

From the Pastor's Pen...

"Work on it!" This is my motto for the year. And I will try to relate all of my newsletter columns for the year to this theme. The greatest thing I can do for you to help you grow in the grace and knowledge of Christ is to preach well. My greatest service to you is to preach God's Word faithfully, accurately, and powerfully. The faithful preaching of Scripture has endless potential to benefit you spiritually. So, how can you get the most out of preaching? How can you receive the maximum benefit from sitting under the exposition of Scripture?

You have to *"work on it!"* I'm going to make a couple of suggestions for how you can do that. First, take every opportunity to sit under the preaching of God's Word. If you are not coming to church on Sunday evenings you are cheating yourself. When it comes to studying the Word of God there is no such thing as enough. Second, take notes. I provide you a note sheet to make this easy. Third, don't just go home and file your notes away to be forgotten. Use Sunday afternoons and the following week to review the Scripture and sermon notes. Seek to learn them, to impress them deeply on your mind and heart. Consider what it would look like for you to obey the message of the Scripture. Go over the teaching with your family. The preaching of God's Word is not intended to be heard and forgotten. We should strive to retain the truth so that our lives can begin to be shaped by the truth. Take careful notes. Study the notes. Learn the truths of Scripture. Meditate on the implications for your life. The preaching of God's Word can help you grow in leaps and bounds spiritually, but not if you're passive. You have to *"work on it!"*

For the Gospel and the Glory of God!

Bro. Paul

Caleb's Connections...

Exodus 3:11-12a

"But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' And God said, 'I will be with you.'"

We all know the famous story of Moses being used by God to lead Israel out of Egypt. But after God had commanded Moses to go before Pharaoh and demand that the people of Israel be freed, Moses had an understandable reaction. "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?" If we were put in a similar situation, I am sure that many of us would have a similar reaction. And God's answer to Moses is the same to us. He will be with us!

I am convinced that God wants to use the people of Parkway Baptist Church to do amazing work in advancing the Gospel! But I am also convinced that many of us are still struggling with the question of "who am I". God calls us to do something for Him, and we are immediately filled with self-doubt and convince ourselves that someone else will do it. We need to take note of God's answer, and understand that God is with us. God equips those that He calls. We need to trust God and know that He can accomplish His work in and through us if we have faith!

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Matrix weekend in February. Pray that God will do the amazing work He already has planned for these youth

- Pray that our students will use their schools as the mission field that God has given them

From what's on my heart,

Caleb

🎵 Cory's Column...

Romans 3:24

²⁴ being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus

Justified as a Gift by His Grace

God is fully, completely, and infinitely just and His justice is perfect. Before I accepted Christ's salvation, when God looked at me, He saw my sin. And because God is just, my sin forever separated me from Him. Now, because of Jesus' atonement, when God looks at me He sees the righteousness of His own Son. I stand before God justified because of Christ. And God has done this for me and for you as a free gift of His incredible grace. I am so glad that God is also fully, completely, and infinitely gracious.

The Redemption which is in Christ Jesus

To be redeemed is to be "bought back", or to be "purchased and restored". My sin's cost is death. Thank God that on the cross Jesus was willing to pay my debt for me. Upon placing my faith in Him, I am redeemed. I am bought back out of death and slavery to sin. I am purchased by the King and restored to a glorious relationship with Him as my Father. Oh how great His love for me, and oh how great my love for Him for I have been redeemed.

Always Singing His Praises,

Bro. Cory

Katey's Korner...

Family Bible Challenge

52 Verses Every Christian Should Know

Jan. 5-11 John 15:9
Jan. 12-18 Psalm 1:6
Jan. 19-25 Titus 3:5
Jan. 26- Feb. 1 Psalm 139:14

Kids' Sermon

Sunday, Jan. 26 @ 6:00p.m.

Summer Camp Dates

Youth Crossings - June 14-19 (7th - 12th grade)

Super Summer - July 13-17

Kids Crossing - July 19-22 (3rd - 6th grade)

Camp letters for 3rd-6th graders are being given out.

Please see Katey to get one.



Women's Bible Study "We Over Me"

Wednesday nights @ 6:00p.m.

Books can be purchased via Amazon or Lifeway.

There's still time to join!

Love in Christ,

Katey



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The Record Speaks

January 19, 2020

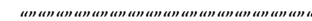
Sunday School Attendance	95
Guests	4
Dec. Sunday School Avg. Attendance	78
Dec. Income	\$36,886.72
Dec. Expense	\$34,054.16

The Lord's Additions

September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

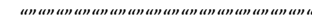
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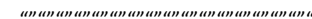
Kids' Sermon

Sunday, Jan. 26th at 6:00p.m.



January Food Pantry Needs

Individual Sized Juices, Nabs/ Granola Bars, Soup, Microwave Meals, Bath Tissue, Paper Towels



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