a.m.
Bible Study.....7:00 p.m.

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Notes I took from Allen Webster's Lesson:

Making Evangelism a Priority

Allen Webster

“The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, And he who wins souls is wise” (Pr. 11:30). The God-breathed wise man declared that the truly wise person is the one who will win souls. Allen Webster recently came by to speak in chapel at the Florida School of Preaching. Since the senior saints were already scheduled to meet in the fellowship room, we combined the two assemblies. Allen’s lesson was masterful. His outline is in bold black print and my notes are in blue print. I pray and trust these will be helpful to each of us personally and to us as a congregation. The local church will eventually die if souls in the community are not saved.

I. Practice — Evangelism Levels. Evangelism is not as difficult as people have often thought. There are ten levels of evangelism, but note that only the last two require any kind of training. The first eight are things every church member can do!

- A. Moral Support (Mal. 3:16)** — Those who feared the Lord spoke to one another. When we share the same interest in the Lord with others, we can keep the interest going by simply talking about it!
- B. Good Impression (Acts 9:27)** — Barnabas impressed the brethren so much with his report of the converted, once violent, Saul of Tarsus that brethren accepted the new apostle and worked with him (cf. Rom. 15:7).
- C. Prayer (Rom. 10:1; Mk. 9:37-38)** — Pray for the lost and those who seek to reach them, even if we do not know them personally.
- D. Money (2 Cor. 8:5)** — Although we may not be able to go places ourselves, we can at least financially support those who can, even if just a little bit. The Macedonians were already poor in this world’s riches, but because they first “gave themselves,” they begged Paul to accept their contribution (2 Cor. 8:1-5).
- E. Reporting (Acts 2:46-47)** — Church members are encouraged when they hear of progress being made.
- F. Connecting (1 Cor. 3:6-9)** — We are all “one” in the work. Some plant. Some water. God will give the increase in His own time (Jer. 14:22).
- G. Sharing (Mt. 10:7)** — As we go, we share the good news. We do not have to be “professional” evangelists.
- H. Inviting (Jn. 1:46)** — Our friends and neighbors may say No to an invitation to attend services, but they can *never* say Yes, if we do not invite them. We have nothing to lose by imploring, “Come and see” (Jn. 4:29).
- I. Teaching (Acts 16:32)** — this is the first one in the list that requires training. We should at least be able to tell people what we did to become Christians. Of course, as we mature in knowledge, we can and should teach more advanced topics (cf. Heb. 6:1-3).

J. Confirming (Acts 14:22) — “Confirming” (KJV) means “strengthening.” This is only the second one that requires training to further teach and spiritually mature those who are converted to Christ (Mt. 28:20). The more we learn, the more we can teach others (cf. 2 Tim. 2:2).

II. Models — Four Levels of Love

A. Concern (Lk. 16:27-28) — This is when we see people as souls and it matters to us whether they are saved or lost (cf. the rich man’s concern about his brothers, Lk. 16:27-28).

B. Tears (Lk. 19:41; Acts 20:19; Jer 9:1) — Are we deeply moved that souls all around us (including dear loved ones) are lost (cf. Mt. 9:36)? That concern must lead us to action!

C. Work (Mt. 2-4; Isa 6:8) — Are we willing to do something about reaching souls? “Love doesn’t quit; it figures out a way to save a lost soul.”

D. Ultimate (Rom. 9:3) — It’s one thing to lose your life, but to lose your soul for someone else’s salvation is drastic. Paul knew he could not sacrifice himself for condemnation and it result in the salvation of his fellow-countrymen (cf. 2 Cor. 5:10), but his attitude was right on! Love has reached its pinnacle when we are willing to lay down our lives (and souls, if it were possible) for others, even enemies (Rom. 5:6-10).

III. Church Involvement — Seven Degrees — These are self explanatory. The goal for each of us should be the seventh degree. What is holding us back?

