

State of the Church Part 2: A Vision For Ministry

Colossians 1:24-29

**Preached by Rev. Craig T. Smith on Sunday morning,
January 15, 2023**

- A. Paul calls us to serve the church.**
 - a. Humble, lowly, submissive
- B. We have become servants of the body, or the kingdom.**
 - a. God is the source
- C. We are to be ministers to the church according to God's commission.**
 - a. We are made ministers of the gospel by God through our salvation.
- D. Will you do anything for the sake of the Gospel?**
 - a. It will be hard work.
 - b. Sacrifice is painful.
 - c. The honest range of polarity in our response.

FURTHER THOUGHTS:

What type of servant have you been for the Lord?

What did you think about the pastor's illustration of the cultural liturgy of worship in the store?

Have you ever stopped to look at the things we do and considered what they might be doing to us or forming in us?

How have the various cultural liturgies around you shaped you?

Colossians 1:28-29 are good focus verses for the year. How are you proclaiming him?

The pastor mentioned this idea of sacrificing anything for the sake of the gospel. What is something you would be hard-pressed to sacrifice for the sake of the gospel? Are those reserves that we hold onto or those retreats we make worth the regret later?

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



FAITH AT HOME: January 21-22

Special Guest Danny Rumble, NAMB Specialist

There will be a 5PM meal on Saturday and two sessions on Sunday morning. The Saturday meal will cost \$5 per person with a family max of \$25. The weekend will be focused on evangelism with an emphasis on mission work. Mark your calendars NOW for this weekend. You

will NOT want to miss any part of it!

FBCKids Returns Wednesday at 6PM! This is a great children's program for kids up through 5th grade. Due to unforeseen circumstances, the launch date was postponed one week.

Soup'R'Chili Bowl Lunch Fellowship: Sunday February 12th

Come enjoy some fellowship and root on your pick to win the Super Bowl. This is also the church's annual chili cook off. So put together your best recipe and come enjoy the time together!

SILVER WINGS:

MEN'S TOP GOLF/LUNCH TRIP: Saturday February 11th – Cost is \$15 per person (plus lunch that you buy). We will meet AT the Loudon TOP GOLF in at 9:30AM and enjoy that for a few hours. Then we will meet for lunch nearby. Men and their kiddos are welcome to go. Sign up by Sunday February 5th.

SPECIAL SWEETHEARTS BRUNCH for all ladies 55 and over.

Saturday February 4th at 10:30AM. Invite a friend. The gospel will be shared and enjoy a wonderful brunch with games, giveaways, prizes and more! Sign up in by the office!

WE NEED CANDY DONATIONS for the Easter Hunts we are having this year! Individually wrapped candies, please. Bring them to the church and drop them off in the buckets provided!

Please be sure to check the white boxes near the office for any leftover Christmas cards for you and your family. Take those home today! The boxes won't be left up much longer.