A. Members only come to Sunday morning service.

B. Members come to all regular church services.

C. Members come to all church services plus social events.

D. Members come to all church services, social events, plus scheduled work occasions.

E. Members come to all church services, social events, work occasions, and become leaders or teachers.

F. Members come to all church services, social events, work occasions, leaders/teachers, plus personal evangelism.

G. Members come to all church services, social events, work occasions, leaders/teachers, plus a mission trip.

IV. Evangelism Calender Sequences — To grow the church, break-down the calendar year into goals that will improve personal evangelism skills as follows:

A. Annual — go on a mission trip.

B. Quarterly — go to an event (evangelism forum, VBS, gospel meeting, etc.).

C. Monthly — make a goal to have a baptism and/or be at an evangelist meeting.

D. Weekly — study — In addition to our daily study (Acts 17:11), we can set aside one day a week that we focus our studies on evangelism and evangelism-related Bible passages.

E. Daily — prayer and growth.

V. Understanding — Four Principles that Work.

A. Cast a wide net (Rev. 5:9; Mt. 4:18-19) — Do not limit our fishing for men to “small ponds” of people who are like us, but fish in “bigger ponds” that include different ethnic groups, cultures, and demographics (Acts 1:8). Even if the “fish don’t bite,” it’s worth fishing in “bigger ponds” (cf. Noah was a “preacher of righteousness” but only saved his sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth and their wives).

B. Put on a towel (Jn. 13:1-13) — Be humble enough to serve others in the community (Rom. 12:16). We must be willing to “get our hands dirty” and earn the right to have a Bible study with someone. “People do not care how much we know until they know how much we care.”

C. Sweep with a broom (Lk. 15:7) — Sweep the pews (people who attend church services but are not members); streets (friends of members, especially the friends of our young people); and everywhere (even among those we may not think would be responsive, like the Athenian philosophers, Acts 17:16-31).

D. Have ready a salvage and/or repair kit (Jn. 8:11; 1 Cor 6:9-11) — Go to the “city dump.” That is, reach out to people whom society has marginalized or even rejected (drug dealers, prostitutes, those who have been incarcerated, etc.). People who have reached “rock bottom” can only go upward, but they have to be shown the Way (Jn. 14:6).

VI. Conclusion — Joy (Lk. 15) — There is always rejoicing when the lost are found and/or saved (Lk. 15:6, 9, 20-24). Let us realize that winning souls is not as difficult as we may have thought. Let’s put these things into practice so that we can often experience this joy of seeing souls come to Jesus! ♥ *Brian*

PRAYER LIST

Current: Declan Potvin is having complications from eye surgery, Wayne Shearer will be starting chemotherapy soon. Jim Turner has a uti and will be having a pacemaker inserted July 7. Barbara Shanes, niece of Jeanelle Thrower, has cancer. Larry Merrell brother in law of Brenda Lynn has terminal cancer

Continual Melissa Craft (health); Marissa Estridge (knee); Debbie Bush (struggles); Brian Smith (heart health); Antoine & Marcella Swain (health); Geny Johnson (health); Bill & Carlene Long (health & strength); Ron & Judy Ford (health); Bobby Simpson (health); Annett Phillip (health); Janie Wise (health); Jim Turner (health); Margaret Coone (health); Kathy Nester (health); Melody Baxter (health)

Shut-ins: Joyce Burbage, Carol Eason, Kenny & Reba French

Extended family and Friend are Emailed Weekly

Fellowship in Service is this Sunday following our evening service! Bring a snack to share and join us as we sign cards to encourage others! All are welcome!

COOKOUT!

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY
AND JOIN US FOR FUN, FELLOWSHIP
AND FOOD!

WE WILL HAVE A COOKOUT AND
WATER ACTIVITIES FOR THE KIDS!
Games begin at 2:00 pm and food will be
served at 5:00 pm

SATURDAY, JULY 8
AT SFA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Jesus called them
one
by
one.



WWCC K-5 CAMP
Entering Kindergarten- Finishing 5th Grade
July 13-15, 2023

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Orange Street Week

JULY 16-22, 2023
Ages 10 and up



Register by July 1st to be guaranteed a T-Shirt
Register @ <https://shorturl.at/kxBGU>
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SCHEDULED TO SERVE

June Designated Elder - Brian Kenyon

Wednesday, June 21, 2023

Announcements.....Brian Kenyon
Song Leader/prayer.....Andre Medley
DevotionalVince Daugherty
PrayerDavid Anderson

Sunday, June 25, 2023

10:30 A.M.

Sermon.....Brian Kenyon
"Would Pews" (John 7:17)

6:00 P.M.

Sermon.....Andre Medley
Do Not Stop in Your Storm (Matt 14:24-33)

Those to Serve

10:30 A.M.

Song/Prayer before class.....Vince Daugherty
Song Leader (**both services**)....Kyle Faneuf
Announcements(**both**)Frank Hamby
Scripture reading/Prayer.....Terrance Dindy
Lord's Table (**both**).....Brian Williams
Closing Prayer.....George Beals
Open/Close bldg (**both**).....Bobby Sheumaker
Greeters.....Jeff and Rene' Bingle
Attendance cards (**both**).....Landon/Cam'ron
Sound Booth (**both**).....Jason Hendrix

6:00 P.M.

P.M. Song LeaderKyle Faneuf
Scripture reading/PrayerRalph Rogers
Closing PrayerWadi Khoury
Greeters PM.....The Mccarters

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Announcements.....Jimmy Sweeney
Song Leader/prayer.....Brian Kenyon
DevotionalJeff Stewart
PrayerPhil Fife

Upcoming Events 2023

June

25 Fellowship In Service
26 thru July 2 - Faneuf Week at CFBC

July

8 Cookout and Games at SFA
8 Family/Friends Day at North Lakeland
11 FSOP Ladies Class
29 Orange St VBS 9:00 am-?

~ HOW ARE WE GIVING ~

June 4.....\$9,168.00
June 11.....\$6,758.00
June 18.....\$5,265.00
Contribution Average.....\$7,169.42
Weekly budget\$7,410.00

God's Rainbow

When Christians see a rainbow we are reminded that God keeps his promises! In Genesis 9:14-16 we read about the rainbow that God sent as the covenant to the world that he would never again send a flood to destroy all flesh. God keeps his promises!

Today, while watering my freshly planted seeds, I was able to see a "rainbow" in the water that I was spraying on them when the sun hit it just right. That reminded me of another promise that God gave us. In Isaiah 55:10-11, He states "my word ... Shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please and it shall prosper in the thing where unto I sent it." In First Corinthians 3:6-7 God's word states "I planted, Apollos watered and God gave the increase." As Christians, we are to spread the seed, which is the word of God, wherever we go and to trust God to keep his promises. Let us be "seed sowers and not soil inspectors" and trust our Father who "cannot lie" (Titus 1:2) to keep his promise that He will bring about the results.

Satan, "the father of lies" (John 8:44), has turned the rainbow into a symbol of wickedness. May we never fall for his lies but continue in the truth, and in so doing "be not overcome of evil but overcome evil with good" (Romans 12:21).

Youth Section

Vince Daugherty

LESSONS FROM SECOND TIMOTHY

Be Strong (II Tim. 2:1-5)

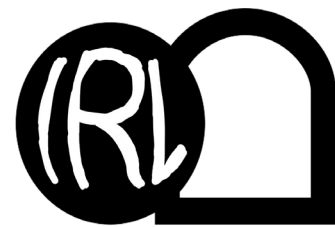
What does it mean to be strong? Some people are strong physically; Samson comes to mind. Some people are strong mentally; the wisest man to live was Solomon. While lifting weights and running sprints can make you stronger physically, how can someone get spiritually stronger? Paul instructed his son in the faith, Timothy, how he could grow stronger in the "grace that is in Christ Jesus" (v. 1).

#1 - Find a team: "The things you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit them to faithful men who can teach others also" (v. 2).

#2 - Get tough: "Endure hardships as a good soldier of Jesus Christ" (v. 3)

#4 - Stay focused: "no one engaged in warfare entangles himself with the affairs of this life, that he may please him who enlist him as a soldier" (v. 4).

#5 - Follow the rules: "If anyone competes in athletics, he is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules" (v. 5).



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WWCC 2023

August 4-6

For ages 12-18

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*"Commit your works to the LORD, and your thoughts will be established."
Proverbs 16:3*



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